

**Johnson City Metropolitan Planning Organization
Executive Board Meeting, 10 a.m.
Johnson City Municipal Building Conference Room,
November 30, 2005**

Executive Board Present

Angie Midgett, for Governor Bredesen (Tennessee)
Charlie Stahl, for The Honorable Mayor Mckinney (City of Elizabethton)
Jason Cody, for The Honorable Mayor Fair (Carter County)
The Honorable Mayor Darden (City of Johnson City)
The Honorable Mayor Bledsoe (Town of Jonesborough)
John Deakins, for The Honorable Mayor Jaynes (Washington County)

Others Attending

Rhonda Grissom, JCMPO
Jeff Rawles, JCMPO
Bob Browning, Town of Jonesborough
David Ornduff, City of Elizabethton
Steve Neilson, City of Johnson City
Kelsy Finch, TDOT
Mike Potter, City of Elizabethton
Dorian Jones, Johnson City Citizen

Summary of Motions Passed:

- Previous meeting minutes approved.
- Approved Resolution 2005-12 for the TN Street Extension.
- Approved appointment of MPO staff to serve on RPO board.

Meeting Minutes:

Agenda Item 1: Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Mayor Darden.

Agenda Item 2: A sign-in sheet was passed to each member.

Agenda Item 3: The minutes from the August 23, 2005 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Cody made a motion to approve the document. Mr. Deakins seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4A: Ms. Grissom explained the Citizens Advisory Committee had met on October 26, 2005. Ms. Grissom explained the CAC had made corrections to their bylaws. Ms. Grissom also explained the CAC would be selecting a Chair and Vice-Chair by the next meeting. Ms. Grissom also explained the CAC had met on November 2, 2005 to have an MPO training class and the next meeting will be on December 6, 2005.

Agenda Item 4B: Ms. Grissom gave a summary of the Executive Staff meeting from November 9, 2005.

Agenda Item 5A: Mayor Darden asked Ms. Grissom to discuss the update on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Ms. Grissom explained the MPO had completed drafts for the Bicycle, Public and Private Transportation, and Air portions of the LRTP. Ms. Grissom also indicated a freight survey had been conducted by the MPO interns and the results and Freight section draft will be completed shortly. Ms. Grissom also indicated Wilbur Smith and Associates had been selected to complete the Transportation Model section of the LRTP and the due date for the LRTP is April 1, 2006.

Agenda Item 5B: Mayor Darden asked Ms. Grissom to discuss the review of population projections and locations for 2030. Ms. Grissom indicated the projections had just been worked on this morning and will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting.

Agenda Item 5C: Mayor Darden asked Ms. Grissom to explain the 2005-12 Resolution for the Tennessee Street Extension. Mr. Stahl made the motion to approve Resolution 2005-12. Mayor Bledsoe seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6: Mayor Darden asked if there was anybody wishing to be heard on items not included in the Agenda. Mr. Dorian Jones a citizen of Johnson City wanted to speak against the Tennessee Street project. Mr. Jones specified the need to better utilize State of Franklin Road and develop traffic plazas at the corner of West Market Street and State of Franklin and at the corner of Tennessee Street and State of Franklin. Mr. Jones indicated this would help alleviate congestion and help better utilize State of Franklin Road and I-26. Mr. Jones indicated the building of Tennessee Street would bring more harm than good. Mr. Jones indicated the construction of this road would destroy homes and the neighborhood. Mr. Jones indicated the plan to accept this project should have gone through the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) first. Ms. Grissom indicated the plan had been approved before the formation of the CAC. Mr.

Jones specified since the concept to develop this road extension has taken many years; to please reevaluate the plan and determine if the extension is still needed.

Agenda Item 7: Ms. Grissom indicated the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) needed a representative from the JCMPO to serve on the RPO committee. Mayor Bledsoe made the motion to appoint the MPO staff to the RPO Board committee. Mr. Deakins seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 8: Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.