



HISTORIC
FRANKLIN
TENNESSEE

ITEM #11

CIC

02-09-12

MEMORANDUM

February 1, 2012

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric S. Stuckey; City Administrator
Kevin E. Comstock; ITS Project Manager
Paul P. Holzen, P.E.; Interim Director of Engineering
David Parker, P.E.; CIP Executive; City Engineer

SUBJECT: Discussions Regarding Project Status of the Mack Hatcher Memorial Parkway (SR 397) SE Widening Project and the Lewisburg Pike (SR 106) Widening Project within the Surface Transportation Program Funding Process with the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to open discussions with regard to the Mack Hatcher Memorial Parkway (SR 397) SE Widening Project and the Lewisburg Pike (SR 106) Widening Project. Both projects are currently in the 2026 and 2015 (respectively) Horizon Years for potential STP funding with the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Staff has a proposal to submit to the MPO for possible consideration, and with the attempt to garner funding sooner for sections of both projects rather than the 2026 horizon year.

Background

Mack Hatcher SE Widening Project has been submitted to the MPO as a priority project with a horizon year of 2015. The State of Tennessee has also submitted it as a project with a 2026 horizon year. The MPO has accepted the 2026 horizon year. Lewisburg has also been submitted as a 2015 horizon year and accepted at that level.

The Mack Hatcher SE Project widens the road to a 4 lane divided highway with a multiuse pathway from SR 96 E to Columbia Pike (SR 6). Lewisburg Pike is designated as a 4 lane divided highway with a multiuse pathway, curbs and gutters to be built in three phases. They are as follows:

1. Phase 1 Lewisburg Pike – From Mack Hatcher south to Bowman Rd.
2. Phase 2 Lewisburg Pike – From Bowman Rd to Old Peytonsville Road.
3. Phase 3 Lewisburg Pike – From Old Peytonsville Road to Goose Creek By-pass.

Staff is currently working with the MPO on a re-evaluation of the Mack Hatcher SE Project moved up and into the 2015 horizon year. Staff is also working with the MPO to provide a more attractive project that would score better and be in a better position for subsequent funding.

The proposal being presented is a 2035 RTP amendment that breaks the Mack Hatcher SE Project into two phases. They are:

1. Mack Hatcher Memorial Parkway – From SR 96 E to Lewisburg Pike
2. Mack Hatcher Memorial Parkway – From Lewisburg Pike to Columbia Pike (SR 6)

The discussion being considered between staff and the MPO is the critical need to build the new Mack Hatcher SE Phase 1 and the Lewisburg Phase 1 in the FY 2015- 2018 TIP. The City of Franklin will cite the excessive travel delays, safety and the need for a parallel surface network to Interstate 65. Currently there is no other viable alternate for I-65 southbound other than Lewisburg and Columbia Pikes.



HISTORIC
FRANKLIN
TENNESSEE

MEMORANDUM

The other phases of the Mack Hatcher SE and Lewisburg can be continued in there currently identified horizon years.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts at this time. TDOT may accept the responsibility for Mack Hatcher SE estimated in 2010 at \$15,000,000. Lewisburg was indicated at a total of \$31,000,000 for the three phases. The Lewisburg Pike Phase 1 has been estimated at \$12,750,000.

Recommendation

Allow staff to continue this course of action and reporting back to the CIC and Board as new development arise.