

Clarksville Urbanized Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s
Joint Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Board Meeting
August 10, 2023 @ 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 Golden*	Montgomery County Mayor
Mayor Pitts*	City of Clarksville Mayor
Stacy Morris*	Rep. Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT)
Deneatra Henderson*	Rep. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Daniel Capparella*	Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC)
Mayor Oliver*	Rep. City of Oak Grove
Bill Chaudoin*	Rep. Christian County
Brian Hart	Oak Grove, Public Works Director
Thomas Witt	KYTC
Nick Hall	KYTC, District 2
Tobin Maxfield	KYTC, District 2
Keirsten Hagger	KYTC
Nick Powell	Montgomery Co Engineer
Lee Harrell	Montgomery Co
Sean Santalla	FHWA
Stacy Morrison	TDOT
Herman Wright	TDOT
Jon Storey	TDOT, R3
Marc Corrigan	TDEC
Jeff Bryant	MCHD
Angela Hernden	PADD
Devarer Smith	PADD
Daniel Morris	RPC
Jeff Tyndall	RPC
Sam McCanna	RPC
Stan Williams	MPO
Jill Hall	MPO

*Voting members

Mayor Pitts called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance. He started with the first item on the agenda: the review, discussion and adoption of the minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting. Mayor Golden made the motion to adopt the minutes and Mayor Oliver seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Item #2 on the agenda was the review, Discussion and adoption of Resolution 2023-05 of the FY2024-FY2025 UPWP. Mr. Williams reviewed the document and stated the UPWP is how the MPO is funded. The UPWP identifies funding sources and transportation planning activities to be undertaken by local, regional, and state agencies for the Clarksville urbanized area. He said there were no public comments received. Mayor Oliver made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-05 and Mayor Golden seconded the motion. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was the review, discussion, and adoption of Resolution 2023-06 for the updated Conformity Determination Report for the 2045 MTP. Mr. Williams said both Christian County, KY and Montgomery Co, TN which includes the Clarksville urbanized area are in attainment areas for the 8-hours ozone standard. This requires the 2045 MTP's CDR to be updated every four years. This is the existing MTP. The 2050 MTP will be adopted in January 2024 with a new CDR. He said there were no public comments received. Mayor Golden made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-06 and Mr. Chaudoin seconded the motion. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2023-07 for an amendment to the 2045 MTP to add the KYTC project, ID #111, for the reconstruction of the I-24/KY-115 interchange and the associated short conformity determination report. Mr. William stated this is a new project for KYTC and has to be added to the 2045 MTP before it can be amended into the TIP. He said there were no public comments received. Ms. Henderson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-06 and Mayor Oliver seconded the motion. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2023-08 for an amendment to the FY2023-FY2026 TIP to add the new TIP project #16, I-24/KY-115 interchange and the associated short conformity. Mr. William said this project is requested by KYTC to improve capacity and mobility of the I-24 interchange with reconstruction of the ramps and the addition of a center turn lane on KY-115 interchange portion. He said there were no public comments received. Mr. Chaudoin made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-08 and Mayor Oliver seconded the motion. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda was the review and discussion on the TDOT Statewide Partnership Program (SPP) for the awarding of the Tennessee Modernization Act (TMA) funds competitive grant application. Mr. Williams said that the County Engineer applied for the Rossview Road widening project east of I-24; and the Highway Superintendent applied for the SR-12 @ Excell Road intersection improvement project. The awards should be the first part of 2024, but has not been set by TDOT yet. The SPP program will free up the L-STBG and the S-STBG for other projects with the new TMA funding source.

Item #7 on the agenda was the review and discussion to add the Highway Department Superintendent to the Executive Board by amending the MPO By-Laws. This action must be discussed at this meeting and voted on at the October meeting in accordance with the By-Laws. Mr. Williams introduced Jeff Bryant, the Highway Department Superintendent, and explained that the Board will vote for him to be added to the Board at the next meeting in October. Mayor Golden said he was in favor of Mr. Bryant being added to the Executive Board.

Item #8 on the agenda was the review and discussion for the US Census urban area boundary adjustment to the Clarksville MPO's MPO. Mr. Williams referred to the map in the packet to show the adjustments the MPO recommended for the urbanized area boundary. He stated this would not be adopted until the next MPO meeting. He wanted the mayors and their staff to review and make

changes before the final submittal. Mr. Williams said that KYTC would not make their review until mid-September for the changes to the MPO's urbanized area. Ms. Hall said that she and Mr. Morris had reviewed the most recent neighborhood/ new school developments through building permits and aerial photography and had based their recommendations for the adjustments on that. She stated that the adjustments had to be based on known current neighborhood or industry growth, not based on projection for five years from now per federal regulations. Mr. Chaudoin asked about changes to funding sources for outside the urbanized area. Mr. Morrison, TDOT, said this didn't change the funding amounts within the MPO's planning area. Metropolitan planning area (MPA) is all of Montgomery County on the Tennessee side; and the lower portion of Christian County from Elmo Road to the KY/TN state line. Ms. Henderson, KYTC Engineer, stated that the KY Henderson/ Evansville MPO were separated into two separate urban areas due to the changes in the Census on determining the density/ population in the 2020 Census.

Mr. Santalla, FHWA-TN, said the urbanized boundary adjustments are very regulatory and that the MPA is more important for funding projects. He stated the adjustments had more of a rural/ urban impact on: functional classification, design expectations, and data collection for reporting. Mayor Pitts said his staff would review and submit any additional adjustments to the MPO staff to add to the map.

Item #9 on the agenda was the update by Stan Williams on the Clarksville Transit System's CPT-HSTP and COA studies. Mr. Williams said that the consultants were in last week and worked with CTS on the COA. The COA is to be completed in January 2024. Mr. Williams said the CPT-HSTP is being done through CNRC. He then introduced the new representative for GNRC, Daniel Capparella. Mr. Capparella said the CPT-HSTP should begin in a month or two, but had not started yet.

Item #10 on the agenda was the updates by Stan Williams on the 2050 MTP and the SS4A Action Plan. Mr. Williams said the 2050 MTP have received the states' comments and plans to submit the responses back to the states next week. From there it goes to the feds for their review. The SS4A action plan has it's kick off meeting within two weeks and has a signed agreement with FHWA.

Item #11 on the agenda was the update by Marc Corrigan, TDEC, on air quality. Mr. Corrigan began with the VW Funding Update. TDEC's OEP anticipates releasing both Level 2 electric vehicle charging infrastructure and diesel vehicle replacement funding programs in the first half of 2024; exactly how those will look has not yet been finalized. Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program: The State of Tennessee launched a website for the Tennessee Volunteer Emission Reduction Strategy. Please check it out. On the website is a link to sign up for our email distribution to receive updates on the program. The state of TN has received funding for planning through the EPA's CPRG program. The CPRG planning grant provides each state with \$3 million in grant funding to complete climate and emissions reduction planning. TDEC is engaging in the Tennessee Volunteer Emission Reduction Strategy and will consider both greenhouse gas and co-pollutant reduction strategies. TDEC has assembled an advisory committee: Emissions Reduction

Planning Advisory Committee, to inform the State's emissions reduction strategy. Mayor Pitts has been invited to serve as a Clarksville representative. The committee will hold its first meeting Monday, August 14. Phase II of the CPRG program will offer eligible entities within the state the opportunity to apply for the \$4.6 billion in implementation grant funding. EPA has not issued

specific guidance on implementation yet, but has indicated it should be out this fall. In addition to TDEC receiving funding, GNRC was awarded one million dollars to build a plan for the MSA. If anyone has questions, we have a dedicated email address: tdec.tvers@tn.gov.

Also, TDEC is planning a virtual public kick-off meeting for some time in September.

Air Quality Update: Mr. Corrigan provided three handouts on air quality in our region for your information. He stated we are in the middle of the ozone season. One of those provides the preliminary ozone exceedances so far this ozone season. You'll note, we've had 3 preliminary ozone exceedances at the Hopkinsville ozone monitor shown in the column under "Clks". Even though we've had three preliminary exceedances of the ozone NAAQS so far, it is the fourth highest value that goes towards the calculation of the ozone design value. So, in looking at the other table titled "Preliminary Tennessee Ozone Data for 2021-2023" we see near the bottom of this table that so far the 4th maximum value of the Hopkinsville monitor is right at the standard of 70 ppb. All this assumes no more exceedances this ozone season, and we know it isn't over yet. Because Canadian wildfire smoke has been in the news so much, and that it has had some impact on Tennessee, I've also included a table titled "Preliminary 2023 PM2.5 Air Quality Exceedance Data". This table includes the preliminary PM2.5, or fine particulate matter, exceedances of the daily PM2.5 NAAQS so far this year.

Item #12 on the agenda was the Federal Updates by Sean Santalla, FHWA-TN. He said thank you for working with the federal agencies on the oversight issues from the items on today's agenda. He gave three new funding sources available and their closing date.

1. PROTECT Program – discretionary grant program to help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, and community resilience. The application process closed on August 18, 2023.
2. Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program has three types of grants.
 - a. Mega Program-supports large complex projects that are difficult to fund by other means and likely to generate national or regional economic, mobility, or safety benefits.
 - b. Infra Program-awards competitive grants for multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of freight and people in and across rural and urban areas.
 - c. Rural Surface Transportation Grant supports projects that improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas.The grant application closes August 21, 2023.
3. Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program. This joint Notice of Funding Opportunity makes over \$3 billion available for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot and Neighborhood Access and Equity programs. Three types of grants are eligible under the combined grant program, including 1) Capital Construction, 2) Community Planning, and 3) Regional Partnerships Challenge. Applications for the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program are due September 28, 2023.

Mr. Santalla said the SS4A Action Plan will be kicking off soon; and the TMA designation meeting is coming up with the MPO staff.

Item #13 on the agenda was new business from members of the public and/or MPO members. There was no new business from the public. Mr. Morrison, TDOT, introduced Mr. Jon Storey from Region 3. He is with project management at the region and plans to attend the MPO meeting when his schedule allowed. He gave an update on two of the MPO projects.

1. Madison/ SR-112 at Martin Luther King Blvd intersection improvements. He said there had been a delay, but it is moving forward and has a new completion date of May 2025.
2. McClure Bridge on SR 48/13 is almost complete and open to traffic.

Mr. Tyndall, RPC, said the conference room had new cameras installed this past week and will offer live streaming by the end of the month. The next MPO meeting will be able to be streamed live.

Item #14 Mayor Pitts adjourned the meeting.

Dated: August 10, 2023

Mayor Joe Pitts, Chairman
MPO Executive Board