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Cleveland Urban Area MPO Metropolitan Planning Committee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019, 11:00 O'CLOCK AM, 2nd FLOOR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 190 CHURCH STREET NE, CLEVELAND, TN

MPO Minutes

1. MPO meeting called to order- 11:00 am

Bradley County Mayor, Gary Davis, called the meeting to order, asked everyone to sign in and called the roll. Those in attendance were; Christi Long- City of Cleveland, Andrea Noel- TDOT, Mary Lynn Brown- SETHRA, Ted Smith- SETHRA, Vice Mayor Avery Johnson- City of Cleveland, Sara Elmore-TDOT, Stacy Morrison – TDOT, - TDOT, Bentley Thomas- Bradley County, D. Mayor, Gary Davis- Bradley County, Jonathan Jobe – City of Cleveland, Joe Fivas- City of Cleveland, Doug Berry – Chamber of Commerce, and Tim Siniard- Cleveland Banner

2. Approval of meeting minutes— May 29, 2019

Bradley County Mayor Gary Davis asked for approval of the minutes from May 29, 2019. Vice Mayor, Avery Johnson made the motion and was seconded by Andrea Noel. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. New Business

A. Proposed widening of SR2 North Lee Highway from near SR 308 Lauderdale Highway to near Market Street in Charleston, and discussion of related amendments to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

TDOT is moving ahead with design on the widening of North Lee Highway (US 11/ SR2) north of Anatole Lane. The northern terminus of this project had been at SR 308 Lauderdale Highway. TDOT is proposing to extend the widening project northward, from SR 308 to Market Street near Charleston Elementary School. Because of the significant change in the project termini, amendments to the

2040 RTP and to the TIP would be required and are anticipated for the August 14, 2019 MPO meeting.

Unlike the widening south of SR 308, the project extension would be a three-lane section that is in a much more urbanized area near Charleston Elementary School, the Piggly Wiggly supermarket, and residential development. There seems to be general agreement that the addition of sidewalks to the project in this area would be appropriate, and TDOT designers are investigating the addition of these sidewalks to the project.

Charleston Mayor Walter Goode has expressed the desire to meet with TDOT staff on the proposed northward extension of the widening project. The concern is potential ROW impacts and the setbacks of existing businesses along this part of North Lee Highway. In lieu of this meeting that was prevented by schedule conflicts, TDOT proposed a project presentation at the July 10, 2019 MPO meeting.

There was no vote on this. It was informational only. It's just a change of terminology at the beginning of design process. Andrea Noel told the board this just made sense and the change was needful.

B. DRAFT Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) status

There was no vote. This was informational only.

In your May 29, 2019 meeting, the UPWP work task summary was shared with the TCC Board and it is reflected in the minutes for that meeting. The work tasks represent the essence of what MPO staff will be working on for the next two years. We are awaiting federal agency comments on draft 2020-2021 UPWP. Once those comments are received, we will develop any necessary changes to the draft UPWP for approval by the MPO.

C. Draft 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) status

This was informational only. There was no vote needed.

Andrea Noel with TDOT reported comments has been turned in to MPO< Greg Thomas. She said he will then submit to get Federal comments. This should be voted on at the September meeting.

With MPO approval on May 29, 2019, the DRAFT 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was sent to TDOT for review and comment. TDOT's

TIP schedule shared in the last meeting indicated that TDOT would review the draft TIP by July 15, 2019 which is after the July 10, 2019 MPO meeting. Staff will need to review the TDOT comments and submit any changes to the draft TIP to TDOT by July 29, 2019. In order to stay on schedule and unless the MPO Executive Board objects, staff is proposing to review the TDOT comments, to revise the draft TIP accordingly, and to submit the revised draft TIP to TDOT for their submission to FHWA/FTA.

4. Old Business- None

5. Comments by Federal, State & Local Agencies- (Michigan Avenue Road Letters)

Doug Berry with the Chamber of Commerce spoke to the MPO Board and ask for consideration of widening Michigan Avenue Road NE. He presented several letters from local businesses and corporations asking for something to be done with Michigan Avenue Road.

Vice Mayor Avery Johnson spoke up and said he has seen this need for a long time and hopes it will be considered as well.

Andrea Noel with TDOT also commented that the CMA meeting will be August 14, 2019 after the MPO meeting.

6. MPO Coordinator/ Staff Comments- None

7. Public Comments- None

8. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 11 am

9. Adjourned Meeting at 11:17 am