

Clarksville Urbanized Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s
Joint Technical Coordinating Committee and Executive Board Meeting
March 19, 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
Heather Bing*	Rep. Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT)
Nick Hall*	Rep. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Mike Ringgenberg*	CTS
Tom Britton*	Rep. City of Hopkinsville
Bill Chaudoin*	Rep. Christian County
Conner Carroll*	GNRC
Nick Powell	Montgomery Co Engineer
Patricia Nesbitt	CTS
Rhiannon Griffey	CTS
Jessica Waddle	KYTC-D2
Ann Marie Anway	TDOT
Stacy Morrison	TDOT
Janice Shellington Jenkins	TDOT
Jon Storey	TDOT
Matt Meservy	TDOT
Natalie Flores	Neel-Schaffer
Buck Dellinger	EDC
Janet Wilson	EDC
David Smith	CSD
Joseph Van Dousen	Clarksville Strong Towns
Angela Herndon	PADD
Daniel Morris	RPC
Mike Ziarnek	MPO
Jill Hall	MPO

*Voting members

Mayor Pitts called the meeting to order. He began with Item #1 on the agenda to welcome and make any introductions. The Executive Board introduced themselves.

Item #2 on the agenda the review, discussion and adoption of the minutes from the January 15, 2026 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 2026-04, to amend the FY2026-FY2027 UPWP to change the allocation for FY2027 for KYTC PL funds from \$74,000 total funds to \$79,000 total funds. Mayor Pitts asked if there were any discussion. Hearing none he asked for a motion. Mayor Golden made the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-04 and Mr. Ringgenberg seconded the motion. Resolution 2026-04 was adopted unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda was the Air Quality Conformity Announcement. Mr. Ziarnek referenced the letter from EPA dated February 11, 2026. The conformity requirements for ozone ceases to apply after February 24, 2026. As a result, the Clarksville MPO may reference this letter to indicate that the conformity requirements of 40 CFR Part 93 no longer apply for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS in the Clarksville-Hopkinsville, TN-KY area.

Item #5 on the agenda was the TDOT Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program and allocation. Mr. Ziarnek stated that the memorandum from Preston Elliott, TDOT, explains the allocation process for MPO's to receive their portion of the STBG funds. The Clarksville MPO is under Category 1- Urbanized Area Population of 200,000 or Greater. For urban areas with a population greater than 200,000, STBG allocations will be allocated to the MPO as stated in federal legislation and administered according to the MPO's approved policies and procedures. On Table 1-Tennessee STBG FY2026 Funding Allocation, the Clarksville MPO allocation is highlighted and is equal to \$4,100,669.00. These funds are administered by the City and County for their locally managed projects and follow all of the federal requirements.

Item #6 on the agenda is President Trump's rescission of Executive Order 12898 from 1994 requiring Environmental Justice language to be removed from Title VI Plans per the letter from Vickie Bourne, Executive Director, KYTC office of Transportation Delivery. The MPO has removed this from our Title VI Plan.

Item #7 on the agenda is the TDOT Traffic Memorandum No. 2512 says by the May 8th 2026 letting all projects shall conform to the requirements of the 11 edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD). The memorandum is signed by Andy Barlow, Director of TDOT Traffic Design Division.

Item #8 on the agenda was the update on the KYTC Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT). Mr. Hall stated that the Governor has released a draft of the Highway Plan, but it now goes to the legislature. There can be additional changes to the Highway Plan by the legislature. He's expecting it to be announced in June.

Item #9 on the agenda was the updates on air quality by TDEC. Mr. Corrigan. Mr. Ziarnek said that Mr. Corrigan was unable to attend but wanted to announce that the Montgomery County School System had been awarded \$1,500,000 for the purchase of 15 propane buses under the Medium-and Heavy-duty vehicle grant program.

Item #10 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 #11 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 #12 on the agenda was the TDOT updates by their representatives. Ms. Bing said TDOT had received the STIP comments from the feds on March 17th and hopeful the STIP will be approved by May. Auburn University conducting a load testing on the Zinc Plant Road bridge on March 23-25. She listed the TDOT pavement projects scheduled for Montgomery County for FY2026-FY2028: SR-12 from south of Riverwood Place to bridge over the Red river; SR-149 beginning at the Stewart County line to near Palmyra Road; and SR-13, from the Houston County line to SR-48.

Item #13, on the agenda was the KYTC updates by their representatives. Mr. Hall said KYTC was doing an I-24 study and that I-24 would be reduced to one lane to put a barrier while road work is being completed.

Item #14, on the agenda was the Clarksville MPO's Congestion Management Process (CMP) related presentation by the TMA Group and VanStar Commute Solutions. Mr. Ziarnek said a congestion management process (CMP) is a systematic and regionally accepted approach for managing congestion that provides accurate, up-to-date information on transportation system performance and assesses alternative strategies for congestion management that meet State and local needs. The MPO's CMP document of November 2024 addresses travel demand reduction, including the use of vanpools. Mr. Ziarnek introduced Mr. Stanton Higgs of the TMA Group to address congestion management approaches and strategies.

Mr. Higgs said that he had met with Mayor Pitts and thanked him for his support. He said the TMA Group was a 501C3 located in Williamson County with 37 years of service in middle Tennessee. He began the Powerpoint presentation and said that Montgomery County had 120+ commuters in his vanpool ridership, which effectively removes 107 cars from I-24 every workday and eliminates 492 metric tons of CO2 and saves 57,000 gallons of fuel from being consumed. The vanpool is funded by passenger fares (approximately \$150/person/month), FHWA/TDOT CMAQ funds, FTA Section 5307 formula grants, and commute benefits from employers. The TMA Group provides commuter vanpools for groups of 4-12 individuals sharing the same commute. A new route can be launched with 22-4 weeks at approximately \$40,000 in capital with a 65% farebox recovery ration.

Item #15, on the agenda was other MPO business. Mr. Bryant was unable to attend but called in an update on the Cunningham Bridge (Zinc Plant Road Bridge). He said the bridge would be undergoing test next week, Monday, March 23rd through Wednesday, March 25th from 8am to 5 pm. During these times travelers should expect delays, lane closures, and an expected full closure on Wednesday March 25th. Mayor Golden relayed that the closure on Wednesday, March 25th will only be for 15-30 minutes per TDOT.

Mr. Ziarnek stated that he had shared information regarding the BASICA Act with the Clarksville MPO stakeholders, Executive Board and Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) members.

On Monday, Mr. Madden with the MPO emailed the MPO stakeholders regarding the upcoming Multimodal/Intermodal Freight Study. Mr. Ziarnek thanked those who had responded to the request for the TCC members and their alternatives and stated he's looking forward to actively engaging TCC stakeholders.

Mr. Ziarnek said the last two items he has is that April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and April 20th-24th is National Work Zone Awareness Week to encourage safe driving through our highway work zones.

Item #16, on the agenda was public comment. There were no public comments received.

Item #17 Mayor Golden made the motion to dismissed the meeting and Mr. Chaudoin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Dated: March 19, 2026

Signed: July 16, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Joe Pitts', is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Joe Pitts, Chairman
MPO Executive Board