Attendees: Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mr. Steve Bland, Ms. Faye DiMassimo (for Mayor John Cooper), Mayor Jeff Duncan, Mr. Preston Elliott (for Gov. Bill Lee), Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Mayor Anthony Holt, Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Thad Jablonski (for Mayor Chaz Molder), Mayor Bill Ketron, Ms. Pam Kordenbrock, Mr. Victor Lay (for Mayor Rick Graham), Mr. Kenny Martin (for Mayor Ed Hagerty), Ms. Kealan Millies-Lucke (for Mayor Mike Callis), Mayor Ken Moore, Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Mayor Billy Vogle

Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:20 a.m. and turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Billy Vogle as she had a prior commitment to attend.

Approval of 8/19/20 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Anthony Holt moved to approve the August 19, 2020 meeting minutes with Mayor Randall Hutto seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Action Items:

a) Public Hearing: Adopt Resolution TPB 2020-06 Amending the FYs 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Amendment Cycle D

Ms. Anna Emerson, Principal Planner, presented the final TIP amendment cycle (Cycle D) for FY 2020. These amendments have gone through the required public review and comment period with no comments received.

Mayor Vogle opened the public hearing. There was no comment. Mayor Vogle closed the public hearing.

Mayor Ken Moore moved to adopt the Resolution. Mayor Holt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
b) **Endorse Updates to the RTP Policy Framework**

Mr. Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager, presented updates that included recommended weights for each of the six regional goals. The recommended goal weights in order of priority are as follows:

1) Improve safety (30%)
2) Maintain State of Good Repair (20%)
3) Mitigate Congestion (15%)
4) Increase Access to Economic Opportunity (15%)
5) Minimize Disruptive Impacts (10%)
6) Align with Policies and Plans (10%)

He informed members that the weights will be used to prioritize transportation needs for funding through the upcoming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Mayor Moore moved to endorse the updates to the RTP Policy Framework to incorporate goal weights. Mayor Hutto seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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**Informational Items**

a) **Regional Transportation Update**

Mr. Pfalzer gave an overview of the evaluation process and tools being used to evaluate projects submitted by TDOT, local jurisdictions, and transit agencies. He noted how the existing conditions and trends for growth and development, congestion, safety, environment, and social equity are considered at the project level, and provided an example of the staff analysis for congestion is handled by GNRC staff for each project. Mr. Ben Gramling, Environmental Planning Manager, then provided an example of the staff analysis for congestion is handled by GNRC staff for each project.

For more information, go to [https://apply.nashvillempo.org](https://apply.nashvillempo.org).

Mr. Pfalzer said that questions will be answered at the workshop on September 30th.

b) **Social Equity Considerations for the Regional Plan**

Ms. Shelly Hazle and Ms. Carson Cooper presented a social equity analysis for the Regional Transportation Plan that will be documented in the *Equity Issues and Trends Policy Brief*. Ms. Hazel introduced the importance of the topic, including that 1) the region’s population is growing, aging and diversifying, putting more pressure on the region’s transportation system and housing affordability 2) transportation outcomes are not equitably distributed across the region – vulnerable areas are disproportionately affected by costs, lack of access, and poor safety, and
3) multimodal infrastructure is available but unreliable and unsafe due to infrequent service and lack of connectivity.

Ms. Carson Cooper, Research Analyst, presented on the location of the nine vulnerable populations through the region and identified highly vulnerable areas in which six or more of the groups are represented. The nine vulnerable populations include: 1) racial minority population, 2) ethnic minority population, 3) families living in poverty, 4) limited English-speaking households, 5) disabled population, 6) senior (65+) population, 7) unemployed, 8) single-mother households, and 9) carless households.

The recommended actions and strategies are to 1) prioritize equity and access to opportunity in all decision-making, 2) improve and expand the transit system, especially regarding connectivity, service frequency, and reliability, 3) implement complete streets policies and designs that enhance safety and mobility for pedestrians and non-motorized users, and 4) ensure outreach and engagement to all communities for all planning efforts.

To explore the data and trends, visit https://www.gnrc.org/dashboards.

c) Roadway Safety Performance Targets
Mr. Pfalzer said that targets are set annually as part of the MPO’s performance-based planning requirements. The TPB most recently elected to support state targets for its own regional targets until a new regional transportation plan is adopted. The 2045 RTP will establish the basis for regional targets for the subsequent years.

He said that FHWA does not directly assess progress towards regional targets set by the TPB but if the state targets for safety are not met, TDOT will not be permitted to use (flex) federal safety funds on other types of projects. TDOT will be required to obligate Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds to safety projects only and TDOT must develop an Implementation Plan to improve safety outcomes.

For the 2045 RTP, GNRC staff proposed the following regional target options for consideration: 1) cap fatalities, 2) 1% annual reduction, 3) 50% overall reduction, and 4) Vision Zero (a 16% annual decrease out to 2045). Staff’s recommendation is for the 1% annual reduction option.

There is no action today but looking for support as we move forward with RTP update.

Regular Reports

FHWA
Ms. Pam Kordenbrock said that the FAST Act is going to expire on September 30th and has not reauthorized yet. A continuing resolution is likely to occur.
She also noted that FHWA is continuing to work with the MPO and TDOT on the Congestion Management Process and will be participating in a progress meeting at the end of September. She expressed appreciation to the MPO for looking at safety targets for the region and the impact on RTP.

**TDOT**

Mr. Preston Elliott said that the Transportation Alternatives Program grant applications are due October 2\textsuperscript{nd}. This grant program requires an 80%/20% funding match. For more details, visit [https://www.tn.gov/tdot/program-development-and-administration-home/local-programs/tap.html](https://www.tn.gov/tdot/program-development-and-administration-home/local-programs/tap.html). He also said that the Multimodal Access Grant notices for full applications had been sent out. This grant program requires a 95%/5% funding match. He said that the Statewide Active Transportation Plan (SATP) is underway, and there is a virtual open house through October 7\textsuperscript{th}.

He said that study efforts on the I-40/81 Corridor Study update is ongoing, and there will be virtual meetings announced between now and the end of the year.

Mr. Elliott announced that the new Long-Range Planning Director will be Mr. Matt Meservy, and he will begin in October.

**TPB Chair**

Mayor Vogle reminded the members of the GNRC Annual Board meeting on Wednesday, September 23\textsuperscript{rd} at 10:30 a.m. It will be a virtual meeting.

**Staff**

Mr. Pfalzer said that the first RTP workshop of the month with the TCC members was held on September 2\textsuperscript{nd}. It focused on the evaluation approach and tools to conduct project evaluations. The second RTP workshop on the month on September 30\textsuperscript{th} will review preliminary results of project evaluations and discuss recommended changes in scope as a result of staff analysis.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Date: 10/21/2020

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The Honorable Mary Esther Reed  
Chairman, MPO Transportation Policy Board

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Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager  
MPO Coordinator