

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA), the Franklin Transit Authority (FTA), and the City of Murfreesboro Transportation Department for cooperatively developing, sharing and reporting information related to performance measures and performance targets.

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

On May 27, 2016, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published the final rule for statewide and metropolitan transportation planning based on 2012's Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act and 2015's Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. As part of this final rule, 23 CFR 450.314 (h) was amended to state:

"The MPO(s), State(s), and the providers of public transportation shall jointly agree upon and develop specific written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to transportation performance data, the selection of performance targets, the reporting of performance targets, the reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region of the MPO, and the collection of data for the State asset management plans for the NHS."

The phase-in deadline for this requirement is May 27, 2018. TDOT, MPO, MTA, RTA, FTA, and the City of Murfreesboro Transportation Department agree to the following provisions in order to implement the requirements of 23 CFR 490 - National Performance Management Measures and 49 CFR 625 - Transit Asset Management.

GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

For the purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), TDOT, MPO, MTA, RTA, FTA, and the City of Murfreesboro Transportation Department are responsible for carrying out performance-based planning in the Nashville Area MPO's metropolitan planning area (MPA).

PERFORMANCE-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & PROGRAMMING

MPO, MTA, RTA, FTA, and the City of Murfreesboro Transportation Department will carry out a performance-based metropolitan transportation planning process for the MPO planning area in cooperation and consultation with TDOT. Performance measures will be developed, tracked and reported in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

DATA COLLECTION AND SHARING

TDOT, MPO, MTA, RTA, FTA, and the City of Murfreesboro Transportation Department mutually agree to develop and share available data related to performance measurement and target setting with each other, subject to the policies and procedures of each agency and any restrictions on the data. Examples of such data include, but are not limited to, traffic counts, crashes, travel times/speeds, socioeconomic data, transit ridership data and infrastructure condition measures. TDOT will collect any National Highway System (NHS) data required for the State Asset Management Plan.

DEVELOPMENT OF PERFORMANCE TARGETS

TDOT will develop and select draft statewide performance targets in coordination with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) across the state. Coordination may include in-person meetings, webinars, conference calls, and/or email communication. TDOT will provide the MPOs an estimated timeline for each measure detailing the schedule of activities, decision milestones in the target setting process, and the methodology for when and how TDOT will obtain MPO input. MPO comments will be documented and shared with the Department's Oversight Committee and Executive Leadership as part of the target selection process.

If an MPO chooses to adopt its own target for any measure, the MPO will develop draft MPO performance targets in coordination with TDOT. Coordination methods will follow the general timeline of activities, decision milestones in the target setting process and methodology for obtaining TDOT review and approval as stated above. TDOT will be provided an opportunity to provide comments on draft MPO performance targets and the methodology used to develop them at least 30 calendar days prior to final adoption.

In support of a performance-based approach to the metropolitan transportation planning and programming process, MTA, RTA, FTA, and the City of Murfreesboro Transportation Department will develop targets for transit performance measures in accordance with 49 CFR 625 – Transit Asset Management, and will share information and coordinate with the MPO regarding transit system condition, development methodology for targets, and investment priorities and strategies. MTA and RTA will share targets annually with the TPO. The MPO shall select performance targets for its metropolitan planning area in coordination, to the maximum extent practical, with MTA and RTA.

REPORTING OF TARGETS

TDOT performance targets will be reported to FHWA and FTA, in accordance with Federal rule requirements. The MPOs will be notified when TDOT has reported final statewide targets. MPO performance targets will be reported to TDOT.

For each target, the MPO will provide formal documentation, in the form of a policy board resolution, as to whether the MPO is agreeing to support TDOT's or the provider(s) of public transportation's performance target or setting a quantifiable target for that performance measure for the MPO's planning area. This documentation will be provided to TDOT no later than 180 days after the date TDOT or the provider(s) of public transportation establish performance targets, or the date specified by Federal code. TDOT will be responsible for sending the MPO's documentation to FHWA/FTA within ten (10) business days of the date(s) the MPO's targets are due.

STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP), METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANS (MTPs) AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (TIPs)

TDOT will include information outlined in 23 CFR 450.216 (f) in any statewide transportation plan amended or adopted after May 27, 2018, and information outlined in 23 CFR 450.218 (q) in any statewide transportation improvement program amended or adopted after May 27, 2018.


MPOs will include information outlined in 23 CFR 450.324 (g) (3-4) in any metropolitan transportation plan amended or adopted after May 27, 2018, and information outlined in 23 CFR 450.326 (d) in any transportation improvement program amended or adopted after May 27, 2018. Reporting of targets and performance by the DOT and MPOs shall conform to 23 CFR 490.

EFFECTIVE DATE

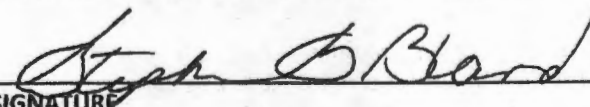
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IN WITNESS THEREOF,

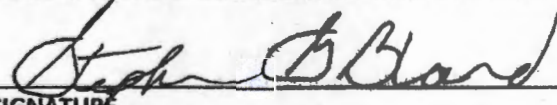
NASHVILLE AREA MPO:

 5-16-18
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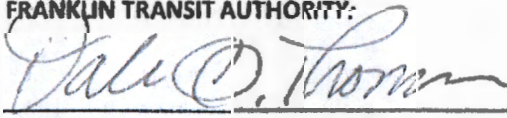
NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

 4-26-2018
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Stephen G. Bland CEO
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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE:

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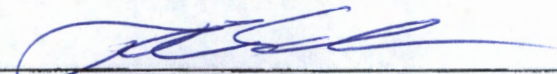
 CHAIRMAN 4/30/2018
SIGNATURE DATE
Dale O. Thomas, Chairman
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CITY OF MURFREESBORO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT:

 4/19/18
SIGNATURE DATE

Shane McFarland, Mayor
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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

 6-1-18
JOHN SCHROER, COMMISSIONER DATE

 5/24/2018
JOHN REINBOLD, GENERAL COUNSEL DATE
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY