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## **Cleveland Urban Area MPO Technical Coordinating Committee**

WEDNESDAY, January 9, 2019, 10:00 O'CLOCK AM, 2nd FLOOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 190 CHURCH STREET NE, CLEVELAND, TN

### **TCC Minutes**

#### **1. TCC meeting called to order- 10:00 am**

**City of Cleveland Public Works Director, Tommy Myers called the meeting to order, asked everyone to sign in and called the roll. Those in attendance were; Tommy Myers- City of Cleveland, Greg Thomas- City of Cleveland/MPO, Christi Long- City of Cleveland, Tad Bacon- Cleveland Utilities, Andrea Noel- TDOT, Mary Lynn Brown- SETHRA, Brian Beck- City of Cleveland, Jonathan Jobe- City of Cleveland, Bently Thomas- Bradley County, Stacy Morrison- TDOT, Ted Smith- SETHRA, Kwabena Aboagye (KB), TDOT, David Sheely- City of Cleveland, Sara Elmore- TDOT, Brian Moran- City of Cleveland and Tim Siniard- Cleveland Daily Banner**

#### **2. Approval of meeting minutes— November 7, 2018**

Tommy Myers asked for approval of the minutes from November 7, 2018. Brian Beck made the motion and was seconded by Tad Bacon. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### **3. New Business**

- A. Recommendation to MPO concerning adoption of proposed amendment to the 2040 RTP moving Project #83 Interchange Improvement at I-75 Exit 33 to 2016-2025 Planning Horizon and moving Project #101A Widening I-75 from Exit 33 to McMinn County Line into the 2026-2040 Planning Horizon**

MPO Greg Thomas explained the following; IMPROVE Act, various road projects were slated for completion by TDOT in Bradley County and throughout Tennessee. One of these was the widening project of I-75 from Exit 33 to near the McMinn County line which was added to the 2016-2025 Horizon as RTP Project #101A in the 2040 RTP in September 2017. After preliminary design work was begun on TDOT PIN #124013, TDOT determined that interchange improvements at Exit 33 would better meet the needs in this area for the foreseeable future. The work undertaken by TDOT in PIN# 124013 is going in a direction that doesn't match the project description in the interstate widening RTP Project #101A. A much better match would be RTP Project #83, an Exit 33 interchange improvements project, but it is in the 2016-2040 Horizon and not meeting the near-term need. Because of the change in planned TDOT work near Exit 33, The MPO Greg Thomas and staff has worked closely with TDOT and is proposing that these amendments be recommended to the MPO to be released for review and comment and considered for adoption after a public hearing at the January 9, 2019 meeting.

Bently Thomas made the motion to recommend that the MPO release this amendment for public review and comments and was seconded by Brian Beck. Motion was approved unanimously.

**B. Recommendation to MPO concerning adoption of proposed amendment 2018-02 to the 2017-2020 TIP to modify TIP Project #2017-09 from a widening project on I-75 from Exit 33 to the McMinn County line to an Interchange Improvements Project for Exit 33.**

MPO Greg Thomas explained TIP Project 2017-09 was added to the 2017-2020 TIP last year as a widening of I-75 from Exit 33 to near the McMinn County line (also added to the 2016-2025 Horizon as RTP Project #101A in the 2040 RTP). After preliminary design work was begun on this project identified as TDOT PIN#124013, TDOT determined that interchange improvements at Exit 33, mostly ramp extensions, would better meet the current needs in this area than an interstate widening. TDOT's intention is to modify the description of TIP Project 2017-09 to an interchange improvement project and associate it with 2040 RTP Project #83 for interchange improvements at Exit 33 (RTP Project #83 is proposed to be moved to the 2016-2025 horizon in the 2040 RTP). The merge and diverge segments of the ramp terminals will be extended to approximately twice their current length.

MPO Greg Thomas proposed to the TCC Board to recommend to the MPO release this for public review and comments.

Corey Divel made the motion to recommend that the MPO release this TIP amendment for public review and comments and was seconded by Bently Thomas. Motion was approved unanimously.

**C. Recommendation to MPO concerning adoption of proposed TIP amendment 2018-03 to the 2017-2020 TIP RTP to add funds to TIP Project #06001, TDOT PIN# 101430.01 SR-60 Georgetown Road widening from near West Lake Drive to Near SR-306.**

MPO Greg Thomas explained to the TCC Board that TIP Project 6001 widens SR-60 Georgetown Road to five lanes from near Westlake Drive to near SR-306. The project is presently in the right of way phase and this TIP amendment is just adding more money that is needed for the construction phase to FY2019. He ask the TCC Board to recommend this TIP amendment to the MPO.

Brian Beck made the motion to recommend to the MPO to release this for public comment and was seconded by Tad Bacon. Motion was approved unanimously.

**D. Schedule for development of the TIP and call for projects**

MPO Greg Thomas informed the TCC of the schedule from TDOT for the development of the TIP. MPO staff are calling upon all member jurisdictions (Cleveland, Bradley County, McMinn County, Charleston and Calhoun) and SETHRA/CUATS as the transit provider to submit projects for inclusion in the TIP. He said to keep up with the schedule for TIP development, the goal is to receive an initial list of projects proposals by the next TCC/MPO meeting on March 6, 2019 to allow time to work on a cost constrained project list developed around local priorities.

**E. New UPWP Development (Informational Only)**

MPO Greg Thomas informed the TCC that TDOT advised him the target date for the development of the new Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is March 1, 2019 and the next TCC/MPO meeting is March 6, 2019. It is expected that that the UPWP will receive increased attention at the State and Federal level and it will figure prominently in the planning agreement that is now being drafted by TDOT (Cleveland MPO and other MPOs respond to an initial draft which is being revised now).

Community Transportation Planner Sara Elmore with TDOT Region 2 has suggested the following for 2020-2022 UPWP:

- Using Three C Process and engaging with Transit Partner (and other partners) in development of UPWP.
- Maybe doing a "Call for Studies" of sorts and allowing your member jurisdictions to let you know what they plan to work on in the coming years that may require your involvement.
- Inclusion of TDOT planning efforts regarding that will also require your involvement; Corridor Studies (I-75), Statewide Long-Range Planning, Freight Plan and Freight Advisory Committee, and Corridor Management Agreements.

#### **F. PM1 Safety Performance Measure Targets**

MPO Greg Thomas advised the TCC of the revised PM1 Safety Targets. He told the Board these needed to be adopted at this meeting since there wasn't another meeting until after the February 27, 2019 deadline.

MPO Greg Thomas made the motion to adopt the revised PM1 Safety Performance Measures and was seconded by Tad Bacon. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### **4. Old Business- None**

#### **5. Comments by Federal, State & Local Agencies- None**

#### **6. MPO Coordinator/ Staff Comments-**

MPO Greg Thomas informed the TCC of the 2019 INFRA Grant opportunity. He went on to explain the US Department of Transportation, in a Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) published in the Federal Register on December 21, 2018, announcing that it has begun soliciting applications for the FY 19 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) discretionary program. The INFRA grants are provided on a competitive basis for highway and freight projects of national and regional significance. He said the following projects are eligible for the INFRA grant:

- Highway freight projects carried out of the National Highway Freight Network
- Highway or bridge projects carried out on the National Highway System (NHS)
- Railway-highway grade crossing or grade separation projects

MPO Greg Thomas added the feasibility of submitting a successful INFRA grant application in the FY 19 cycle is doubtful. The application deadline is March 4, 2019. The USDOT are also looking for projects that can go to construction in a very short time frame.

**7. Public Comments- None**

**8. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 10 am**

**9. Adjourned Meeting at 10:38 am**