

Clarksville Urbanized Area  
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s  
Joint Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Board Meeting  
June 4, 2021 @ 9:30 am

Virtual Meeting/GoToMeet.com and In-Person for Executive Board  
In the RPC lower conference room

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)
Bryan Collins*	Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC)
Paul Nelson*	CTS
Steve Bourne*	Rep. City of Hopkinsville
Nick Powell	Montgomery Co Engineer
Martin Nuss	Oak Grove Public Works Director
Lauren Gaines	Barge Design Solutions/Citizen
Marc Corrigan	TDEC
Jonathan Wellemeyer	TDOT
Nick Hall	KYTC Region 2
Troy Hearn	KY SPAN
Jonathan Russell	TDOT
Scott Graves	CTS
Simchah Edwards	TDOT
Sharon Schutz	TDOT
Chris Cowan	City Engineer
Elizabeth Watkins	FHWA-TN
Michael Tindzley	Citizen
Jeff Tyndall	RPC
Stan Williams	MPO
Jill Hall	MPO

\*Voting members

Mr. Williams said to the members that Governor Lee did not extend his Executive 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 that the meeting would be both virtual and in person for the Executive Board in order to vote on the resolutions. 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. He began with the first item on the agenda: the review, discussion and adoption of the minutes from the April 15, 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 2021-08 to amend the 2045 MTP for ID #517. Mr. Williams gave a summary for the project: SR-237/Rossvie Road, to change the termini from “East of International Blvd to east of Hayes Lane” to “East of International Blvd to east of Kirkwood Road: and to change the project description to add sidewalks. The termini change shortens the project from 3.4 miles to 3.1 miles. The amendment has an associated Conformity Determination Report. The IAC agreed that this amendment is nonexempt from air quality conformity and required the CDR. The IAC concurred the amended project had a conforming status and fiscal constraint was demonstrated. Mr. Williams said the project was needed for the new school complex being built on SR-237. Mr. Mahre made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-09 and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2021-09 to amend the FY2020-FY2023 TIP for TIP project #71, Mr. Williams gave a summary for the project: SR-237/Rossvie Road, to change the termini from “East of International Blvd to east of Hayes Lane” to “ East of International Blvd to east of Kirkwood Road: and to change the project description to add sidewalks. The termini change shortens the project from 3.4 miles to 3.1 miles. The amendment has an associated Conformity Determination Report. The IAC agreed that this amendment is nonexempt from air quality conformity and required the CDR. The IAC concurred the amended project had a conforming status and fiscal constraint was demonstrated. Mr. Mahre made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-09 and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda was the review and discussion of the KYTC SHIFT/ Boost Point Process in prioritizing projects. Mr. Williams explained the SHIFT process for prioritizing project based on available quantitative data. The MPO is waiting for the scores on the top three projects that were sponsored by the MPO. Boost points will be applied to move the projects to a higher ranking after the MPO with the KYTC District 2’s assistance and stakeholders review the scoring. The additional boost points should move the highest score projects forward in the KYTC Highway Plan.

Item #5 on the agenda was the update by Sean Santalla for FHWA-TN. Ms. Watkins said Mr. Santalla was unable to attend. She discussed the RAISE discretionary grant program. In April, the US Department of Transportation released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Fiscal Year 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program. This grant program was formerly referred to as BUILD and TIGER. For Fiscal Year 2021, there is \$1 billion available nationwide, with a maximum grant award of \$25 million per project and no more than \$100 million to be awarded to a single State. More information on this competitive program, including a series of recorded webinars, is available on the USDOT website at <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants>.

Item #6 on the agenda was an update by Marc Corrigan, TDEC, on air quality. Mr. Corrigan said The Montgomery County Limited Maintenance Plan is still working its way through EPA’s signature chain.

The Ozone season is upon us. On May 24<sup>th</sup> we may have had a couple ozone exceedances in the state (Nashville and the Smokies). Thankfully, not in the Clarksville area. Keep up those efforts to reduce ozone pollution precursors.

Preliminary 2020 PM2.5 data is in. The current design values for monitors in the Clarksville area for 2020 are shown below:

County	Site Name	Preliminary 2018-2020 Annual Standard Design Value (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	Preliminary 2018-2020 Daily Standard Design Value (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )
Montgomery	West Creek	6.8	15
Christian	Williamson Residence	8.1	19

The annual PM2.5 NAAQS is set at a value of 12 ug/m<sup>3</sup>, and the daily PM2.5 NAAQS is set at a value of 35 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

Volkswagen Diesel Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust (VW Settlement EMT) Update TDEC announced that 26 entities will receive over \$9.7 Million dollars (\$9,724,683.74) in total grant funding to replace class 4-7 local freight trucks (medium trucks) and class 8 local freight trucks (large trucks) across the state. Montgomery County/Bi-County Landfield was selected to receive \$500,000 for the replacement of 3 large diesel refuse trucks. Mayor Pitts congratulated Montgomery County for their grant award from the VW settlement.

Item #7 on the agenda was new business from members of the public and/or MPO members. Mr. Williams said the next meeting will be Thursday, August 19, 2021, and will be in person for all attendees and possibly be virtual for those unable to attend in person. Mr. Preston with TDOT gave the following update:

- TDOT’s **Urban Transportation Planning Grant** for Clarksville Transit System’s Strategic Plan Update– Kick-off meeting with WSP and CTS was held earlier this week.
- **CMAQ**: The 2021 CMAQ Call for Proposals is open to all eligible projects, within all eligible geographic boundaries. Letters of Intent are open through Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> through 11:59 PM. If your LOI is accepted, you will have one month to complete your full application. To learn more, please visit the CMAQ Competitive Funding web page. <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/long-range-planning-home/air-quality-planning/cmaq-funding.html>
- **Multimodal Access Grant (MMAG)**: Letters of intent open July 1<sup>st</sup> for new cycle; letters for awarded communities for 2020-2021 year should be coming out any day now.
- **iTrips**: all TDOT projects tracking (map, information, scope, cost and point of contact. **iTrips** replaces TDOT’s SPOT website website: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/e14888bce2954050a10df5e949a1bc1d>
- **RAISE**: TDOT is happy to provide a letter of support for any RAISE grant, discussed earlier by Ms. Watkins, FHWA.

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Item #8 Mr. Mahre made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Pitts adjourned the meeting.

Dated: June 4, 2021

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Mayor Joe Pitts, Chairman  
MPO Executive Board