

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

November 3, 2021

Attendees: Mr. Calvin Abram, Ms. Kimberly Atlee, Mr. Andy Barlow, Mr. Darek Baskin, Mr. Russell Brashear, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Felix Castrodad, Mr. Ceagus Clark, Mr. Justin Cole, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Grant Green, Mr. Glenn Harper, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. Jim Kerr, Mr. Jonathan Marston, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Addam McCormick, Mr. Andrew Pieri, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Jonathan Russell, Mr. Sean Santalla, Mr. Marty Sewell, Mr. Josh Suddath, Mr. Micah Wood

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Andy Barlow, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Mr. Bill McCord moved to approve the September 1, 2021, meeting minutes. Mr. Jim Kerr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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

Ms. Anna Emerson, Principal Planner, presented Cycle A amendments to the FYs 2020-23 TIP listed below. The amendments will be out for public review and comment prior to the December 15th adoption hearing.

She said that most of the projects are COVID Relief (CRRSSA) funding awards.

| Amend # | TIP # | RTP # | Project Name | Sponsor | Action |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--|----------------|---------------|
| 2022-001 | 2022-12-129 | 2819 | Nolensville Pike (SR-11/US-31A) Widening from north of Mill Creek to near Old Hickory Boulevard (SR-254) | TDOT | Add project |
| 2022-002 | 2019-32-093 | 2841 | I-65 Widening from near SR-25 to near SR-109 | TDOT | Add funds |
| 2022-003 | 2022-62-130 | 2834/2855 | Columbia Pike (SR-6/US-31) Widening from Duplex Road (SR-247) to near Tollgate | TDOT | Add project |

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|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| | | | Boulevard | | |
| 2022-004 | 2022-62-131 | 2834 | Columbia Pike (SR-6/US-31) Widening from Duplex Road (SR-247) to north of Thompsons Ridge | TDOT | Add project |
| 2022-005 | 2022-62-132 | 2834/2855 | Columbia Pike (SR-6/US-31) Widening from north of Thompsons Ridge Road/Buckner Road to north of Tollgate Boulevard | TDOT | Add project |
| 2022-006 | 2022-52-133 | 2852 | I-65 Widening from near SR-41/US-31W to near Bethel Road (SR-257) | TDOT | Add project |
| 2022-007 | 2016-37-233 | Multimodal | Watauga Elementary School SRTS | Ridgetop | Add funds |
| 2022-008 | 2022-111-134 | Multimodal | North Nashville Pedestrian Improvements | WeGo | Add project |
| 2022-009 | 2022-76-135 | Multimodal | Mt. Juliet Road (SR-171) ADA Upgrades – Phase 2 | Mt. Juliet | Add project |
| 2022-010 | 2022-711-136 | Multimodal | ADA and Pedestrian Signal Improvements at Various Intersections | Lebanon | Add project |
| 2022-011 | 2022-411-137 | Multimodal | ADA Compliance Upgrades at Various Locations | Smyrna | Add project |
| 2022-012 | 2022-67-138 | ITS Technology | Advanced Transportation Controllers | Franklin | Add project |
| 2022-013 | 2022-511-139 | Multimodal | Raymond Hirsch Parkway (SR-258) at US-31W Pedestrian Safety Improvements | White House | Add project |
| 2022-014 | 2022-59-140 | Safety | Streetlight LED Conversion Project | Hendersonville | Add project |
| 2022-015 | 2022-511-141 | Multimodal | ADA Transition Plan Implementation | Sumner County | Add project |
| 2022-016 | 2022-16-142 | Multimodal | Pedestrian Improvements at Various Locations | Metro Nashville | Add project |
| 2022-017 | 2022-72-143 | 2807 | East Division Street Widening | Mt. Juliet | Add project |
| 2022-018 | 2022-72-144 | 2794 | Eastern Connector – Phase 2 | Mt. Juliet | Add project |
| 2022-019 | 2022-89-145 | Congestion Management | Regional Transportation Data Acquisition | GNRC | Add project |

Mr. Bill McCord, City of Gallatin, pointed out that there was a mistake on the Nolensville Pike Widening. Ms. Emerson clarified that the TIP ID is 2022-12-129, and it is a 2 to 5 lane widening. Mr. Tom Brashear asked that staff email out a corrected version of the packet, and Ms. Emerson said staff will send that out.

Mr. McCord asked when the next cycle of amendments will be held. Ms. Emerson said that TCC will get a look in February, and that the board will adopt in March.

Ms. Emerson said that there will be a couple of projects from Metro Nashville that will be added before they are out for public review and comment, including the East Bank Spine project, which has a cost estimate of \$150 million. Mr. Marty Sewell clarified that the first phase of the project is to do an advanced ROW acquisition for property for \$50 million. These amendments will be presented at the next meeting.

Overview of the FYs 2023-26 TIP Development Process

Ms. Emerson said that new FYs 2023-26 TIP update will be adopted in October 2022 and that today she will be giving an update on the adoption process. She said that the process will require much cooperation and work by everyone. She briefly went over the steps taken to adopt a new TIP and the expectation of the members and the staff.

Requirements of a TIP

- Must be consistent with the adopted regional plan and fiscally constrained to reasonable revenue assumptions
- Must include capital and non-capital surface transportation projects within the boundaries of the planning area proposed for federal transportation funding or any regionally significant project regardless of funding source
- Must include at least a four-year horizon and be updated at least every four years

TIP Development Process

Ms. Emerson said that staff will be compiling project funding requests, prioritize projects based on available funding, draft the TIP document for State and Federal review, release the draft document for public review, and finally adopt and submit the TIP for Federal approval.

Short Term Actions and Funding Levels

Ms. Emerson said that although there is a federal transportation bill in the works, staff is operating under the assumption of current funding levels and sources for this TIP. She gave an overview of annual suballocated funding for the region, which averages about \$25 million for highway funding sources.

She said that the next step is to review existing projects in the TIP Interactive Database. That database can be accessed at www.gnrc.org/tip

Expectations of Members and Staff

Members and Implementing Agencies

- Provide timely and accurate project descriptions, costs, and schedules

- Review draft documentation prior to adoption to prevent unnecessary amendments
- Provide proof of local matching funds within 3 months of program year
- Obligate funding no later than one year after the program year
- Implement according to the approved project description
- Have ADA Transition Plans in place to ensure compliance with laws and regulations

MPO Staff

- Develop a fair and unbiased project selection process according to the priorities of the adopted Regional Transportation Plan
- Enforce TIP Programming Policies to ensure timely obligation of federal funding
- Facilitate amendments and adjustments as needed
- Report on TIP performance and offer corrective actions to prevent lapsing funds

New Project Funding Requests

Ms. Emerson said that the last step is to issue a new call for projects for projects that are not in the TIP. She said that part of that is to review new projects in the 2045 RTP application. That application can be accessed at GNRC.org/maps/2045RTP

She said that a timeline for the process is being developed and will be out soon. She said that January 2023 is the target date for FHWA's official approval.

Mr. Felix Castrodad asked when the next Transit and Technology Program call for projects will be. Ms. Emerson said that staff does not have a concrete plan for that program's next call for projects will be.

Mr. Tom Brashear asked if staff anticipates more special calls for projects like COVID relief funding as more information comes out with the Federal Infrastructure Bill. Ms. Emerson said that is TBD, and that staff will update the committee as more information is available.

Highlights from the 2020 Census

Ms. Carson Cooper, Senior Planner, presented some highlights from the 2020 census, and said that Tennessee ranked as the 16th most populous state for 2020 and saw moderate growth (9%) compared to other states and nation (7%). She said that overall, the Nashville Combined Statistical Areas (CSA) ranked 31st out of the 172 CSAs across the nation for 2020 population. She said that we ranked 2nd, just behind Raleigh-Durham in terms of growth rate. The Nashville CSA outpaced most peer regions' growth since 2010 with an increase of 20% overall. Nashville's rate of growth between 2010-2020 is 7th nationally. The GNRC region outpaced the state and nation's growth since 2010 with an increase of 21% overall, vs. the state's 9% and nation's 7% increases.

She clarified that Trousdale County had the highest growth rate, but that it should be noted that they added a prison and that could skew the data. She presented 2020 population compared to what we projected by county, and said that our projections have been correct so far.

She said that the GNRC & MPO regions outpaced the state and nation's diversification since 2010 with an increase in minority populations of 48% and 46% overall, vs. the state's 30% and nation's 25% increases. She said that in terms of counties in our region, we are diversifying at a faster rate than we are growing.

Implications of the 2020 Census can be 1) designation of new urbanized areas, 2) funding sources, and 3) transit ridership. She said that it is unclear what the new definitions in the census mean, but that staff will update the committee when that information becomes available.

Upcoming Data Releases

- November 2021: ACS experimental 1-year estimates for 2020
- December 9, 2021: ACS 5-year estimates for 2016-2020
- Early 2022: 2020 Decennial demographic and housing characteristics
- Spring/Summer 2022: Urban areas to be announced
- Fall 2022: USDOT to designate Transportation Management Areas (TMAs)
 - USDOT criteria for TMAs are urban areas with 200,000+ people and MPOs are urban areas with 50,000+ people

Ms. Cooper encouraged the committee to take a look at potential scenarios from a story map made by the Johnson City MTPO, which is available at [Johnson City, Kingsport, Bristol TMA Study](#)

Regular Reports

a) Federal Report

Mr. Sean Santalla said that as of now federal funding is uncertain. He said that FHWA can only apportion funding on the amount of funding proportionate to the amount FHWA has been given. He said that hopefully by next meeting there will be more information to share.

b) TDOT Report

Mr. Jonathan Russell said that Urban Transportation Planning Grant applications are open and due December 30, 2021. The announcement of awards will be the first week in April. The State has \$2.4 million to allocate throughout the state. The maximum amount of an award will be \$200,000 which will require a 10% local match. More information is available at <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/long-range-planning-home/longrange-oct/longrange-planning-grant.html>

He said that applications can be emailed to Stacy Morrison at stacy.morrison@tn.gov

c) Chair's Report

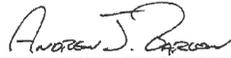
Mr. Barlow thanked the staff for their hard work putting together the Annual luncheon.

Ms. Emerson gave an update on the Project Delivery Task Force and said that the first two meetings went well. She said that a survey to learn about the challenges of developing and delivering projects is being created. She also said that a tool to track the progress of projects is being fine-tuned.

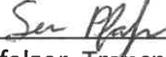
Mr. Russell said that the meetings have been good and that the MPO 101 given at the meetings should be given to the full TCC/TPB. Ms. Emerson said that is a good suggestion.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Date: December 2, 2021



Andy Barlow, Chair
Transportation Coordinating Committee



Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager
Secretary, Transportation Coordinating Committee