

Clarksville Urbanized Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s
Joint Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Board Meeting
August 19, 2021 @ 11:00 am

In-Person Meeting in the RPC lower conference room
with the Virtual Meeting/GoToMeet.com Option

Members Present (in-person and virtually):

Mayor Durrett*	Montgomery County Mayor
Mayor Pitts*	City of Clarksville Mayor
John Mahre*	Rep. Christian County, KY
Ian Preston*	Rep. Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT)
Thomas Witt*	Rep. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Sean Pfalzer*	Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC)
Paul Nelson*	CTS
Steve Bourne*	Rep. City of Hopkinsville
Mayor Jarvis*	City of Oak Grove
Tom Britton	City of Hopkinsville
Nick Powell	Montgomery Co Engineer
Jeff Bryant	Montgomery Co Hwy Dept.
Martin Nuss	Oak Grove Public Works Director
Lauren Gaines	Barge Design Solutions/Citizen
Marc Corrigan	TDEC
Nick Hall	KYTC Region 2
Deneatra Henderson	KYTC
Tiffany Squire	KYTC
Mikeal Watson	KYTC
Scott Graves	CTS
Brian Hurst	TDOT
Sharon Schutz	TDOT
Chris Cowan	City Engineer
Jerome Henderson	Street Dept.
Joe Green	Street Dept.
Elizabeth Watkins	FHWA-TN
Michael Tindzley	Citizen
Jeff Tyndall	RPC
Stan Williams	MPO
Jill Hall	MPO

*Voting members

Mayor Pitts called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance. He began with the first item on the agenda: the review, discussion and adoption of the minutes from the June 4, 2021 meeting. There were no comments to the minutes. Mr. Mahre made the motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Durrett seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2021-10 to adopt the FY2022-FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Mr. Williams said the UPWP

identifies Federal, State and local funding sources for the transportation planning activities to be undertaken for the Clarksville study area during FY2022 through FY2023. The UPWP had been developed in cooperation with TDOT, KYTC and CTS. He said that once the U.S. Census are certified in 2022, the MPO may become a Transportation Management Agency (TMA) if the urbanized population is over 200,000. If so the MPO will hire additional staff to meet the new requirements. The development of two Technical Reports are part of the UPWP: SR237/Rossvie from Keysburg Rd. to SR374/Warfield Blvd. and SR12-Bypass from SR76 /Madison St. to SR13/Riverside Dr. There were no further comments. Mayor Durrett made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-10 and Mr. Mahre seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2021-11 CTS's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP). Mr. Williams said that CTS developed their PTASP, which is intended to improve public transportation safety by guiding CTS to more effectively and proactively managed safety risks in their system. Mr. Nelson said this is the first update to the PTASP in order to set performance targets for FY2022. Mayor Durrett made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-11 and Mr. Mahre seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2021-12 to amend the FY2020-FY2023 TIP to add TIP project #55, for the intersection improvements and signal installation of SR12/Ashland City Rd. at Excel Road. Mr. Williams stated the new TIP project is to address safety concerns through intersection improvements. The IAC agreed that this amendment is exempt from air quality conformity therefore, no conformity determination was required. Mayor Durrett said he fully supports this project and thanked Mr. Bryant for bringing it forward to the Executive Board. Mr. Mahre made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-12 and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2021-13 for the KYTC SHIFT/ Boost Point Distribution for prioritizing projects. Mr. Williams explained the SHIFT process for prioritizing project was based on available quantitative data. KYTC distributed the scores of all sponsored projects. The MPO is allowed to allocate 15 boost points to the scores of two projects out of the five projects sponsored in the MPO area. The MPO chose to apply the boost points to the two highest scoring projects that were sponsored. KY911 widening from US-41A/Ft. Campbell Blvd to KY115 project scored a 35.65. This project is scheduled to be let to construction in 2022 and must be given boost points to be completed. Project KY115 widening from KY911 to I-24 scored a 42.76. Both projects are needed for safety and congestion issues. The additional boost points should move the highest score projects forward in the KYTC Highway Plan. Mayor Jarvis made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-13 and Mayor Durrett seconded the motion. Mayor Jarvis thanked the Executive Board for adopting the Resolution. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2021-14 for the KYTC Prioritization Plan. Mr. Williams said the MPO's Prioritization Plan described the joint priorities the MPO and KYTC considered in the prioritization process and the MPO's process in assigning local boost points to the sponsored and scored projects. Mr. Nelson made the motion to

approve Resolution 2021-14 and Mayor Jarvis seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda was the MPO Executive Board Chairman and Vice Chairman elections. Mr. Nelson nominated Mayor Durrett to be Chairman of the Executive Board. He was unanimously voted in. Mayor Durrett nominated Mayor Pitts to be Vice Chairman. Mayor Pitts was also unanimously voted in.

Item #8 on the agenda was the Presentation on the IMPROVE Act by Brian Hurst, Mgr. 2, TDOT Program Development and Scheduling Office. Mr. Hurst thanked the Executive Board for the invitation to present on the IMPROVE Act. He said the State funds from the IMPROVE Act have to be supplemented with federal funds in order to move the projects forward in a timely fashion. In 2017 there were 962 original projects to be completed. Currently there are 1023 projects with a cost projection of \$15.3 billion. In Montgomery County the IMPROVE Act is estimated to spend \$448.0 million in 15 total projects. Mr. Hurst stated that if the local government does not want a project that is being considered by TDOT, then the local government needs to go to TDOT and say the project isn't wanted. The local government has input on the projects it wants to be funded. TDOT Region 3 is projected to spend \$4.9 billion on 305 projects. The I-24 widening from the KY state line to near SR-76 will begin the PE phase in FY2022. The 11.63 miles could be split into 3 phases (or more) and may be considered for "Design Build" at a preliminary projected cost of \$223.1 million. A good portion of the IMPROVE Act generated funds must go to maintenance of roads and bridges to maintain TDOT's investments. TDOT has developed iTRIP, an interactive Tennessee Road Improvement Program. iTRIP has all projects in TN within its data base and can be viewed on their website. He will send the link.

Once the power-point presentation was completed, Mayor Durrett voiced his frustration with the representation of the IMPROVE Act before it was adopted and the current time line and management of the IMPROVE Act funds. During the approval process of the IMPROVE Act TDOT stated that all of the projects funded would be completed within 10 years. This is not true and a more accurate time frame for a project is 15-20 years. Mr. Hurst stated that he appreciated the feedback. He said that TDOT has a team in place to improve project development and hopes it improves and changes in right direction. He said the IMPROVE Act didn't add up to the funds required for projects. Therefore they won't be able to do in 10 years. He said that Shane Hester with Region 3 will come to Montgomery County in order for local officials to vote on projects. The vote must be for a phase of a project that is ready to move forward. Mr. Hester should be coming up in about a month or so. Mr. Williams said the local government has voted on the legislative agenda and only for project phases that are ready. . Mr. Williams asked why additional projects were added when the original projects had not been completed. Mr. Hurst stated that several of the projects were subdivided into smaller projects making the project number go up. Mayor Durrett asked if the I-24 widening from the KY state line to Exit 11 included a new interchange approximately at Dunlop Lane. Mr. Williams said that it will be studied in the PE phase. Mayor Pitts said that private utilities cause large delays in the projects and an increase in funding. Mr. Hurst agreed. Mr. Hurst said planning is important through the RPC and that ROW needs to be reserved when developments are moving forward.

Item #9 on the agenda was the update by Elizabeth Watkins for FHWA-TN. Ms. Watkins had no updates for the Executive Board.

Item #10 on the agenda was an update by Marc Corrigan, TDEC, on air quality. Mr. Williams said the Clarksville area had one PM2.5 exceedance on July 5th. Mr. Corrigan said it was from the wildfire smoke from out west. He said the ozone looked good with no exceedances so far. He said that TDEC was in the last of the four categories in TDEC's VW Beneficiary Mitigation Plan is for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. TDEC is focusing their efforts along interstates and other major corridors. Mr. Corrigan said if you know of an entity that might be interested in installing DC fast charging infrastructure along interstate corridors in Tennessee, please have them reach out to their local power company, or TDEC OEP's Alexa Voytek.

Item #11 on the agenda was new business from members of the public and/or MPO members. Mr. Williams said the next meeting will be October, and will be in person with a virtual option for those unable to attend. Mr. Williams said the MPO is working with CTS on the relocation of the Transfer Center. Mr. Nelson stated there is a public meeting on September 14, 2021 at 5:30pm at the Beech Center Civic Hall room C to solicit feedback for CTS's Strategic Plan and review the update to the 2017 Location Plan. Mayor Durrett asked which project would receive the Covid funding. Mr. Williams said the Covid funds were being placed on the construction phase of the SR-237/Rossvie Road project and are approximately \$800,000.00. Mayor Durrett said that he and the Mayors of Robertson and Cheatham County have started an initiative to get the I-24 corridor put into TDOT's pipeline. He stated that currently all of the other interstates coming out of Davidson County have begun widening/improvements except for the I-24 corridor from Davidson County to the Kentucky state line. Mayor Jarvis introduced Martin Nuss, Oak Grove Public Works Director, and said he would be representing her at the future MPO meeting. Mr. Tyndall said the RFP for the Clarksville/Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan has gone out and the development should begin in November. The Comprehensive Plan will study and review land use and transportation issues. It will be a 12-18 process to develop the Comprehensive Plan.

Item #12 Mr. Nelson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Pitts adjourned the meeting.

Dated: August 19, 2021

Mayor Jim Durrett, Chairman
MPO Executive Board