

**Johnson City Metropolitan Planning Organization
Executive Board and Executive Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Johnson City Transit Center, 1st Floor Training Room
137 West Market Street, Johnson City, TN
February 25, 2009**

Executive Board Present

Deborah Fleming, for Governor Phil Bredesen (TN)
David Ornduff, for the Honorable Mayor Alexander (City of Elizabethton)
Alan Bridwell, for the Honorable Mayor Jaynes (Washington County)
Fred Edens, for the Honorable Mayor Holder (Carter County)
Jane Myron, Honorable Mayor (City of Johnson City)
Bob Browning, for the Honorable Mayor Wolfe (Town of Jonesborough)
Larry B. Rea, for the Honorable Mayor Johnny Lynch (Town of Unicoi)

Executive Board Not Present

Executive Staff Present

Steve Neilson, for Pete Peterson, (city of Johnson City)
Glenn Rosenoff, (Office of Local Planning)
John Deakins, Jr., (Washington County Highway Department)
Eldonna Janutolo, (Johnson City Transit)
Chris Craig, (First TN Development District)

Executive Staff Not Present

Jack Perkins, Carter County Highway Department

Others Attending

Glenn Berry, Johnson City MTPO
Randy Dotson, Mattern & Craig Engineers
Dustin King, city of Johnson City Planning Department
Jeff Rawles, Johnson City MTPO
Anthony Todd, City Traffic Engineer
George (Tripp) Morton, city of Johnson City Planning Department
Donna Bridwell, Johnson City Transit
Johann Coetzee, City of Elizabethton
Mike Potter, City of Elizabethton
Jane Fillers, Johnson City Transit

Summary of Motions Passed:

- Recognized Mayor Jane Myron as the new MTPO Chairperson.
- Minutes from June 17, 2008 approved.
- Received an update of the Urban Functional Classification System - Approving Modification to Functional Classification System (Resolution 2009-01).
- Approved 3 TIP Amendments: Approving the addition of Stimulus Funds (Resolution 2009-02); Approving TIP Amendment for STP-Local Funds (Resolution 2009-03); Approving TIP Amendments for the use New Freedom Funds (Transit) (Resolution 2009-04); Self Certification Resolution for the TIP (Resolution 2009-05).
- Received an update on Safe Routes to Schools

Meeting Minutes:

Agenda Item 1: Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mayor Myron, new MTPO Chairperson. A sign-in sheet was passed to each member.

Agenda Item 2: The minutes from the June 17, 2008 were reviewed. Steve Neilson made a motion for the board to approve the document. Alan Bridwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3: An Executive Board vote was required to consider an update of the Urban Functional Classification System (Resolution 2009-01). Mr. Glenn Berry explained that the Highway Functional classification system is a nationwide method of classifying all public streets according to their function. The classification system is grouped into arterials, collectors, and local streets. The classification map must be revised to accurately reflect and include "Peoples Street" between Knob Creek Road and Browns Mill road in Johnson City as a Collector, due to its connection to major shopping centers. This segment was identified as functioning as a collector during the Long Range Transportation Plan. Debra Fleming made a motion for the board to approve. Alan Bridwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4: An Executive Board vote was required to consider approval of 3 TIP Amendments: Approving the addition of Stimulus Funds (Resolution 2009-02); Approving TIP Amendment for STP-Local Funds (Resolution 2009-03); Approving TIP Amendments for the use New Freedom Funds (Transit) (Resolution 2009-04); Self Certification Resolution for the TIP (Resolution 2009-05). Mr. Berry explained that the first amendment required the addition of Economic Stimulus Funds to include additional funding from the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" for transportation projects in the Johnson City MTPO Region. Eldonna Janutolo explained the upcoming projects from the Johnson City Transit that was included in this amendment. David Ornduff made a motion for the board to approve. Bob Browning seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried. The second amendment was required to include STP- Local fund improvements to SR 34 from SR 36 to SR 381, known as the "Bristol Highway", with additional required funds for engineering and design. Alan Bridwell made a motion for the board to approve. John Deakins, Jr. seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried. The third amendment was required to allow the expanded use of New Freedom Funds for the Johnson City Transit. Debra Fleming made a motion for the board to approve. Bob Browning seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried. Mr. Berry concluded the 3 TIP amendments with Resolution 2009-05 -Self Certification Resolution for the TIP. John Deakins, Jr. made a motion for the board to approve. David Ornduff seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5: George (Tripp) Morton gave a brief update on the Safe Routes to Schools project in Johnson City. Mr. Morton requested a letter of recommendation from the Executive Board in support of the Safe Routes to School grant project to be included with the application requests' of additional grant funding for other area schools in Johnson City. Mr. Berry further stated that authorization was needed from the Board to allow Mr. Berry to write the letter of

recommendation. John Deakins, Jr. made a motion to approve. Bob Browning seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6: Mr. Berry and Ms. Fleming both made closing statements, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:46 a.m.