

### 30 Crossing Update and Timeline

In January of this year, AHTD and Metroplan agreed to a timeline for the consideration of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's request for amendment to *Imagine Central Arkansas* for 30 Crossing. This timeline follows the update below and I would encourage you to review it. AHTD and Metroplan staffs are fully committed to this timeframe. Much work continues on the 30 crossing; Ben and I look forward to sharing it with you over the next few months as you consider a recommendation to the board on an amendment.

The 30 Crossing Study Team is composed of staff from AHTD, Garver and HNTB. Their efforts are focused on completion of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA document and public hearing is expected in the fall of 2017 with a decision on the EA expected soon after. If the EA determines no significant impact of the project then a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued; if a significant impact is determined then it will be elevated to a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Ongoing technical analysis for inclusion in the EA includes noise analysis, revisiting the micro-simulation modeling based on additional input, and the impact of various alternatives on historic property (Section 106). Metroplan staff is reviewing and revising the system analysis based on new information being gleaned from the micro-simulation models.

The study team also continues to develop the Design-Build procurement documents and plans to advertise the Request for Qualifications this spring. The release of the Request for Proposals is tied to the determination of a preferred alternative in the NEPA process; therefore, the Department expects to release the RFP in the fall or winter of 2017, with a Design-Build Agreement executed in the Fall of 2018.



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### Timeline for Consideration of the Plan Amendment for I-30 Crossing

The following timeline was developed by Metroplan with input from AHTD for consideration of the 30 Crossing plan amendment request. The timeline is based upon AHTD providing requested information on micro-simulation modeling in mid-March.

	Date	Details
1	January 18	30 Crossing Update and Schedule (timeline) for considering the plan amendment (sent to the RPAC via email and Metroplan Board via the January Board Packet)
2	January 25	<b>Metroplan Board Meeting</b> – Presentation on 30 Crossing Status and Plan Amendment Schedule
	<i>Throughout Jan. &amp; Feb.</i>	<i>Update of the Systems Analysis Report by Metroplan staff</i>
3	February 15	<b>RPAC Meeting</b> – Review the Systems Analysis Report and consider plan amendment request
4	February 22	<b>Metroplan Board Meeting</b> – Review the Systems Analysis Report and consider the plan amendment request
5	March 8	<b>TCC Meeting</b> – Review of Systems Analysis Report
6	March 15	<b>RPAC Meeting</b> - Discuss the amendment and public outreach strategy
	<i>Mid-March</i>	<i>AHTD provides information to Metroplan on modeling and impact to adjacent freeway segments to be included in EA</i>
	<i>Late March &amp; early April</i>	<i>Consideration of impact to systems analysis of information provided by AHTD (revisions as necessary)</i>
7	March 29	<b>Metroplan Board Meeting</b> – Review information provided by AHTD; Board discussion as needed
8	April 19	<b>RPAC Meeting</b> – Draft amendment language presented to Council for discussion
9	April 26	<b>Metroplan Board Meeting</b> – Amendment language is finalized and released for public comment
	<i>May</i>	<i>Public Comment Period</i>
	<i>June</i>	<i>Comments Summarized</i>
10	June 21	<b>RPAC Meeting</b> – Recommendation on amendment to the Metroplan Board
11	June 28	<b>Metroplan Board Meeting</b> – Formal action taken on the Plan amendment
12	July	The Metroplan Board will consider a final amendment (TIP amendment) for the project after the EA has been prepared and as appropriate in deliberating on design alternatives.

\*This timeline ensures that (1) the process follows that defined in the CARTS Public Participation Plan and normal practices of Metroplan, and ensures adequate time for the RPAC and Metroplan Board to consider public comment; (2) the impact of the I-30 project on adjacent freeway segments is available for consideration by the RPAC, Metroplan Board, and general public including any potential impact to the financial constrained plan, and (3) consistency of this information with that included in later documents (Interchange Justification Report and Environmental Assessment).

# Timeline for Consideration of the Plan Amendment for I-30 Crossing

## JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Metropolitan Board Meeting	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 RPAC Meeting	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents Day	21	22 Metropolitan Board Meeting	23	24	25
26	27	28				

## MARCH 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 TCC Meeting	9	10	11
12 Daylight Saving Time Begins	13	14	15 RPAC Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Metropolitan Board Meeting	30	31	

## APRIL 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 RPAC Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Metropolitan Board Meeting	27	28	29
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## MAY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mothers Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 RPAC Meeting	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31 Metropolitan Board Meeting			

## JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 RPAC Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Board Meeting	29	30	



Systems Analysis Update



Consideration of Information Provided by AHTD



Public Comment Period



Possible Extension of Public Comment Period

