

**Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting of the  
Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization**

**November 2, 2023  
TAC Meeting  
Morristown, TN 37814**

**Present:**

Troy Ebbert	TDOT
Tony Cox	Morristown
Mike Patterson	ETHRA/ Lakeway Transit
Laura Smith	ETDD-RPO
Bill Brittain	Hamblen County
James Gallup	Jefferson City
Jodi Barnard	Morristown Chamber of Commerce

**Staff:**

Rich DesGroseilliers	MTPO Coordinator
Porter Massengill	Jefferson City
Steve Neilson	TDOT
Wade Littleton	Citizen Tribune
Shannon Collins	Lakeway Transit
Brent Gagley	ETHRA
Savannah Robertson	TDOT (online)

**Absent:**

Railroad representative  
FHWA representative  
FTA representative  
Jefferson County representative  
White Pine representative  
Bean Station representative

**Guest:**

Kelly Lish	Citizen
Lisa Sizemore	Citizen
Keisha Brown	Citizen
Paul Nelson	WSP
Christian Snelgrove	WSP
Veronica Allen	Fairpointe Planning
Larry McGoogin	Fairpointe Planning
Ryan Matthews	Greenbriar Real Estate

**I. START OF MEETING/ ROLL CALL**

Chairman Bill Brittain started the meeting at 10:00 am. Staff noted the attendance of the meeting.

**II. Approval of the October 5, 2023 minutes**

Staff recommends approval as submitted. A motion was made by Mike Patterson, seconded by James Gallup, to approve the document as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

**III. Public Comment**

a. Lisa Sizemore ask about having additional public transportation stops/ routes, such as the Social Security office and to Central Services. Staff stated that is the goal, but need more drivers and buses for that to happen.

**IV. Discussion of the Public Participation Plan (PPP)**

This document outlines how to get the general public involved in the transportation planning process, from advertisements, meetings, etc. There is a 45-day public comment period. Staff held public comment meetings on Sept. 26 and Sept 27 and on October 17-18 in Bean Station, Jefferson City, Morristown and White Pine. No comments were received. Staff recommends forwarding to the Executive Board for approval. A motion was made by Tony Cox, seconded by Troy Ebbert, to approve and forward the information to the Executive Board for approval. The motion was approved unanimously.

**V. Discussion of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP)**

Formerly called the Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (HSTCP). The purpose of the document is to promote better communication and transportation opportunities among transportation, health, and social service agencies. Staff held public comment meetings on Sept. 26 and Sept 27 and October 17-18 in Bean Station, Jefferson City, Morristown and White Pine. No comments were received. Staff recommends forwarding to the Executive Board for approval. A motion was made by Mike Patterson, seconded by Tony Cox, to approve and forward the information to the Executive Board for approval. The motion was approved unanimously.

**VI. Discussion of Prospectus and Bylaws**

This document outlines what LAMTPO is a regional transportation planning organization. It includes the updated US Census population numbers, as well as an updated map showing the new MPA boundary and adjusted urban area boundary. This had gone through a subcommittee group to work out the document. A motion was made by Tony Cox, seconded by Mike Patterson, to approve and forward the information to the Executive Board for approval. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **VII. Information/ Updates from FHWA/ FTA/ TDOT**

Troy Ebbert gave some information about the reworking of TDOT positions, the Modernization Act, and stated that there were over 100 applications for the SPP grant program, approximately 40 were discarded due to not meeting certain criteria. The announcements of the SPP grant award winners should come out after the first of the year.

## **VIII. Other Business**

Executive Board meeting November 8, 2023 9 am in Jefferson City

2050 MTP meeting November 15, 2023 10 am at TDOT Morristown District, 1825 State St. Morristown, TN 37814

TAC meeting December 7, 2023 at 10 am in Morristown

Executive Board meeting December 13, 2023 in Jefferson City

## **IX. Mass Transit Center Feasibility Study**

Paul Nelson, WSP Associates, gave a presentation of the Transit Center Feasibility Study. He stated that there were 35 sites that they started with, and after going through the process of cost, geography, zoning, flood zones, etc., they had narrowed the list down and came up with 2 different sites, which was a parcel on Verde Crossing (Merchants Green Dr area) and at W Morris Blvd next to the Ultimate Car Wash by MLK Jr Pkwy. Several people in attendance favored the Verde Crossing property the best. Staff stated that there is a QR code for people to scan in to take a quick 5 minute survey. No other action was needed.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

These minutes were approved on 12/ 7/ 2023 .



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Secretary, TAC