

Clarksville Urbanized Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s
Joint Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Board Meeting
April 17, 2014 @ 11:00 am

Outlaw Field Airport – Upper Level Conference Room

Members Present:

Mayor Bowers*	Montgomery County Mayor
Mayor McMillan*	City of Clarksville Mayor
Deborah Fleming*	Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT)
Thomas Witt*	Rep. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Tim Roach*	GNRC
Steve Bourne *	Rep. Mayor of Hopkinsville
Arthur Bing*	CTS
Misty Cutshall*	Rep. Mayor of Oak Grove
John Mahre*	Rep. Christian County Judge Executive
Lori Lange	TDOT
Scott Allan	FHWA - TN
Nick Powell	Montgomery County Engineer
Chris Brown	Ft. Campbell
Wally Crow	Ft. Campbell
Dave Herndon	Hopkinsville – CDS
Cal Ray	Executive Director - EDB
Nick Hall	KYTC-D2
Jason Orange	KYTC-D2
Chris Cowan	Clarksville Street Dept.
Marc Corrigan	TDEC
David Ripple	RPC
Stan Williams	MPO
Jill Hall	MPO

*Voting members

Mayor Bowers called the meeting to order. She introduced the new Executive Director for the Economic Development Board, Cal Ray to the members. Mayor Bowers then began with the first item on the agenda: the review, discussion and adoption of the minutes from the February 20, 2014 meeting. Mr. Roach made the motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Bing seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

The next item #2 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2014-03 of the adjusted urbanized boundaries for the MPO within the State of Kentucky. Mr. Williams discussed the FHWA consideration factors for adjusting the urbanized area. The development of the adjustments was made in cooperation with the KYTC. There were no public comments received prior to the MPO meeting. Mr. Corrigan asked if there had to be continuity. Mr. Witt stated yes and that there was. Mr. Bing made the motion to adopt the resolution and Mr. Witt seconded the motion. Resolution 2014-03 passed unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2014-04 of the adjusted urbanized boundaries for the MPO within the State of Tennessee. Mr. Williams discussed the areas to be adjusted and the FHWA consideration factors taken into account for

each adjustment. There were no public comments received prior to the MPO meeting. Mr. Roach made the motion to adopt the resolution and Mr. Bing seconded the motion. Resolution 2014-04 passed unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2014-05 of the amendment to the FY2014-FY2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the TIP #65 – Oakland Road for the addition of ROW funds by an increase from \$1,000,000 to \$1,425,000 total cost. Mr. Powell explained that the designers had a better understanding of the ROW needed. He is in communication with TDOT on the connection into SR13/Guthrie Highway and their future widening project. The signal will require more ROW than previous thought. The project is currently in design. Ms. Fleming made the motion to adopt the resolution and Mayor McMillan seconded the motion. Resolution 2014-05 passed unanimously.

The next item #5 was Ms. Fleming's presentation on TDOT's 25 year Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan. This Plan allows TDOT to make key long-term funding and policy decisions about transportation investments throughout Tennessee today and in the future. A major outcome of this two-year comprehensive effort is a mid-term, 10 Year Strategic Investment Program. The intent of the 10 Year Strategic Investment Program is to capture the insights gained during the development of the 25 Year Long Range Transportation Plan to concurrently develop a project program investment plan that is fiscally constrained that can be implemented over a 10 year horizon. She expects the Plan to be adopted in the Fall of 2015. TDOT would like input to the new plan through a survey on TDOT's website and on the MPO's website.

Item #6 was the review and discussion of the CMAQ grant applications submitted to TDOT. Mr. Williams said the transit application was for 3 new hybrid buses. The proposed budget: CMAQ funds \$1,610,775; Local funds \$402,693; Total funds \$2,013,468. Mr. Bing stated that CTS sees a 40% savings in fuel with hybrid buses. The buses run on their batteries in town unless going up steep hills. The buses are much quieter and produce lower emissions.

The second CMAQ application was for an intermodal port facility near the current Nystar Plant. The budget for the facility is \$6 million in CMAQ funds with a match of \$1.5 million being paid by RJ Corman for a total of \$7.5 million. Several studies have shown a need for truck diversion. The intermodal port facility will allow products to be distributed by barges, rail or truck; without having to be unloaded in Nashville or another city and then transported by truck to the Clarksville area. TDOT should make a decision and award the CMAQ projects that are selected within a couple of months.

The next Item #7 on the agenda was the review and discussion of awarded Multimodal Access grant by TDOT for sidewalks and bus shelters along Ft. Campbell Blvd. This project should be completed by the end of this year. The sidewalks and bus stop shelters are greatly needed to this area do to accidents with pedestrians that have been fatal. The sidewalk will also include a portion along Walnut Street. Mr. Bing stated the bus shelters are important to keep ridership. He said ridership declines during bad weather due to lack of shelter for riders waiting on the buses.

Item #8 was the air quality discussion. Mr. Williams reviewed the MPO areas monitored data for 8-hour ozone for 2011-2013. The current information shows the MPO area monitor reading of 0.069 is below the standard of 0.075. The PM2.5 has two readings: one for the annual and one for the 24 hour. The MPO area is below the standard for both of these readings. The PM2.5 monitoring is year round; whereas, the ozone monitoring begins in March and ends in October.

The next item on the agenda #9 was new business. Mr. Williams stated that CTS has received its green certification, which shows their efforts to reduce their carbon footprint. He said that the Commonwealth Agri-Energy ethanol plant in Hopkinsville celebrated its 10 year anniversary. The demand for Ethanol over the past 10 years has grown along with the facility. Mr. Williams stated that the FLAP application for the widening of La Fayette Road had been extended to May 1st, 2014. Mr. Williams said that KYTC had plans to begin installing cable median barriers on I-24 from close to the US 41A overpass to the KY/TN state line, approximately 7.9 miles.

Mr. Mahre asked that the members contact their Congressman in support and need of transportation funding. Dr. Ripple asked if the MPO would do a resolution or letter in support of transportation funding and send to our representatives. Mayor McMillan suggested that a letter be sent due to time constraints instead of a resolution. Mr. Mahre made a motion for a letter in support of the Federal Transportation Bill and Mr. Bing seconded the motion.

Mayor Bowers asked if there was any further business from the members or the public. There was none. Mr. Roach made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Bing seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Dated: April 17, 2014

Mayor Carolyn Bowers, Chairman
MPO Executive Board