

Clarksville Urbanized Area  
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s  
Joint Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Board Meeting  
July 18, 2024 @ 9:00 am

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

Members Present: (in-person)

Mayor Pitts*	City of Clarksville Mayor
Herman Wright*	Rep. Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT)
Nick Hall*	Rep. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Mike Ringgenberg*	CTS
Tom Britton*	Rep. Hopkinsville, KY
Jeff Bryant*	Montgomery County Hwy Dept (MCHD)
Nick Powell	Montgomery County Engineer
Bryan Crocker	City of Clarksville
Angela Herndon	PADD
Chris Cowan	Clarksville Street Dept
Patricia Nesbitt	CTS
Matt Hughes	KYTC-D2
Erin Zeigler	TDOT
Derek Pryor	TDOT
Stacy Morrison	TDOT
Sean Armstrong	TDOT
Alex Morris	MCHD
Jeff Tyndall	RPC
Daniel Morris	RPC
Mike Ziarnek	MPO
Jill Hall	MPO

\*Voting members

Mayor Pitts called the meeting to order. He began by introducing the new MPO Director, Michael Ziarnek, who goes by Mike Z. Mayor Pitts asked Mr. Ziarnek to tell the Board about his past transportation experience. He said he had served in the navy, had worked as a traffic engineer, was with Florida DOT, and had recently been the Transportation Planning Director for the Southern Illinois MPO in Marion, IL

Item #2 on the agenda: the review, discussion and adoption of the minutes from the May 25, 2024 meeting. Mr. Ringgenberg made the motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Britton seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2024-14 for the TIP amendment to the FY2023-FY2026 TIP for the KY Grouped Project List to add "Planning and Technical Studies" a category and an annual funding amount of \$335,943. Mr. Ziarnek said this is for the SS4A Safety Action Plan awarded to the Pennyriple Area Development District (PADD), which includes Christian County. Mr. Ziarnek said the MPO had received no public comments and was exempt from conformity determination per the IAC. Mr. Britton made the motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Ringgenberg seconded the motion. Resolution 2024-14 was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2024-15 for the TIP amendment CTS #4 to the FY2023-FY2026 for CTS Budget Revisions for TIP #24, Support Facilities & Equipment and TIP #32, Computer Hardware. For TIP #24 a new line of 5307 funding was added in FY2025 which increased the total project cost from \$309,000 to \$709,000. For TIP #32 a new line of 5307 funding was added in FY2025 which increased the total project cost from \$70,000 to \$130,000. Mr. Ziarnik said the MPO had received no comments and these projects were exempt from conformity determination per the IAC. Mr. Ringgenberg made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-15 and Mr. Britton seconded the motion. Resolution 2024-15 was adopted unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda was review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2024-16 for the TIP amendment #4, TDOT #135, to the FY2023-FY2026 for addition of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds to the Red River Pedestrian Bridge for FY2024. Mayor Pitts thanked TDOT for moving two sidewalk TAP projects funding over to the Red River pedestrian bridge, in order to move the project to construction. Mr. Ziarnik said the MPO had not received any comments and that the project was exempt from the conformity determination per the IAC. Mr. Ringgenberg made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-16 and Mr. Britton seconded the motion. Resolution 2024-16 was adopted unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda was the review, discussion and endorsement of Resolution 2024-17 to submit SR-237/Rossvie Road widening, from east of International Blvd to east of Kirkwood Road for FY2027 Construction per the Annual Statewide Partnership Program (SPP) Application. Mr. Ziarnik stated Montgomery County estimated to spend \$20,000,000 in the PE, ROW, and Utilities phases and partner through the SPP with TDOT for the construction phase. Mr. Ziarnik said there were no comments received. Mr. Ringgenberg made the motion to endorse Resolution 2024-17 and Mr. Britton seconded the motion. Resolution 2024-17 was adopted unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda was the update on air quality by Marc Corrigan, TDEC. Mr. Corrigan was unable to attend the meeting, but provided three handouts in the meeting packet. Mr. Ziarnik reference the first handout for the preliminary 2024 Ozone Exceedance Data for 8-hour standard. The Clarksville monitor located in Hopkinsville shows no exceedance for this year to date. The second handout showed the 2021-2023 preliminary PM2.5 design values. Both the Tennessee and the Kentucky monitor for the Clarksville MPO were below the standard of 9.0. The PM2/5 standard has recently been lowered from 12.0 to 9.0. The third handout was on the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program. Mr. Ziarnik referenced the information on the handout and told the Board that if anyone needed additional information to please contact him.

Item #8 on the agenda was the updates by FHWA-TN and/or FHWA-KY. There were no FHWA representatives at the meeting. Mayor Pitts moved on to the next item.

Item #9 on the agenda was the updates by TDOT and KYTC by their representatives. Mr. Morrison with TDOT spoke on the SPP handout. He explained the SPP application would remain open until August 30<sup>th</sup> for projects. He said that projects that are started by TDOT will be completed. The application process will begin around this time each year. The projects are then identified and prioritized. The projects in the 10-year plan feeds the 3-year plan. Mr. Morrison read from the frequently asked questions on the SPP handout on how much should a local government put into the project. He said there was no set amount but TDOT did want a partnership in the development of the project. He said the funds can be city, county, private funds or the Local-STBG funds.

Mr. Morrison introduced Mr. Armstrong with TDOT. Mr. Armstrong said Mr. Norris was unable to attend due to the loss of his father. He said TDOT, Region had increased their staff in an effort to move project to completion that are in the 3-Year Plan. He said that through this process they are at a 90% delivery rate for projects, whereas prior TDOT was at a 50% delivery rate. He introduced Erin Zeigler as their new Region 3 Communication Officer. Another change in their process is that the maintenance of I-24 is being done by a contractor not TDOT. This allows TDOT to do maintenance on the state highways.

Mr. Armstrong introduced Derek Pryor, who is over TDOT operations for the district. Mr. Pryor began with resurfacing within the Montgomery County area. The 2024 resurfacing projects were: I-24 from west of Trough Springs Rd to Robertson County line, with a completion date of 10/31/24 at a cost of \$6.3 million; SR-12 from Cheatham County line to west of Robin Hill Drive, at a completion date of 10/15/2024 at a cost of \$1.8 million; SR12/Ft. Campbell Blvd from Hermitage dr to KY state line, with a completion date of 6/30/2025 at a cost of \$2.8 million. He said the contractor has a 130-day delivery once he starts the resurfacing. These projects have approximately an \$11 million resurfacing cost. There was maintenance performed on I-24 east bound for 1.5 miles and at exit 8 west bound on-ramps, along with maintenance on I-24 west bound at the bridge over Red River. The total maintenance cost was \$900,000.

Mr. Pryor said the intersection at Riverside Dr/N. Second/ Kraft St/ Providence Blvd is scheduled for night repaving the week of August 12<sup>th</sup>. He said Riverside Dr is in the 2026 resurfacing schedule. He thanked the Mayor Pitts for the Street Dept. helping with the repaving in the curve portion of the turn from Providence Blvd onto Riverside Dr.

He said TDOT is working on the sight distance issues on SR237/Rossview at the intersection of Rollow Lane. TDOT is working with local utilities and property owners with plans to excavate the current slope as much as possible to improve the sight distance.

He started the project updates with the intersection improvements at SR112 (Madison Street) with SR76 (By-Pass/MLK). He said the project is progressing and has a completion date of May 2025. He hopes by the first of the year the intersection will have the roadway markings and only minor activity/clean up will remain. He said the projects original cost was \$9.8 million which has now been increased to \$13.2 million. The project is two years behind from the original completion date. He said this is a 33% cost overrun and has taken too long.

Next was the project update at the intersection of SR12 (By-pass) and SR13/SR48. This is along the Gary Mathews dealership. He said the three 96-inch pipes had rusted completely through and needed to be replaced with a concrete box culvert. The project should be completed by 8/31/25 at a cost of \$8.7 million.

The bridges under repair over Bartons Creek and Louise Creek along SR48 have been completed and the temporary signals have been removed. The bridge over Yellow Creek on SR 149 has a completion date of October 2024 for phase 1.

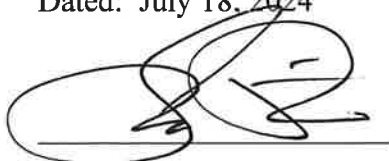
There were no updates given by KYTC.

Item #10 was new business from members of the public and /or MPO members. Mr Ziarnik stated that the Regional Planning Commission had adopted their Comprehensive Plan in March 2024 and that he wanted to take the initiative to advocate and work toward a Complete Street Plan. Mr. Ringgenberg said he has 2 new shiny buses at \$584,000 a piece that are replacing buses that had 760,000+ miles on them.

Mrs. Hall asked Mr. Armstrong about the sidewalk project that was to be added along SR112, from SR-76 to Sango Road. He said that during the utility phase of the project the electric poles were placed in the path of the sidewalks. TDOT needs to purchase an additional 70 tracts of ROW to go around the utility poles. Mr. Armstrong was not sure if there was funding in the ROW phase, but would look into it. He said that his department thought it would be better to find other forms of funding, such as TAP or the multimodal grant; then to apply for the 10-year plan that is legislative. He said the state wanted to still manage the project, but the local government should apply for the new form of funding.

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

Dated: July 18, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Joe Pitts", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Joe Pitts, Chairman  
MPO Executive Board