

Clarksville Urbanized Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s
Joint Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Board Meeting
October 31, 2019 @ 11:00 am

Regional Planning Commission – RPC Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present:

Nick Powell*	Rep. Montgomery County Mayor
Mayor Pitts*	City of Clarksville Mayor
Ian Preston *	Rep. Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT)
Nick Hall*	Rep. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Bryan Collins*	Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC)
Tom Britton*	Rep. City of Hopkinsville KY
Terry Davis*	CTS
John Mahre*	Rep Christian County, KY
Jim Sumrell	CMCSS
Jonathan Russell	TDOT
Sharon Schutz	TDOT
Marc Corrigan	TDEC
Craig Morris	PADD
Keirsten Jagers	KYTC-D2
Michael Tindzley	Clarksville Resident
Jeff Tyndall	RPC
Stan Williams	MPO
Jill Hall	MPO

*Voting members

Mayor Pitts called the meeting to order. He began with the first item on the agenda: the review, discussion and adoption of the minutes from the Aug 15, 2019 meeting. There were no comments to the minutes. Mr. Powell made the motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2019-06 of the Final FY2020-FY2023 TIP and the associated Conformity Determination Report (CDR). Mr. Williams said the document had been reviewed by the federal and state agencies and all of their comments had been addressed. He reviewed the key points of the document: the beginning of the document to page 51 referenced the federal MPO process; page 52 through page 83 listed the States, Local, Transit and Grouping projects; and page 84 on discussed the performance measures and project selection criteria. He reviewed the CDR and thanked the IAC for assistance in the CDR development. Mr. Williams stated that there were no comments received during the 30 day public review. Mr. Mahre made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-06 and Mr. Powell seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2019-07 of the FY2020-FY2023 UPWP to amend II Sub-Task A: Metropolitan Transportation Planning to include under Work Tasks, the development of a Technical Report (TR) for SR-374/Warfield Blvd from Dunbar Cave Road to SR-112, and the Bike/Pedestrian Study. He stated the TR will assist in the pre-environmental phase for the widening of SR-374, and the Bike/Pedestrian Study is underway through Mayor Pitts' office. The amendment allows the funding to be in place if

needed. Mr. Powell made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-07 and Mr. Mahre seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 was the update on was the update on the 2nd Ten Year Maintenance Plans being developed by Marc Corrigan, with TDEC, for the Tennessee portion and by Ben Cordes, with KYTC Environmental, for the Kentucky portion; and on air quality issues. Mr. Corrigan said the last day of the ozone season is today. He said the MPO area had lower ozone design values for 2019 with a preliminary reading of 58ppb; down from a 2018 reading of 60ppb; with the standard being 70 ppb. He said the draft maintenance plan is currently under EPA review. Once he receives it from EPA, he will address their comments. After completion of the reviews, it will go out for public comment. He stated KYTC was under the same EPA review currently with TDEC.

Item #5 was the update on the CTS Ridership Study. Mr. Williams referenced the handout from the study. On page 41 Figure 3, the map showed the block groups with the highest transit score located in the areas south of Madison Street near downtown Clarksville and in Oak Grove, KY- west of Ft. Campbell Blvd on the base. Other block groups with high tier scores were within the Tiny Town and Green Acres regions near the TN-KY state line, western Peachers Mill near Ft. Campbell Blvd, and the Greenwood and Sango regions. These are shown in Figure 4 page 42. The study recommended the following to potentially attract new (or more frequent) riders in the Clarksville urbanized area by: combination Route 7 revision (Trenton Rd) and Route 8 revision; new Route 70 (Trenton Rd); New Route 60 (Madison St/ MLK Jr. Pkwy); and Route 1 extension.

Item #6 was the update on the FAST Act funding rescission. Mr. Williams discussed the PL dollar amounts to be rescinded from TDOT and KYTC due to the FAST Act. TDOT is expected to have \$11 million rescinded of PL funds and KYTC to have \$3 million PL funds rescinded. Mr. Williams sent TDOT a letter requesting the use of the MPO funds to be used for pre-engineering studies on the following 4 projects. SR-48, I-24, local bridges, state bridges. He said he has not heard back from TDOT on his letter.

Item #7 was the prioritization of the project list on TN state projects. Mr. Williams referenced the last page in the packet that showed the project name and the ranking by the MPO after consultation with the County and City Mayors. SR-48/ Trenton Rd, from near SR-374 to near I-24 was the #1 priority and has been for the past several years; #2 was SR-149 from SR-374 to River Rd and SR-374 from Dotsonville Rd to SR-149; #3 was SR-374 from Dotsonville Rd to US-79; #4 was I-24 from KY/TN state line to SR-76; and #5 was I-24, Clarksville Welcome Center renovation.

Item #8 was the update on the CMCSS propane school buses by James Sumrell. Mr. Sumrell said his department in 2014 purchased a propane bus to test it for performance, due to concern about their durability of the engine and the fueling infrastructure. In 2017 CMCSS purchased 15 propane buses, in 2018 purchased 8 propane buses, and in 2019 purchased 15 propane buses. All of the funds have been sourced by grants for the additional cost of \$8,000.00 per bus compared to a diesel engine bus. CMCSS does not resell their replaced diesel buses. They received permission

to sell them for scrap instead. The propane buses save annually over diesel buses in the cost of fuel savings, maintenance saving, and replacement parts. The most important reduction is in the NOx emissions of 58 lbs per bus per year. Through the VW grant he plans to add 40 propane buses by 2022. This will reduce 133,713 gallons of diesel usage per year, have a \$30,732 annual fuel savings by 2022, have a \$26,887 annual maintenance savings, and a reduction of over 4,524 lbs. of NOx per year. Currently, he has no plans to support vehicles switched to propane.

Item #9 was new business from members of the public and/or MPO members. Mr. Williams asked Ms. Schutz for a TDOT project update. She stated the following.

Projects under development:

SR-48/Trenton Rd, survey work is almost complete and preliminary plans are under development; SR-112, from SR-76 to Denny Rd, is in ROW acquisition phase; SR-236, from Tobacco Rd to Needmore Rd, the NEPA phase will begin in Spring 2020; SR-274, from SR-149 to Dotsonville Rd and SR-374PROP from Dotsonville Rd to SR-76, should complete NEPA in late 2019 and begin ROW in FY2022; I-24 from state line to SR-76, Planning document should begin in Spring 2020 and PE to begin 2022.

Projects in the December 13 letting:

SR-12, from Quin Lane to KY state line sidewalk projects. This project is bundled with sidewalks and bus shelters along SR-12, from W. Concord Dr to Quin Lane and from Cave St to Concord Dr. SR-13/Wilma Rudolph Blvd, from Holiday Dr to Alfred Thun Rd, turn lanes and signal; SR-13, from Center Pointe Rd to Holiday Dr, sidewalk project.

Projects under construction:

SR-13/SR149 McClure Bridge, SR-374 widening; SR-374 resurfacing from US41A to SR-76 (completed); SR-12 resurfacing from Red River bridge to Hermitage Rd; SR-76, from SR-112 to I-24 ramp, miscellaneous safety improvements; SR-13 at Wylma Van Allen intersection turn lane construction.

Mr. Mahre met with the Assistant Secretary of Transportation for US DOT. He said the INFRA Grants will have another round by the end of the year; and the Routes Program, which will target rural areas will be rolling out soon. Also, Christian County has applied for the Build Grant for the Industrial Connector project and should hear something this week. This is a competitive grant, but hopeful for a positive outcome.

Item #10 Mr. Powell made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Mahre seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Dated: October 31, 2019

Mayor Joe Pitts, Chairman
MPO Executive Board

