

**Johnson City Metropolitan Planning Organization
Executive Board and Executive Staff Meeting, 3:00p.m.
Johnson City Transit Center, 1st Floor Training Room
137 West Market Street, Johnson City, TN
February 3, 2010**

Executive Board Present

Alan Bridwell, for the Honorable Mayor Jaynes (Washington County)
Deborah Fleming, for Governor Phil Bredesen (TN)
Jane Myron, Honorable Mayor (city of Johnson City)
David Ornduff, for the Honorable Mayor Alexander (city of Elizabethton)

Executive Board Not Present

The Honorable Mayor Wolfe (Town of Jonesborough)
The Honorable Mayor Holder (Carter County)

Executive Staff Present

Pete Peterson, (city of Johnson City)
John Deakins, Jr., (Washington County Highway Department)
Jane Fillers, for Eldonna Janutolo, (Johnson City Transit)
Mike Potter, for Fred Edens (City of Elizabethton)

Executive Staff Not Present

Jack Perkins, Carter County Highway Department
Susan Reid (First TN Development District)
Glenn Rosenoff (State Local Planning Office)

Others Attending

Glenn Berry, Johnson City MTPO
Mary Butler, Johnson City MTPO
Johnann Coetzee, City of Elizabethton
Brian Johnson, Qk4
Donna Bridwell, Johnson City Transit
Dawn Michelle Foster, Wilbur Smith & Associates
Steve Neilson, city of Johnson City Planning Department
Anthony Todd, JC Public Works
Jeff Rawles, Johnson City MTPO

Summary of Motions Passed:

- Minutes from November 17, 2009 approved.
- Approved Self Certification Resolution for 2008-2011 TIP (Resolution 2010-01).
- Approved Resolution amending FY 2010 UPWP to reflect fifteen percent reduction in PL funding (Resolution 2010-02).
- Approved amendment to FY 2008-2011 TIP to reflect rescission to STP-Local funds (Resolution 2010-03)
- Approved amendment to FY 2008-2011 TIP to reflect additional 5309 funding for Johnson City Transit (Resolution 2010-04)

Meeting Minutes:

Agenda Item 1: Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mayor Myron. A sign-in sheet was passed to each member.

Agenda Item 2: The minutes from the November 17, 2009 were reviewed. Mr. Ornduff made a motion for the board to approve the document. Mr. Bridwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3: Mr. Berry stated that an Executive Board vote was required to approve and endorse the Self Certification Resolution for the TIP (Resolution 2010-01). The Johnson City MTPO is required by federal law to provide Self Certification that the Johnson City MTPO meets requirements of U. S. code 23 of the Federal Regulations 450.334. Mr. Berry explained that the Self Certificate document says the JC MTPO followed all public notice procedures and federal regulations. Mr. Ornduff made a motion for the board to approve the document. Mr. Bridwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4: Approve Resolution 2010-02 Mr. Berry explained that on September 30, 2009, the U.S. Senate voted on a one-month continuing resolution to extend SAFETEA-LU and failed to repeal Section 10212 of SAFETEA-LU thus rescinding 8.7 billion dollars in transportation infrastructure funds. The State of Tennessee lost 190 million dollars in transportation funds resulting in delays and possible elimination of transportation infrastructure projects already programmed into the Johnson City MTPO Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Rawles explained that part of this rescission was taken from the PL 112 funds. Mr. Rawles explained the PL funds are what the MTPO uses for day to day operations and studies. The current FY 2010 UPWP PL funds are being rescinded by fifteen percent. Mr. Rawles explained each task being cut, that made up the fifteen percent reduction. The JC MTPO also lost over \$400,000 in PL fund reserves. These reserves were being held for the future Long Range Transportation Plan, ITS architecture update, along with some other smaller studies. Mr. Rawles explained that updates for these future studies will now have to be completed in phases over the next 2-3 fiscal years. Ms. Fleming made a motion for the board to approve. Mr. Bridwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5: Approve Resolution 2010-03 rescission to the STP-Local funds. Mr. Berry explained that along with the rescission of PL 112 funds, the MTPO also was rescinded STP-Local funds. Mr. Berry explained the JC MTPO lost a total of \$3,060,982 in STP-Local funds. Mr. Berry said all STP-Local projects expect for Indian Ridge Rd./State of Franklin Rd. could be funded 100%. Mr. Berry explained that the Indian Ridge Road/State of Franklin Road intersection improvement had to be cut due to the rescission. Mr. Berry explained that funding just for PE could be done at this time and the MTPO will have to bank future allocations to complete the Right of Way and Construction over the next several years. Mr. Berry also told the Board that TDOT had requested the MTPO to adjust the TIP to reflect additional \$160,000 for construction cost for the Elizabethton signal synchronization project. He said the construction costs were out of date and additional funding was needed. Mr. Ornduff made a

motion for the board to approve. Mr. Bridwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6: Approve Resolution 2010-04 additional section 5309 funding for Johnson City Transit. Mr. Berry explained that these amendments to the TIP were done separately, one for the highway side and the other for transit. Ms. Butler explained that JCT received additional section 5309 funds. The funding will be used for renovation projects to the JCT building and the purchase of a support maintenance vehicle. Ms. Butler explained that the TIP needs to be amended to reflect this additional funding, so the funding can be spent. Ms. Fleming made a motion for the board to approve. Mr. Bridwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7: Other Business/discussion. Mr. Berry gave a quick update on other items affecting the area. First Mr. Berry gave an update on the TDOT Help trucks; he explained how the area first had to be setup to handle the trucks. Mr. Berry explained that the region had to establish a Highway incident management team, first was the Washington County team than a Sullivan County team. This lead the way for the installation of 2/10 of a mile marker signs on I-26. All of these steps have helped pave the path for the temporary placement of Help trucks on I-26 during the current closer of I-40 in North Carolina. Mr. Berry explained that now people have seen the trucks and the great benefit they give the community, people want them here permanently. Mr. Berry said that the community has really taken an interest in the Help trucks and now local representatives and officials are requesting for TDOT to have permanent Help trucks on I-26. Mr. Deakins gave an update on the highway sign upgrades that must be done by 2013. He said the cost for the state to complete this process was going to be \$12,000,000 - \$15,000,000. Mr. Deakins said at this time there are really no grants to assist with this upgrade it is an unfunded mandate. Mr. Deakins said his office should be receiving about 1/3 of its signs in the coming weeks at a cost of \$76,000. The MTPO Board asked Mr. Berry to send a letter to TDOT on behalf of the Executive Board for financial assistance for the sign upgrades. Ms. Fleming gave the Board an update on the possible round 2 of stimulus funding. Ms. Fleming stated that if this takes place FHWA is hearing the timeframe to get funding obligated would be 90 days.

Agenda Item 8: Mayor Myron made closing statements, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:50 p.m.