

BRISTOL TENNESSEE / VIRGINIA URBAN AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Abingdon, Virginia ▪ Bristol, Tennessee ▪ Bristol, Virginia ▪ Sullivan County, Tennessee ▪ Washington County, Virginia

August 26, 2022

To: MPO Executive Board and Staff

From: Tyler Gillenwater
Transportation Planning Manager

Subject: Executive Board Meeting – September 8, 2022

For your review, please find enclosed the agenda for the next Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting. The meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.** in the conference room of the Ewell L. Easley Annex Building, 104 8th Street, Bristol, Tennessee. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at tgillenwater@bristoltn.org (423-989-5517).

Executive Board members, who cannot attend this meeting, please designate in writing an alternate representative. If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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Enclosures

**BRISTOL TENNESSEE - VIRGINIA URBAN AREA
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Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 8, 2022
10:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2022
4. Comments from the Public
5. Amendment #8
FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program
Resolution 22-08
6. Other Matters
7. Adjournment

**Bristol Urban Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization
August 4, 2022**

Board Members Present:

Bill Sorah – City of Bristol, Tennessee
Ambre Torbett – Sullivan County, Tennessee (Chair)
Mayana Rice – Town of Abingdon, Virginia
Supervisor Phillip McCall – Washington County, Virginia
Ronda Sawyer – Tennessee Department of Transportation
Blake Ailor – Virginia Department of Transportation

Board Members Absent:

Bristol, Virginia

Others Present:

Chase Milner (FTRPO)	Melanie Fleenor (City of Bristol, VA)
Jason Carder (Mattern & Craig)	Candace Long (NET Trans)
Cherith Young (City of Bristol, TN)	Mason Gragg (Mt. Rogers PDC)
Troy Ebbert (TDOT)	David Richardson (Mountain Lynx)
Crystal Anders (Mountain Lynx)	Micah Bray (Bristol, TN)
Calvin Clifton (Mattern & Craig)	Michelle Christian (TDOT)
Stacy Morrison (TDOT)	Michael Surrett (Abingdon, VA)
Brian Holt (VDOT)	Matthew Cox (VDOT)
Jason Farmer (TDOT)	Tyler Gillenwater (Bristol, TN)

Item 1 – Call to Order

MPO Chair Ambre Torbett called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2022, in the Ewell L. Easley Municipal Annex, Bristol, Tennessee.

Item 2 – Roll Call

MPO Chair Ambre Torbett conducted roll call. A quorum of members was present.

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes

Bill Sorah moved to adopt the minutes of the June 16, 2022, MPO Executive Board Meeting as submitted; seconded by Blake Ailor; motion carried unanimously.

Item 4 – Comments from the Public

There were no comments offered from the public.

Item 5 – Amendment #7 to the 2020-2023 TIP:

Presenter: Cherith Young

The First Tennessee Human Resource Agency (FTHRA) owns and operates NET Trans, the rural public transportation provider for Northeast Tennessee. FTHRA has been awarded redistributed FY-19 FTA Section 5339 funding to replace, rehabilitate, or purchase buses and related capital equipment. Total

project budget \$54,462.50 (\$43,570 federal, \$5,446.25 state, \$5,446.25 local). Amendment #7 (Resolution 22-06) incorporates the FTA 5339 funding in the FY 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program. Blake Ailor moved to adopt Resolution 22-06, approving Amendment #7 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program; seconded by Mr. Bill Sorah.

Roll call vote: Ms. Sawyer "YES"; Mr. Ailor "YES"; Mr. Sorah "YES"; Mrs. Rice "YES"; Supervisor McCall "YES"; Chairman Torbett "YES". Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6 – Resolution of Support for SMART SCALE Round 5

Presenter: Blake Ailor

SMART SCALE is the Commonwealth Transportation Board's prioritization process for selecting and funding transportation projects. SMART SCALE is an application process and is available to regional agencies (MPO), counties, cities, and towns to submit project proposals for funding. The previously titled "MLK Jr Blvd, Birch St, and Moore St Intersection Improvement" has been revised into a roundabout. Therefore, it is requested that the MPO Executive Board send their endorsement for this updated project, "Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at Moore Street roundabout", being submitted by the City of Bristol, Virginia. Phillip McCall moved to endorse Resolution 22-07, approving a resolution of support for SMART SCALE Round 5 updated project; seconded by Mayana Rice.

Roll call vote: Ms. Sawyer "YES"; Mr. Ailor "YES"; Mr. Sorah "YES"; Mrs. Rice "YES"; Supervisor McCall "YES"; Chairman Torbett "YES". Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 – Other Matters

Troy Ebbert introducing TDOT members that were attending the meeting from Nashville including Stacy Morrison, Jason Farmer, and Michelle Christian. Blake Ailor introducing VDOT members in attendance including Brian Holt and Matthew Cox. Troy Ebbert discussed the TIP and the timeline of completing and reviewing the document. Blake Ailor and Troy Ebbert discussed the Piedmont Bridge project and the possibility of VDOT doing the work and having TDOT pay a portion as well as the hopeful timeline on the project.

Troy and Blake discussed a traffic impact analysis for the Bristol, VA casino. Kimley-Horn was hired by the casino to produce the traffic impact analysis. The traffic analysis will include the exit at the pinnacle, the two exits past the pinnacle, and State Street leading to the intersection. Kimley-Horn submitted the scope of work to the casino. Cherith Young informed members that the City of Bristol, TN was awarded a grant to do a West State Street corridor study. WSP was selected to work on the corridor study project.

Micah Bray outlined the aspects for a Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant (SS4A). The SS4a program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. There are two types of SS4A grants: Action Plan Grants and Implementation Grants. Communities can use Action Plan Grants to develop or complete an Action Plan or to conduct supplemental planning activities. Implementation Grants can include projects such as applying low-cost roadway safety treatments, identifying and correcting common risks, transforming roadway corridors, etc.

Item 9 – Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

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ITEM 5

Amendment #8 to the FY20-23 TIP for VDOT

Resolution 22-08

NEW TIP PAGE

Bristol MPO

Urban Projects

UPC NO	121136	SCOPE	Bridge Rehab w/o Added Capacity			
SYSTEM	Urban	JURISDICTION	Bristol	OVERSIGHT		
PROJECT	#SGR23LB (FED ID 20001) Piedmont Ave over Beaver Crk Phase 1			ADMIN BY	VDOT	
DESCRIPTION	FROM: 0.00 PIED AVE TO: 0.30 8TH ST (0.2500 MI)					
PROGRAM NOTE	TIP AMD - add \$3,109,620 (BR), \$3,000,000 (HIP) & \$390,380 (AC-BR) FFY22, add \$390,380 (ACC-BR) FFY23					
ROUTE/STREET	PIEDMONT AVENUE (0113)			TOTAL COST	\$99,109,620	
	FUND SOURCE	MATCH	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
PE	Federal - AC CONVERSION		\$0	\$0	\$390,380	\$0
	Federal - BR		\$0	\$3,109,620	\$0	\$0
	Federal - HIP/F		\$0	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0
PE TOTAL			\$0	\$6,109,620	\$390,380	\$0
PE AC	Federal - AC		\$0	\$390,380	\$0	\$0

Federal funds include the use of soft match supported by approved toll credits unless otherwise indicated and/or matching funds are shown in the "Match" column. Non-federal fund sources are as noted in the "Program Note" and shown in the "Match" column, when applicable.