

Clarksville Urbanized Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s
Joint Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Board Meeting
January 15, 2026 @ 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
Brian Ahart*	Rep. City of Oak Grove
Heather Bing*	Rep. Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT)
Thomas Witt*	Rep. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Mike Ringgenberg*	CTS
Tom Britton*	Rep. City of Hopkinsville
Bill Chaudoin*	Rep. Christian County
Daniel McDonell*	GNRC
Nick Powell	Montgomery Co Engineer
Zach Madden	MPO Planner
Nick Hall	KYTC-D2
Lauren Winters	City of Clarksville
Patricia Nesbitt	CTS
Jessica Waddle	KYTC-D2
Ann Marie Anway	TDOT
Stacy Morrison	TDOT
Bradley Martin	TDOT
Lee Rogers	TDOT-Region 3
Shaun Armstrong	TDOT
Alex Morris	MCHD
Natalie Flores	Neel-Schaffer
Buck Dellinger	EDC
Janet Wilson	EDC
Daniel Morris	RPC
Mike Ziarnek	MPO
Jill Hall	MPO

*Voting members

Mayor Golden called the meeting to order. He began with Item #1 on the agenda to welcome and make any introductions. Heather Bing introduced herself as our new OCT representative from TDOT. She started working with TDOT in August 2025.

Item #2 on the agenda the review, discussion and adoption of the minutes from the October 9, 2025 meeting. Mayor Pitts 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 election of officers per the Clarksville MPO's Bylaws, Article IV. Mayor Golden made the motion to nominate Mayor Pitts as the Chairman of the MPO's Executive Board and Mayor Pitts made the motion to nominate Mayor Golden as the Vice Chairman of the MPO's Executive Board. Mr. Ringgenberg seconded both of the motion. Mayor Pitts and Mayor Golden were elected by the Executive Board unanimously to their new positions.

Item #4 on the agenda was to vote to approve the 2026 scheduled meeting dates of the executive Board as noted: January 15th, March 19th, May 21st, July 16th, September 17th, and November 19th. Mayor Pitts made the motion to approve the scheduled meeting dates and Mr. Ringgenberg seconded the motions. The dates were approved unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2026-01 to support TDOT and KYTC Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets for FY2026. The targets were shown as Attachment A to the resolution. Mayor Pitts asked if there were any discussion. Hearing none he asked for a motion. Mr. Ringgenberg made the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01 and Ms. Anway seconded the motion. Resolution 2026-01 was adopted unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda was the review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2026-02 to authorize the filing of an application with the U.S. Department of Transportation for a grant under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and committing the local share of funds necessary to secure a Section 5303 grant application through KYTC; Mayor Pitts asked if there were any discussion. Hearing none he asked for a motion. Mayor Golden made the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-02 and Mr. Ringgenberg seconded the motion. Resolution 2026-02 was adopted unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda was review, discussion and adoption of Resolution 2026-03 to amend the FY2023-FY2026 TIP for Clarksville Transit System (CTS) Budget Revisions for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects CLK #53, Real Estate; CLK #61, Construction Transit; and CLK #74, Fare Collection. Mayor Pitts asked if there were any discussion. Hearing none he asked for a motion. Mayor Golden made the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-03 and Mr. Ringgenberg seconded the motion. Resolution 2026-03 was adopted unanimously.

Item #8 on the agenda is the Review and discussion of the Fiscal Year 2025 Obligation Report (Obligations for Clarksville MPO FY 2025) of federal funds spent within the MPO's Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). Mr. Ziarnek referred to the Obligation Report and stated that at the top of the page was the total amount of federal funds that had been spent in the MPO area in the amount of \$107,030,913.01.

Item #9 on the agenda was the update on the KYTC Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT). Mr. Witt said the KYTC Highway Plan will be posted sometime today. The Plan still needs to be approved by the legislature. There can be additional changes to the Highway Plan once it goes to the legislature.

Item #10 on the agenda was the updates on air quality by TDEC. Mr. Corrigan was unable to attend the meeting but sent an email that he had no updates at this time.

Item #11 on the agenda was the updates by FHWA-TN. There were no FHWA representatives at the meeting. Mayor Pitts moved on to the next item.

Item #12 on the agenda was the updates by FHWA-KY. There were no FHWA representatives at the meeting. Mayor Pitts moved on to the next item.

Item #13 on the agenda was the TDOT updates by their representatives. Ms. Bing said there was a funding opportunity with the BUILD Grant application. The application must be submitted by February 24, 2026. She congratulated Clarksville/CTS for receiving the Improve Act Grant for 2 new buses and 3 support vehicles. And received additional funding in the amount of \$4.4 million for the transfer center relocation and facility improvements for the Park and Ride at Exit 11 for bathrooms.

Mr. Armstrong with TDOT, gave an update on:

1. Trenton Road. He said it's in ROW and that appraisals are under way; next will be utility relocations.
2. Safety Project – SR-374 at Dover Road will get a signal coming off the ramps.
3. I-24 is on schedule with PE to begin in 2027 and Construction in 2034.
4. SR-374, from Dotsonville Road to Dover Road. He asked Mayor Golden if he had any question and the Mayor said they would talk after the meeting.

Mr. Rogers with TDOT spoke on the two resurfacing projects on the current list:

1. SR-11 and SR-12.
2. Tuesday, January 20th TDOT will install stop signs at Rollow Road/Rossvie Road intersection. It will now be a 3-way stop.
3. The work on the box at Gary Mathews on 41A bypass should be completed soon.
4. The sinkhole in front of Johnny's on College Street is not a sinkhole but was due to old clay pipes. TDOT is working with the City to plug it and repair the sidewalk.

Item #14, on the agenda was the KYTC updates by their representatives. Mr. Witt said KYTC is accepting TA applications but that it closes on January 19th, 2026. He said KYTC is starting to look at the PL funds for FY2027.

Item #15 was other MPO business from members of the public and /or MPO members. Mr. Ziarnik said the MPO's new website was up and running and encouraged everyone to visit it. Mr. Madden pulled up the new website and demonstrated how the current TIP projects could be accessed with a map and information on each of them.

He stated that Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) had recently formed the Public Transportation Roundtable for transit professionals throughout the region to coordinate on

issues of common interest. Mr. McDonnell with GNRC said this was a new initiative headed by Mr. Tom Fox. The next meeting will be January 27, 2026.

Mr. Ziarnek said that Mr. Madden with the MPO would be reaching out via email to the Executive Board members to request their assistance in identifying their representative for the MPO's Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). Mr. Ziarnek said the TCC would be reactivated in the coming year and that per the MPO Bylaws, Mr. Tyndall is the Chairman of the TCC. There had been discussions with Mr. Tyndall and the MPO staff on the development of a Freight Plan with a multimodal-freight traffic approach. More information will be provided at the March meeting.

Mr. Ziarnek stated that the USDOT announced the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the fiscal year 2026 BUILD grant program. The BUILD grant provides funding for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local and/or regional impact. The BUILD application deadline is February 24, 2026.

Mr. Ziarnek said the AARP Community Challenge will be awarding more than \$8 million in community improving grants. For more information visit the AARP Community Challenge website.

Mr. Ziarnek introduced the next speaker Mr. Dellinger, President/CEO of the Clarksville/Montgomery County Economic Development Council (EDC) with concerns about the I-24 improvements for the widening project from the KY state line to Exit 11. Mr. Dellinger had a power point presentation (YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZDEDAlewUA>) about the needed improvements to I-24 on the Tennessee side. He said he had a meeting with TDOT about six weeks ago to discuss the design and improvements for I-24. He stated that the I-24 was now classified as an urban interstate from the KY state line to Exit 11. There had been tremendous growth at Exit 1, Exit 4 and Exit 8. He said that at Exit 4 the Vanderbilt hospital has 270 beds and was planning to build a trauma center; there was 210 acres planned to have new retail development along with a new convention center and hotel planned next to the Vanderbilt hospital. He stated that at Exit 8 the Hankook Company is planning to build their phase 2 and phase 3 which will hire 1,400 more employees and add three times the number of trucks at the exit; TRAD Corporation is coming to the industrial park area and will bring 920 new jobs to the area in a couple of years; along with the new Kirkwood school complex on Rossview Road.

Mr. Dellinger showed a slide with the traffic counts at Exit 4 and Exit 8 in comparison to the exit north of Mt. Juliet Road with exits A, B, C off I-40. Exit 4, Wilma Rudolph Blvd traffic counts west of I-24 is 25,463 daily drivers. Exit 4 traffic counts west of St. Bethlehem (toward downtown) is 38,158. This is in comparison to Mount Juliet Road Exits A, B, and C off I-40 with a traffic county of 24,605 daily drivers.

Mr. Dellinger said from a feasibility standpoint he asked Gresham Smith consultants to develop an I-24 design showing an Exit 4A (current exit) and Exit 4B connecting to Spring Creek Pkwy; and Exit 8A (current exit) and Exit 8B turn into the Hankook plant area in the industrial park. The schematic design of I-24 Exits 4A and 4B and Exit 8A and 8B was shown on a slide in the power point.

Mr. Dellinger referred back to his TDOT meeting and said TDOT said to move forward with a study to justify an additional project or an expansion of the project an gave reference to an FHWA study, IAR study and SOR study. He said he discussed this with Gresham

Smith to develop a scope study for the off and on ramps for Exit 4A and 4B and Exit 8A and 8B. To complete the study will cost \$137,000 dollars. The study would use up to-date traffic counts and a traffic study showing the growth over the next five to ten years. He said once the study is complete, he would then go back to TDOT with the study in order to move to the next step. He was asked by Mr. Chaudoin if these were right in right out exits. Mr. Dellinger said yes, they were.

Item #16 Mayor Golden Made the motion to dismissed the meeting and Mayor Pitts adjourned the meeting.

Dated: January 15, 2026

Signed: March 19, 2026



Mayor Joe Pitts, Chairman
MPO Executive Board