

Memphis City Council Resolution

WHEREAS, urbanized areas with a population greater than 200,000 residents are designated Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) which are governed by federal law with strict guidelines for regional transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the transportation planning and decision-making body within the Memphis planning area which includes Shelby County, the northern ten miles of DeSoto County, and the western four miles of Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, there are major MPO plans for which updates are required on an annual or four year cycle relative to the planning, budgeting, transportation investments and future strategies and goals with a transportation planning area; and

WHEREAS, transportation planning studies, tasks and budgets with a two-year horizon are assessed by The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which is updated annually; the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) reviews transportation investments and projects that have a four-year time frame and is updated every four years; the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which captures future goals, strategies and projects, has a 20 to 25 year cycle and is updated every four years; and

WHEREAS, the LRTP identifies transportation needs and deficiencies and provides strategies for improving travel in the region; this plan in particular, has serious implications for an urbanized area especially as it wrestles with issues such as sprawl, congestion management, air quality and providing a variety of transportation and quality of life options to its citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL that the LRTP, the TIP and the UPWP are all critical transportation plans, with serious potential negative ramifications for Memphis, and therefore, the MPO is requested to present each plan, in multiple stages, to the Memphis City Council prior to the Transportation Planning Board's final approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that consideration be given to reducing the update requirements of the TIP and LRTP plans from every four years to every two years.

ADOPTED: April 3, 2012

Jim Strickland, Councilman
Memphis City Council