

Transportation Modernization Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2024, 01:00PM CST
Nashville Room, Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L Parks Ave., Nashville, TN 37203

Members Present:

Mr. David Bradshaw

Mr. Fred Decosimo

Mr. Steve Johnson

Mr. Mike Keeney

Chairman Butch Eley

- I. Introductions
 - a. Appointed members give brief introductions and Transportation Chairs in attendance recognized.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - a. Adoption of Agenda
 - i. Motion to accept agenda made by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Keeney seconds. Voice vote passes.
- III. TDOT Update: I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes Project
 - a. Bryan Ledford, TDOT Executive Director of Public-Private Partnerships and Assistant Chief Engineer, provides an overall update. Update is given that TDOT received NEPA Class of Action Concurrence on June 17, 2024. Update is given that procurement notice was published and multiple well-attended pre-bid events have occurred. Update is given that Request For Qualifications will be submitted in the coming weeks.
 - b. NEPA and Design update and projected timeline is provided. Explanation provided that IAR Final Approval is anticipated for June of 2025. Update is given explaining the need for project is founded from unreliable trip times affecting I-24 travel.
 - c. Update is given on the community and stakeholder engagements to include city and council officials and industry groups. Overview given on the five well-attended public hearings conducted. Update given that public was educated on the concept of public private partnership and educated on construction impact mitigation. Update given concerning the need for on-going community engagement with community leaders including an upcoming pastor summit.
 - d. Overview given on NEPA footprint of project that includes I-24 from I-840 to I-40 connections respectively. Update on project responsibility provided to show TDOT will be responsible for contracting, maintenance of general purpose lanes, user fee authority, and violation processing. Update provided to show developer responsibilities will include financing, finalizing design, choice lane and roadside system maintenance, and operational

back office focused on pricing. Financial update provided explaining that private activity bonding will be pursued on behalf of developer as part of the capital financing structure. Project Procurement update given focused on shortlisting proposers to three bidders by Q2 of 2025.

- e. Briefing culminates with an additional explanation on the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to explain investigation includes noise pollution, environmental considerations, or population displacement mitigation along with the explanation for a further need for potential right of way in areas that require widening.
- f. Questions from board members:
 - i. Mr. Bradshaw: What is the proposed width of the choice lane expansion? Will it add significantly to the width of I-24?
 - ii. Mr. Keeney: What is the precedent and logic for the allocated responsibilities between the developer and TDOT? Additionally, do we have flexibility within these confines for future changes?
 - iii. Chairman Eley: Explain the Back Office structure and definition of a Back Office in greater detail.

IV. Action Items

- a. Item 1: Managing the collection process. Item to approve the planned procedure to collect unpaid user fees. Second (failure to pay) notice is generated after 30 days accompanied with a \$2.50 late fee. Third (collections) notice is generated after 60 elapsed days accompanied with a \$25 collection fee.
- b. Bryan Ledford formally introduces and proposes the item on unpaid user fees.
 - i. Motion made by Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Johnson.
 - ii. Roll call vote made, five ayes, no noes.
- c. Item 2: Managing habitual violator designation process. Framework includes habitual violators must commit 3 violations within the same 12-month period. Additionally, 3 violations must occur on separate dates and total at least \$100 in user fees. Habitual violators are then subject to registration suspension.
- d. Questions from board members:
 - i. Mr. Decosimo: What will the average ticket be for a user?
 - ii. Mr. Keeney: How does this work regarding out-of-state drivers that become habitual violators?
- e. Bryan Ledford formally introduces and proposes the item on habitual violators.
 - i. Motion made by Mr. Decosimo, seconded by Mr. Keeney
 - ii. Roll call vote made, five ayes, no noes.

V. Public Comments

- a. None.

VI. Other Business

- a. none

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion made by Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Keeney. Meeting adjourned.