

Clarksville Urbanized Area  
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s  
Joint Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Board Meeting  
October 19, 2022 @ 2:00 pm

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

Members Present (in-person and virtually):

Mayor Golden*	Montgomery County Mayor
Mayor Pitts*	City of Clarksville Mayor
Jonathan Russell*	Rep. Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT)
Jared Jeffers*	Rep. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Holly Boggess*	City Of Hopkinsville, CDS
Scott Graves*	CTS
Martin Nuss*	Rep. City of Oak Grove
Anna Emerson*	GNRC
Stacy Morrison	TDOT
Brian Hurst	TDOT
Ihab Habib	CSD
Lee Harrell	County Chief of Staff
Kat McClung	TDOT
Jennifer Marshall	TDOT
Antoine Hawkins	TDOT
Ashley Owens	TDOT
Marc Corrigan	TDEC
Angela Herndon	PADD
Jeff Tyndall	RPC
Daniel Morris	RPC
Sarah Cook	RPC
Jill Hall	MPO
Stan Williams	MPO

\*Voting members

Mayor Pitts called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance. Mayor Pitts then introduced the new County Mayor, Wes Golden, which was the first item on the agenda. Mayor Golden said he was glad to be here. Mayor Pitts then asked the Executive Board to introduce themselves. Ms. Emerson was representing GNRC and Ms. Boggess was representing the City of Hopkinsville.

Item #2 on the agenda was the election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the MPO Executive Board. Mr. Williams explained that the Mayors rotated these two position between each other. Mayor Golden nominated Mayor Pitts for the Chairperson position and Mr. Graves seconded the nomination. Mr. Nuss nominated Mayor Golden as the Vice Chairperson and Mr. Graves seconded the nomination. There were no comments and the nominations were approved unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was the review, discussion, and adoption of the minutes from the July 21, 2022 meeting. There were no comments to the minutes. Mr. Graves made the motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Nuss seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2022-10 for the FY2023-FY2026 TIP and the associated Conformity Determination Report (CDR). Mr. Williams said the TIP consisted of federally funded and/or regionally significant transportation improvement projects within the MPO area and had been made available to the public, local, state, and federal agencies for their review and input. The TIP had a 14 day review period and had followed the Participation Plan. The MPO had not received any comments on the FY2023-FY2026 TIP. Mayor Golden made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-10 and Mr. Graves seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2022-11 to support the PM1 Safety targets set by KYTC and TDOT for FY2023. Mr. Williams stated the MAP-21, FAST Act and the current BIL mandate the establishment of a performance and outcome based program for transportation decisions. A national goal has been established to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. The MPO decided to support each STATE's targets and shown in Attachment A to the resolution. The MPO had not received any comments on the Safety targets for FY2023. Mayor Golden made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-11 and Mr. Graves seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda was the TDOT presentation on project ranking by Brian Hurst. Mr. Hurst stated that after discussions/visits with the MPOs last year, TDOT realized there needed to be changes made to the project ranking process and delivery time. He said TDOT made the changes and is encouraged that the new process will improve the project delivery process. Each MPO area will have projects either committed or proposed for all projects in the project development process. If the project is committed then the project no longer has to be ranked and the project will be funded through the construction phase within five years. The MPO has two committed projects currently: Trenton Road and the TDOT Welcoming Center. The proposed projects will need to be ranked. The MPO has three proposed projects. The ranking system will determine the next proposed project to move into the committed category once the other committed projects are completely funded through construction. Mr. Russell said that the five years was for the funding but that the construction phase could take two to three years to complete after the funding is in place. Mr. Hurst said that TDOT was exploring other alternative delivery methods for very expensive projects, such as the I-24 widening.

Item #7 on the agenda was the updates on:

1. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan- Mr. Williams stated that the first step for the 2050 MTP was the travel demand model. The MPO has been busy collecting data through the consultants, TDOT and KYTC modeling division and the MPO. From the development schedule November will be the first opportunity for public input. The first draft is due June 9<sup>th</sup> and the second draft will be at the end of August. On or before January 19, 2024 the Executive Board will adopt the 2050 MTP.

2. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – Action Plan 2022 Grant Application – the MPO worked with the consultants and the City Grant Writer and reviewed five years of crash data to submit the application. Of the crash data 48% occurred at intersections. The next step will be for the implementation plan.
3. Project Delivery Issues by the TN MPO Association to TDOT – Mr. Williams handed out a three page Project Delivery Feedback and Recommendations from the TN MPO Association for TDOT. This discussed the challenges and concerns of the MPOs and potential improvement to address the problems. Under coordination there is a need to provide consistent and clear direction and notify the MPOs when changes to the process are made. Most recently there was a substantial change to NEPA process, that caused the Dunbar Cave/Rossvie Rd project to be stopped. Mr. Williams said TDOT has not yet responded to the concerns in the handout but will relay to the Board their responses at the January meeting. Ms. Emerson said that Nashville has been working for a year on improving the process for project delivery. TDOT is responsible for the oversight and there is work needed to make improvements from all agencies involved.
4. CTS’s Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) Update – the COA is an important document for CTS. The plan is to have the RFP out by the end of the year or January and have the COA completed in approximately 8-9 months.

Item #8 was the federal update by Sean Santalla, FHWA-TN. Mr. Santalla did not attend the meeting or virtually. Mayor Pitts went on to Item #9 on the agenda

Item #9 on the agenda was an update by Marc Corrigan with TDEC, on air quality. Mr. Corrigan said at a previous meeting that EPA approved a Limited Maintenance Plan for the Montgomery County portion of the Clarksville 1997 8-hour maintenance area effective in January (January 3, 2022). He stated on September 30th, EPA published a final rule approving KY Energy and Environment Cabinet’s Limited Maintenance Plan for the Christian County, KY’s portion of the 1997 8-hour ozone Maintenance area. This rule will become effective October 31st. This maintenance plan is for the second-half of the Clean Air Act mandated 20 year maintenance period. This second maintenance plan assures continued maintenance of the 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard through the remainder of the maintenance period - through February 24, 2026. Barring any future designation for any applicable NAAQS, this plan, among other things, sets the date after which transportation conformity no longer needs to be demonstrated on the Christian County portion of the maintenance area.

He said we are closing in on the end of ozone season, October 31st. One of the documents he provided, titled “Preliminary 2022 Ozone Exceedance Data” indicates the dates and locations of preliminary ozone exceedances this ozone season. It is nice to notice the column for the Hopkinsville monitor does not have any exceedances listed. The second document, “Preliminary Tennessee Ozone Data for 2020-2022” indicates the preliminary ozone design value if we take into consideration the preliminary ozone readings this ozone season. It looks like the Hopkinsville

monitor will have a preliminary design value of 0.059 ppm, where the 2015 ozone standard is 0.070 ppm – one of the lowest ozone design values in the table.

Item #10 on the agenda was new business from members of the public and/or MPO members. Mr. Nuss said that safety design standards could be changed or reviewed to prevent accidents. He gave as examples: sidewalks are one foot back from the curb and unless restricted by ROW, should be further away from the roadway for safety concerns of the pedestrians; and in TN, he has noticed the 1 ¼” gutter edge that slows traffic while the vehicle is turning into the roadway. The vehicle doesn’t move out of the line of oncoming traffic quickly enough due to slowing for the gutter edge.

Dr. Habib said he has been in discussions with TDOT this morning on implementing and reviewing standards to adopt.

Mr. Nuss said there should be discussions with KYTC on the widening of I-24 to make sure TDOT and KYTC coordinate the project’s timing/development. He said he is still waiting to see what will be developed along KY115 and I-24 ramp, but should know within 3 to 6 months.

Item #11 Mayor Pitts made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Graves seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Dated: October 19, 2022

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Mayor Joe Pitts, Chairman  
MPO Executive Board