

Clarksville Urbanized Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s
Joint Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Board Meeting
April 15, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Virtual Meeting/GoToMeet.com

Members Present:

Nick Powell*	Montgomery County Mayor
Mayor Pitts*	City of Clarksville Mayor
Mayor Jarvis*	Mayor of Oak Grove
John Mahre*	Rep. Christian County, KY
Ian Preston*	Rep. Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT)
Thomas Witt*	Rep. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Bryan Collins*	Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC)
Paul Nelson*	CTS
Steve Bourne*	Rep. City of Hopkinsville
Bernadette Dupont	FHWA-KY
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA
Darrin Grenfell	FHWA-KY
Jennifer Marshall	TDOT
Marc Corrigan	TDEC
Chasity Bell	TDOT
Robert Etter	TDOT
Jonathan Wellemeyer	TDOT
Nick Hall	KYTC Region 2
Troy Hearn	KY SPAN
Jonathan Russell	TDOT
Scott Graves	CTS
Simchah Edwards	TDOT
Mary Connelly	WSP Consultants
Rochelle Carpenter	TDOT
Daniel Capparella	GNRC
Kimery Grant	TDOT
Chris Cowan	City Engineer
Whitney Sullivan	Neel-Schaffer
Thomas Witt	KYTC
Sean Santalla	FHWA-TN
Elizabeth Watkins	FHWA-TN
Michael Tindzley	Citizen
Jeff Tyndall	RPC
Stan Williams	MPO
Jill Hall	MPO

*Voting members

Mr. Williams indicated to the members by Governor Lee's Order 78 that conducting the meeting by electronic means was necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of everyone in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. He stated the protocol on how the virtual meeting would be run and asked that everyone in attendance to type their comments in the chat box throughout the meeting

and they will be addressed prior to the vote. He then turned the meeting over to Mayor Pitts, Executive Board Chairman.

Mayor Pitts called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance of the virtual meeting. He began with the first item on the agenda: the review, discussion and adoption of the minutes from the January 21, 2021 meeting. There were no comments to the minutes. Mr. Mahre made the motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2021-06 to amend the FY2020-FY2023 TIP for a new TIP project #15, KY-115, from I-24 to Anderson Road, to improve and widen with center turn lane. Mr. Williams stated this project is a Kentucky project and less than a mile of it is within the MPO planning area. The portion within the MPO planning area was considered exempt for air quality and no conformity determination report was required by the IAC. Mr. Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-06 and Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was the review, discussion and endorsement of Resolution 2021-07 for CTS's Safety Plan (Public Transit Agency Safety Plan – PTASP). Mr. Williams said CTS's Safety Plan was approved by TDOT in June 2020 and is a federal requirement. The Safety Plan has been modified into the MTP and TIP. Mr. Nelson stated the Safety Plan consisted of safety management, risk management and policies for safety and is in compliance with all federal regulations. Mr. Mahre made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-07 and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda was the review and discussion of the KYTC CHAF sponsorship of projects by the MPO. Mr. Williams said the MPO is sponsoring the same three projects that it did in FY2019. The MPO submitted two projects, Walter Garrett Lane and Hugh Hunter Road, into the CHAF system to be considered in the future at the request of Mayor Jarvis. Mayor Jarvis asked that the MPO drop the priority #3, new route from Gate 4, and add in its place the Hugh Hunter Road project. She said there was a greater need for this project to reduce congestion and for safety concerns. Ms. Hall said she would make the changes in the KYTC SHAFT system.

Item #5 on the agenda was an update by Mr. Williams on the Covid relief funds. Mr. Williams stated he received a letter dated February 4th from Commissioner Bright listing the available covid relief funds of over \$800,000 for the Montgomery County/Clarksville area. Mr. Williams said there needed to be further discussions with the Mayors, Street Dept. and Highway Dept to decide how to best allocate the funds to a project. He said due to time restraints on when the funds must be spent, it's better to allocate to an existing project that is entering the ROW or CONST phase. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Witt if KYTC was allocating any of their Covid relief funds to the smaller MPOs. Mr. Witt said no, not at this time.

Item #6 on the agenda was an update on the bike/ped traffic counts by Mr. Williams. He said the MPO has been working with the TDOT Bike Coordinator to get infrared equipment to count both bike and pedestrians. The plan to set up points in front of APSU at 8th Street, University Blvd, and Home Street. Once the counts are completed, he is hopeful the MPO area will qualify for funding. He is planning the counts will begin end of Summer or early Fall.

Item #7 on the agenda was the update by Sean Santalla for FHWA-TN. Mr. Santalla said the Covid relief funds have priorities for the use of funding, how this will be reflected in the TIP, and the quick turnaround requirement. It is important for the MPOs to keep FHWA abreast of their decisions. The FY2021 RAISE Grant, formerly the TIGER grant program, published a notice of funding opportunity to apply for \$1 billion in discretionary grant funding. The maximum amount to apply for is \$25 million. The deadline to submit an application is July 12, 2021. The FHWA is tracking the reauthorization of funding and the census data with the Clarksville MPO close to the population threshold.

Item #8 on the agenda was the Bike / Health presentation by Bernadette Dupont for FHWA-KY. Ms. Dupont gave an excellent presentation on the correlation between health and biking/activity. The report showed both KY and TN needs to improve their overall health score, with KY rating 43/50 states and TN rating 44/50 states. Ms. Dupont introduces the bike/ped coordinators for the following agencies:

Darrin Grenfell – FHWA/KY; Sean Santalla – FHWA/TN; Rochelle Carpenter – TDOT, Troy Hearn – Health Program Administrator/KY; KYTC position is currently vacant.

The presentation is on the home page of the MPO website, www.cuampo.com. Ms. Hall sent the presentation out to the TCC and Executive Board.

Item #9 was an update by Marc Corrigan, TDEC, on air quality. Mr. Corrigan said that the proposed Federal Register notice for the Montgomery County Limited Maintenance Plan is still in EPA's signature chain. He said that Montgomery County Bi-County Landfill did apply for the replacement of three heavy-duty trucks through the VW mitigation settlement. Mr. Corrigan said the next funding through the VW mitigation settlement is for electric vehicle (EV) charging station and will be released in the end of the 2nd to beginning of the 3rd quarter; in order to establish buildout infrastructure along the interstate system at 50 mile intervals.

Item #10 was new business from members of the public and/or MPO members. Mr. Williams said the next meeting will be May 13, 2021 at 2:00 pm to amend the MTP and TIP and corresponding short conformity determination report for TIP project #71, SR-237/Rossvie Road. Mr. Preston, TDOT, said that CTS was awarded the Urban Transportation Block Grant (UTBG) from TDOT for their Strategic Plan and WSP Consultants were selected. Ms. Dupont provided information for the May 18th, KY Nature's Call to Action IV conference through the Chat box and said if you needed more info to email her.

Item #11 Mayor Pitts thanked the members for their service to their community and adjourned the meeting.

Dated: April 15, 2021

Mayor Joe Pitts, Chairman
MPO Executive Board