

Clarksville Urbanized Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s
Joint Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Board Meeting
January 19, 2017 @ 11:00 am

Regional Planning Commission - Downstairs Conference Room

Members Present:

Charlie Gentry*	Rep. City of Clarksville Mayor
Nick Powell*	Rep. Montgomery County Mayor
Joren Dunnivant *	Rep. Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT)
Thomas Witt*	Rep. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Arthur Bing*	Clarksville Transit System (CTS)
Bryan Collins*	Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC)
Jason Orange	KYTC
Nick Hall	KYTC
Kimery Grant	TDOT
Rhiannon Chambers	TDOT
Denise Baker	TDOT
Jonathan Russell	TDOT
Drew Gaskin	Gresham, Smith and Partners
Theresa Claxton	FHWA
Paul Nelson	CTS
Norman Quirion	CTS
Mike Frost	MCHD
Chris Cowan	CSD
Craig Morris	Pennyrile ADD
David Ripple	RPC
Stan Williams	MPO
Jill Hall	MPO

*Voting members

Mr. Powell, representing Mayor Durrett, called the meeting to order. He began with the first item on the agenda: the review, discussion and adoption of the minutes from the October 20, 2016 meeting. There were no comments to the minutes. Mr. Bing made the motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Gentry seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2017-01 approving an amendment to the 2040 MTP to update the planning and financial information in reference to the FY2017-FY2020 TIP projects. Mr. Williams reviewed the amendment and explained the need for the 2040 MTP to be consistent with the new TIP on project descriptions, funding amounts and funding programs. The project costs for several projects had increased more than had been projected in the MTP, some of the length/mileage of projects had changed and new funding sources from the FAST Act that were in the new TIP were not shown in the MTP. He stated that the 2040 MTP was developed during 2012 and this was necessary to keep the documents showing the same information on projects and financial constraint. The amendment had been advertised per the participation plan and there were no comments received to date. Mr. Bing made the motion to adopt the resolution and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. Resolution 2017-01 passed unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2017-02 approving an amendment to the FY2017-FY2020 TIP to add additional TE funds to the construction phase for TIP Project #74, Clarksville River Trail (Red River Segment). Mr. Williams stated Clarksville had received additional enhancement funds for the project and that the City did a good job of receiving enhancement grants. There were no public comments received. Mr. Collins made the motion to adopt the resolution and Mr. Bing seconded the motion. Resolution 2017-02 passed unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2017-03 approving an amendment to the FY2017-FY2020 TIP to move CMAQ funds from FY2018 and FY2019 to FY2017 and to add in FY2017 the PE/N and PE/D phase with a total of \$200,000 taken from the total of \$7,500,000 in construction. Mr. Williams explained that the PE/N and PE/D phase was for the review by TDOT of the NEPA document and for all of the construction funds to be available once the phase begins. There were no public comments received. Mr. Gentry made the motion to adopt the resolution and Mr. Bing seconded the motion. Resolution 2017-03 passed unanimously.

Item #5 was the review, discussion and endorsement of TDOT's 3-Year Work Program Regional Priorities. Mr. Williams explained that TDOT requests local cities work with their MPO to develop a list of regional transportation priorities as part of TDOT's process to develop the three year work program that will be presented to the TN General Assembly for funding consideration as part of the state's budget. The regional priorities are continued TDOT's participation in matching half of the required match for 5307, 5310 and 5339 grants from FTA and TDOT's commitment of state funds and state-managed federal funds identified in the FY2017-FY2020 TIP. TDOT presented two priority projects for the FY2018-FY2020 work program for the ROW phase. The projects were ranked based on the assumptions in the 2040 MTP and are as followed:

1. SR374 New Construction, from SR76 (US79) Dover Rd to Dotsonville Rd.
2. SR374 New Construction, SR149 Reconstruction; from Dotsonville Rd to SR149, from SR374 to River Rd.

The Executive Board agreed with and endorsed the list of regional transportation priorities as listed to be submitted to TDOT for TDOT's Three Year Work Program.

Item #6 on the agenda was the review and discussion of the FY2016 Obligation Report, which shows the amount of federal funds that were obligated within the Clarksville MPO area for FY2016. Mr. Williams reviewed the list of projects that received funding along with planning funding and transit funding. He stated that a little over \$24 million in federal funds were obligated in FY2016 compared to roughly \$5.5 million in FY2015, which made FY2016 a good year for receiving federal funds for the MPO area.

Item #7 on the agenda was the update on the Transfer Center Relocation Feasibility Study being performed by Parson Brinkerhoff. Dr. Ripple stated that CTS had outgrown the Transit center downtown. The Study began in June and the first public forum was held August 16, 2016. The consultants did an analysis of all 28 sites that had been recommended from the first public forum and narrowed the sites down to seven. The second public forum was held October 4th and the seven sites were reviewed and several comments were made from the public and a questionnaire was provided from the results 2 additional sites were added to the seven. Dr. Ripple stated that after further screening the sites had been narrowed down to two sites (the Conwood site and the

Dollar General on Madison site) or the expansion of the existing site. The cost for the Transfer Center Relocation for either the expansion or either of the two sites ranged from \$8 million to \$16 million. Dr. Ripple stated the study findings will be presented at the next MPO meeting in April.

Item #8 on the agenda was the update on TDOT's Joint Freight Advisory Committee Meeting. Mr. Williams reviewed the freight handout that showed Tennessee ranked #1 in the southeast region for truck transportation employment and ranked 6th in the amount of cargo carried by trucks in the US. He said that freight transportation is a critical part of economic development, job creation and global growth for Tennessee. TDOT has completed an update to the State's Long Range Transportation Policy Plan that includes a more robust Multimodal Freight Plan, organized statewide and regional freight advisory committees, and completed an update to the Statewide Travel Demand Model. The last Freight Advisory Committee Meeting had a strong attendance of 85 people on December 13, 2016. Freight funding in 2016 was approximately \$24.6 million and is expected to increase to \$32 million by 2020.

Item #9 on the agenda was a presentation by Theresa Claxton, TN-FHWA, on Performance Management Rules and FAST Act updates. Ms. Claxton said FHWA had finished a TDOT desk audit of plans and programs for FY2017 and were found to be in compliance. The FY2017 Statewide Planning Findings Action Plan was as follows:

1. Develop a Quality Assurance/Quality Control process for the oversight of the statewide and metropolitan planning process as it pertains to the review and tracking of MPO TIP amendments, adjustments and fiscal constraint by June 30, 2017.
2. Establish a schedule of staggered on-site reviews for non-TMA MPOs, such as Clarksville, by January 1, 2018.
3. Complete update of the Statewide Freight Plan for FAST Act compliance no later than September 30, 2017

Ms. Claxton said the last two performance measures, bridges and pavements, were completed. In June 2017 TDOT will provide their draft targets for the performance measures to FHWA. She stated that each state will be required to have a Freight Investment Plan under the National Highway Freight Program that is part of the FAST Act. She discussed the MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform Rule. It will be required in the MTP update scheduled after US Census releases 2020 Census Urbanized Areas. Mr. Witt asked if the new coordination would allow for separate TIPs for an area. Ms. Claxton said yes that is possible. She said she did not think the Reform Rule would affect the Clarksville area with the current growth expected in the surrounding areas. She said that FHWA has had staff changes and that Scott Allen was being relocated to Washington DC and that the TN division would have a new staff member from the Florida DOT, Sean Santalla.

Item #10 on the agenda was the presentation by Jonathan Russell, TDOT on the I-65 Corridor Study. Mr. Russell introduced Mr. Gaskin with Gresham Smith, who is working on the corridor study. Mr Gaskin stated the purpose of the study is to investigate a range of multimodal solutions to address future travel demands, with emphasis on managing congestion, improving safety, maximizing the potential for freight diversion and preserving and enhancing the corridor's economic benefits. He said the study should be completed in July 2017 and will give project recommendations for 2020, 2030 and 2040. They plan to compare the I-65 study to completed I-24 study prepared for TDOT also.

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Item #11 on the agenda was new business. Mr. Williams said the next MPO meeting would be on April 20th, 2017 and that food had been provided for the meeting. There was no other new business and Mr. Bing made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Gentry seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Dated: January 19th, 2017

Mayor Jim Durrett, Chairman
MPO Executive Board