

Clarksville Urbanized Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s
Joint Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Board Meeting
April 25, 2024 @ 11:00 am

In-Person Meeting in the RPC lower conference room
with the Virtual Meeting/You Tube Option

Members Present: (in-person)

Mayor Golden*	Montgomery County Mayor
Mayor Pitts*	City of Clarksville Mayor
Herman Wright*	Rep. Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT)
Thomas Witt*	Rep. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Mike Ringgenberg*	CTS
Bill Chaudoin*	Rep. Christian County, KY
Tom Britton	Rep. Hopkinsville, KY
Jeff Bryant*	Montgomery County Hwy Dept (MCHD)
Brian Ahart*	Rep. City of Oak Grove
Daniel Capparella*	Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC)
Marc Corrigan	TDEC-APC
Nick Powell	Montgomery County Engineer
Lauren Winters	City of Clarksville
Bryan Crocker	City of Clarksville
Bethany Daniel	Clarksville Street Dept.
Angela Herndon	PADD
Chris Cowan	Clarksville Street Dept
Jerome Henderson	Clarksville Street Dept
Matt Hughes	KYTC-D2
Vijay Kunade	Neel-Schaffer
John Bramlett	TDOT
Katie Brown	TDOT
Jeff Tyndall	RPC
Daniel Morris	RPC
Stan Williams	MPO
Jill Hall	MPO

*Voting members

Mayor Pitts called the meeting to order. He began by recognizing Stan Williams for his 27 years and 8 months of service. Mayor Pitts said Stan Williams was the champion of transportation. He thanked him for his years of service and said he would be missed. Mayor Golden said he was appreciative of Mr. Williams service and thanked him. Mayor Pitts presented Mr. Williams an appreciation certificate and a City coin. Mr. Tyndall said he doesn't have to worry about the MPO being under him, because Mr. Williams handles it. He's been a rock and will definitely be missed and Mr. Tyndall thanked him and also, presented him an appreciation certificate.

Item #2 on the agenda: the review, discussion and adoption of the minutes from the March 21, 2024 meeting. Mayor Golden made the motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Ringgenberg seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2024-09 of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan. Mr. Williams said the SS4A was funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The SS4A grant is to improve roadway safety by reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The focus is on all user, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators. The SS4A Plan was developed by Neel-Schaffer consultants for the MPO. The SS4A Safety Action Plan qualifies the City of Clarksville to apply for the SS4A Implementation Discretionary Grant. During the first round of public involvement the MPO received over 1000 comments. The comment period for this meeting received no comments. Mayor Pitts stated that it will be voted on by the City Council this evening at 4:00pm and he thanked the city's grant writer, Lauren Winters for all of her contributions. Mayor Golden made the motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Ringgenberg seconded the motion. Resolution 2024-09 was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2024-10 to adjust the Kentucky Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary based on the 2020 Census. Mr. Williams stated that the Mayors from Hopkinsville, Christian County, and the City of Oak Grove wanted to revise the map by not changing the MPA east of 41A and increasing the MPA to include the area from Hwy 41A west to KY-345 and north to KY-117. He referred to the handout with the revised Resolution 2024-13 and the revised map. Mr. Britton made the motion to amend Resolution 2024-10 to Resolution 2024-13. Mayor Golden seconded the motion to bring it before the Board. Mr. Williams said this was discussed at the August 2023 meeting. He stated either way the MPA is presented, it will not affect the funding amount. The change will be from urban to rural road classification. Mr. Witt stated that he and the staff at KYTC may have overlooked the concerns and appreciated the local input. Mr. Williams said the MPO had received no comments. Mayor Golden made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-13 and Mr. Ringgenberg seconded the motion. Resolution 2024-13 was adopted unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda was review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2024-11 for the established targets for CTS's Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Measures. Mr. Williams reviewed the resolution and the attachment A, which shows the targets. He stated the (TAM) Plan addressed the State of Good Repair for rolling stock, infrastructure, equipment, and facilities. Mr. Ringgenberg said that from the TAM Plan the transit center went down to a three from a four. He plans to get it back up to a four. Mayor Golden made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-11 and Mr. Ringgenberg seconded the motion. Resolution 2024-11 was adopted unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2024-12 for the CTS's Agency Safety Plan (ASP) for FY2024. Safety Plan intends to improve public transportation safety by guiding transit agencies to more effectively and proactively manage safety risks in their systems. Mr. Williams said there were no comments received. Mayor Golden made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-12 and Mr. Ringgenberg seconded the motion. Resolution 2024-12 was adopted unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda was the update on air quality by Marc Corrigan, TDEC. Mr. Corrigan stated that TDEC's Office of Energy Programs anticipates releasing Level 2 electric vehicle charging infrastructure rebates which may include multi-family housing charging infrastructure in the second half of 2024. In addition, we anticipate a diesel vehicle replacement funding program in the coming months which will likely fund all vehicle categories that TDEC included in its Beneficiary Mitigation Plan: Class 4-8 School Buses, Class 4-8 Transit and Shuttle Buses, Class 4-7 Local

Freight Trucks, and Class 8 Local Freight Trucks. It is likely that new diesel projects will not be eligible in this final round of funding.

He said if you can't wait until then for a diesel vehicle replacement funding opportunity, just yesterday the EPA announced the launch of the 2024 Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program to fund the replacement of Class 6 and Class 7 heavy-duty vehicles with zero-emission vehicles. The EPA expects to offer up to \$932 million to municipal and state governments. Eligible vehicles include: class 6 and class 7 school buses, refuse haulers, dump trucks, class 6/7 transit buses, delivery trucks, utility trucks, bucket trucks and others. These new trucks would need to be zero emissions vehicles, like all electric vehicles. Applications are due by: July 25, 2024.

Mr. Corrigan pointed out the table in the packet of ozone monitoring data. He said that last year's 4th max value at the Christian County ozone monitor was right at the NAAQS for ozone, meaning that there may have been three events above the NAAQS. This tells us there is still room for improvement with regards to ozone air quality.

He stated EPA finally announced revisions to the fine particulate, or PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards, or NAAQS. On February 7, 2024, EPA strengthened the NAAQS for fine particulate matter from 12 ug/m³ to 9.0 ug/m³. Looking locally, based on EPA published design values for 2020-2022, there was a design value of 9.2 ug/m³ at the Christian County Kentucky monitor and a 7.0 at the Montgomery County, Tennessee monitor. These values could change for several reasons, one being that EPA has noticed that some models of these PM2.5 monitors appear to have a consistent high bias. It is expected EPA will adjust the values to correct for the bias. In addition, if states believe wildfire smoke to have been an undue influence on a non-attaining monitor, the state can petition EPA to have some of these values excluded from the design value calculation. So, the numbers could change. EPA will use more recent data (not the 2020-2022 design values) when making attainment, nonattainment designations. This new NAAQS will be effective: May 6, 2024 After this States make recommendations to EPA on what they believe should be nonattainment areas by February 7th, 2025. Then, if the schedule holds, EPA makes designations by February 7th of 2026. If an area be designated nonattainment, transportation conformity must be demonstrated within a year of designation. Then, states will have to submit a plan to EPA within 18 months of designation on how they will bring the area back to attainment of the NAAQS by 2032.

Item #8 on the agenda was the updates by Melanie Murphy, FHWA-TN. She was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted her notes, which were in the packet. Mr. Corrigan spoke on the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) performance measures that was listed on her handout. He said that FHWA's performance measure for GHGs was overturned by a Texas judge. Therefore, the MPOs will not have to establish and meet this performance measure any longer.

Item #9 on the agenda was the updates by TDOT and KYTC by their representatives. Mr Storey, TDOT, thanked Mr. Williams for his service. He then began discussing the 3-year plan. He explained that the 10-year plan feeds the 3-year plan. The 3-year plan was passed by the State Assembly and every project in the plan was approved. Montgomery County received two projects:

- a. I-24 widening project with a projected cost of \$500 million with ROW beginning in 2030.
- b. SR-48/Trenton Road with ROW in 2025. The PE is progressing and there is a site meeting with TDOT on May 9, 2024.

Mr. Witt gave updates on KYTC. The Kentucky House Bill 266 was signed into law and below are the projects in Christian County that are either in the MPO's MPA boundary or close to it.

- a. I-24 @KY115 intersection improvements
- b. KY911 widening 2nd phase
- c. Pavement on 41A and I-24
- d. Interchange lighting on I-24

Mr. Capparella with GNRC said there is a public meeting at the Ajax Turner Center on May 3rd, 2024 at 10:00 for the input on the CHSTP development.

Item #10 was new business from members of the public and /or MPO members. There was none.

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

Dated: April 25, 2024

Mayor Joe Pitts, Chairman
MPO Executive Board