

## **MINUTES**

### **TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the**

#### **Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**October 7, 2020**

Attendees: Mr. Andy Barlow, Mr. Russ Brashear, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Chuck Downham, Mr. Keith Free, Mr. Glenn Harper, Mr. Mike Harris, Ms. Gina Head, Ms. Billy Higgins, Mr. Reed Hillen, Mr. Joe Horne, Ms. Katrina Jones, Mr. Jim Kerr, Mr. Jonathan Marston, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Addam McCormick, Ms. Kealan Millies-Lucke, Ms. Sharmila Patel, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Jonathan Russell, Mr. Sean Santalla, Mr. Matt Schenk, Mr. Marty Sewell, Mr. Josh Suddath, Mr. Matt Von Lunen

#### **Approval of 8/5/20 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Glenn Harper, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Jim Kerr moved to approve the August 5, 2020 meeting minutes with Mr. Keith Free seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **Presentation of Draft Priority Project List for Upcoming Update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**

Mr. Michael Skipper, GNRC Executive Director, went over the procedure of selecting projects for the 2045 RTP. He said that the draft priority project list is based on call-for projects (transportation needs), available revenue, project eligibility, and scoring based on the policy framework.

The scoring categories & weights are 1) state of good repair (20%), 2) roadway safety (30%), 3) congestion management (15%), 4) economic opportunity (15%), 5) minimize disruption (10%), and 6) alignment with plans (10%). Within each category, the sources of information used to assess each project consist of application submissions, conditions and trends indicators, and staff qualitative assessments. He noted that the detailed scoring is summarized in the project scoring dashboard.

He said that the 350 projects requested from 30 sponsors totals approximately \$7 Billion in present day dollars and equates to \$10 Billion based on year of expenditure. Mr.

Skipper briefly went over the eligible funding programs. He detailed the 5-tier project ranking system that includes: 1) consensus priorities per regional policy (5-star), 2) existing projects with programming history (4-star), 3) new starts scoring in the top 1/3 (3-star), 4) new starts scoring in the middle 1/3 (2-star), and 5) new starts scoring in the bottom 1/3 (1 star).

He identified the regional 5-star projects are 1) Downtown Interstate Loop Upgrades and Modernization, 2) East Corridor Commuter Rail Upgrades, 3) South Corridor (I-65 Modernization and Transit/Multimodal Upgrades, 4) Southeast Corridor (I-24) Modernization and Transit/Multimodal Upgrades, 5) Northwest Corridor Commuter Transit Line, and 6) Northeast Corridor (Vietnam Veterans-SR-386).

The programmatic investments (policy set-asides) are 1) Active Transportation Program, 2) Transit and Technology Program, 3) Job Access and Reverse Commute, 4) Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, and 5) ADA improvements.

After briefly going through the provisional list of fiscally constrained projects, several questions were asked and answered. Mr. Skipper said that the list is subject to change. The final list will be released for public review and comment in January after the TDOT and FHWA compliance review. He said that the bulk of the funding is allocated.

Mr. Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager and MPO Coordinator, asked that the members get their top local priority list to him by the end of the week. A few questions were asked and answered.

#### **TIP Amendments Cycle A: Call for Cost Overruns**

Ms. Anna Emerson, Principal Planner, said that this cycle of amendments is for cost overruns which includes requests for more funds. Funds were identified from any stalled projects with obligated funds. She said that the staff needs to know where each project is. She said that there are two criteria for applying for additional funding 1) provide information that the project is programmed in the current TIP and 2) added funds needed are for either the right-of-way or construction phase. She said that documentation of the current project cost and assurance of local match is required. She asked that all requests be submitted by October 21<sup>st</sup>. The public hearing and adoption by the TPB will be December 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Regular Reports**

a. Chair

Mr. Harper reminded the members to send their priority project updates.

b. Staff

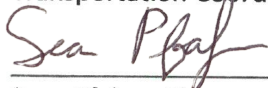
Mr. Pfalzer said that all the staff is working on the RTP for October 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

Date: 12/3/20



Glenn Harper, Chair  
Transportation Coordinating Committee



Sean Pflzer, Transportation Planning Manager  
MPO Coordinator