

## MINUTES

### TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

#### Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

September 1, 2021

Attendees: Ms. Kimberly Atlee, Mr. Andy Barlow, Mr. Marshall Boyd, Mr. Russell Brashear, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Felix Castrodad, Mr. Ceagus Clark, Mr. Keith Free, Ms. Billy Higgins, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. Jim Kerr, Ms. Lori Lange, Mr. Jonathan Marston, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Addam McCormick, Mr. Andrew Pieri, Mr. Ian Preston, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Marty Sewell

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Andy Barlow, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Mr. Tom Brashear moved to approve the minutes for March 3, 2021, June 2, 2021, and August 4, 2021 together in one motion. Mr. Jonathan Marston seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### Endorse Amendments to the FYs 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Anna Emerson, Principal Planner, presented Cycle D amendments to the FYs 2020-23 TIP listed below. The amendments are currently undergoing the required public review and comment period prior to the September 15<sup>th</sup> public hearing and adoption by the Transportation Policy Board.

Mr. Jim Kerr moved to endorse the amendments for adoption by the Transportation Policy Board. Mr. Joe Horne seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

<b>Amend #</b>	<b>TIP #</b>	<b>RTP #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Action</b>
2021-026	2021-56-122	Multimodal	Main Street (SR-6/US31E) Sidewalk Improvements	Hendersonville	Add project
2021-027	2021-46-123	Multimodal	Lowry Street (SR-1/US41/70S) Multimodal Improvements – Phase 3	Smyrna	Add project
2021-028	2021-56-124	Multimodal	Vol State-Gap Trail - Phase 1	Gallatin	Add project
2021-029	2021-19-125	Planning	Downtown Neighborhood	Metro	Add project

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			Traffic Study	Nashville	
2021-030	2002-028	2678	Rockland Road Widening & Extension	Hendersonville	Revise project name; revise scope/termini
2021-031	2018-72-057	2865	South Mt. Juliet Road (SR-171) Widening from south of Central Pike (SR-265) to near Providence Way	TDOT	Revise project name; revise termini; add funds
2021-032	2017-87-040	2873	Nashville Area I-40 SmartWay Expansion	TDOT	Remove funds
2021-033	2021-87-126	2873	Nashville Area I-40 SmartWay from near I-840 to near US-70S	TDOT	Add project
2021-034	2021-87-127	2873	Nashville Area I-40 SmartWay from near Earhart Road to near US-70	TDOT	Add project
2021-035	2021-47-128	Congestion Management	Memorial Boulevard (SR-10/US231) Traffic Signal Improvements	Murfreesboro	Add project

### **Election of Transportation Coordinating Committee Officers**

Mr. Tom Brashear presented the nominating committee’s slate of candidates to serve as chair and vice-chair for the FYs 2022-23 term. They nominated Mr. Andy Barlow for Chair and Mr. Josh Suddath for Vice-Chair. There were no nominations from the floor. Mr. Horne moved to elect the slate as presented. Mr. Marston seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **Update on Regional Studies**

#### **South Corridor Study**

Mr. Max Baker, Director of Research and Analytics, provided an overview of the purpose of the South Corridor Study and the key outcomes. The purpose was to: 1) advance the recommendations from the Regional Transportation Plan and nMotion Transit Master Plan, 2) inform the regional Transportation Policy Board as it updates the regional plan and makes associated funding decisions, 3) identify capital needs for TDOT, local public works, and transit agencies, 4) recommend a locally preferred alternative (LPA) for introducing regional rapid transit, 5) help site economic development opportunities along the I-65 and US 31 corridors, and 6) identify opportunities to align local plans, design guidelines, and zoning ordinances.

He also identified the key outcomes, which are to: 1) community-driven recommendation for implementing regional rapid transit along the corridor, 2) recommendations for project phasing, funding, and implementation, 3)

recommendations for short-term actions that will ready the environment for major investment.

The study phases and their status are as follows:

- 1) **Community Visioning:** outreach and analysis complete; final draft deliverables provided by WSP
- 2) **Initial Screening of Alternatives:** outreach and analysis complete; final draft deliverables provided by WSP
- 3) **Evaluation and Optimization:** build alternatives defined; land use scenarios constructed; forecast models updated; preliminary results being packaged and analyzed

Upcoming activities include the following:

- September 3 – meeting with TDOT staff and leadership
- Late September – meetings with study committees
- October-November – final round of public engagement
- November-December – finalize recommendations

More information of project deliverables is available at [www.gnrc.org/southcorridorfiles](http://www.gnrc.org/southcorridorfiles)

### **Downtown Nashville Interstate Loop Concepts**

Mr. Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager, provided an overview of the purpose of this study, which is to help establish a long-term vision for upgrading and modernizing the interstate loop around downtown Nashville while identifying short-term strategies for improving local access and traffic flow.

He said that approximately \$500 million is dedicated to modernizing the downtown interstate loop in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan although the total cost necessary to upgrade the interstate loop is anticipated to be significantly higher. He noted the public agencies, consultants, and nonprofits involved in the study.

Mr. Pfalzer demonstrated the regional significance of the Inner Loop by showing the number of trips in the region that terminate in and around the downtown loop and the primary facilities (interstates and state routes) of those trips. He noted that these patterns are largely driven by the home locations of the downtown workers that extend throughout the region.

He said that the scope and approach is to establish a shared vision. Concept #1 was driven by ideas from the consultant team. Concept #2 focused on prior community driven ideas. Concept #3 was reserved for stakeholder and planning partner ideas. The preferred concept would be examined for funding and financing options, short-term relief for local access and circulation, phased implementation of major upgrades, and incorporates transit and technology.

He presented preliminary analysis of Concept 1: Midtown Grid and Consolidated Interchanges for the Downtown Inner Loop study area for speed as a percent of free flow between 2020 and 2045. He also highlighted travel time savings for the following origins and destinations within the study area.

- I-65@440 to Five Points (morning rush hour)
- I-24@Harding Pl to State Capitol (morning rush hour)
- Vanderbilt to Lower Broadway (evening rush hour)

The remaining activities for the task order are to wrap up analysis of initial concepts, finalize microsimulation tool for future applications, and work with planning partners to determine next steps for the inner loop visioning.

More information is available at [www.gnrc.org/maps/loop1](http://www.gnrc.org/maps/loop1)

### **Demonstration of Streetlight Data**

Ms. Juliet Hirni and Ms. Becca Sial of Streetlight Data provided an overview of the product and said that location-based services (LBS) data helps diagnose and solve complex transportation problems by providing insight into travel patterns for virtually every road in the U.S. The sources of location data are cell phones, in-car navigation, commercial fleets, and other location data, and it can be used to better understand safety/crash data, land use, demographics, weather data, and customer data.

Streetlight 2020 AADT data is tracked and validated using 6,600 permanent counts across the U.S. In addition, the data can be used to measure shifts in pedestrian activity, bicycle activity, freight activity, and transit activity.

There were several clarifying questions which were answered.

For more information, go to [info@streetlightdata.com](mailto:info@streetlightdata.com)

### **Regular Reports**

#### **a) Federal Report**

Ms. Teresa Claxton had no report.

#### **b) TDOT Report**

Mr. Ian Preston said that the TDOT staff is always available to assist with projects. He said that TDOT is reaching out to peer departments of transportation prior to the update of their Long-Range Plan. He said that all CMAQ applications have been evaluated and funding recommendations are expected to be made in September. He reminded members that Multi Modal Access grant applications are due October 1, 2021.

**c) Chair's report**

Mr. Barlow reminded the members that the GNRC Annual Luncheon will be held on September 22, 2021 at the George Jones in downtown Nashville.

**d) Staff report**

Mr. Pfalzer thanked the members for submitting the COVID Relief Funding applications on time.

He announced that a Project Delivery Task Force will be formed to help ensure the timely obligation and expenditure of federal funds and to track the progress of transportation improvements being made by through the regional TIP, regardless of implementing agency. The Task Force will be chaired by Smyrna Mayor Reed and will identify projects that have fallen behind schedule, research the causes and identify actions that can remedy the issues. It is expected to meet on a quarterly basis.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Date: 11/3/2021

  
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Glenn Harper, Chair  
Transportation Coordinating Committee

  
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Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager  
Secretary, Transportation Coordinating Committee