

**Johnson City Metropolitan Planning Organization's
Executive Board Meeting, 10 a.m.
Elizabethton Water Treatment Conference Room,
May 25, 2005**

Executive Board Present

Angie Midgett, for Governor Bredesen (Tennessee)

Charle Stahl, for The Honorable Mayor Mckinney (City of Elizabethton)

Jason Cody, for The Honorable Mayor Fair (Carter County)

Jim Moody, for The Honorable Mayor Darden (City of Johnson City)

Jeff Thomas, for The Honorable Mayor Bledsoe (Town of Jonesborough)

Those Absent:

The Honorable Mayor Jaynes (Washington County)

Others Attending

Rhonda Grissom, JCMPO

Jeff Rawles, JCMPO

Karen Brunelle. Federal Highway Administration

Summary of Motions Passed:

- Previous meeting minutes approved.
- Approved recommendation to support the Memphis to Bristol Railroad.
- Approved resolution to adopt the Public Participation Plan contingent upon the outcome of the Public Hearing and Public Comments.
- Approved resolution to amend the TIP to include the Transit Block Grant Projects.
- Approved resolution to support the CTAP Grant for promoting Johnson City Transit and First Tennessee Human Resource Agency.

Meeting Minutes:

Agenda Item 1: Meeting called to order at 9:15a.m. by Mr. Stahl

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

Agenda Item 3: The minutes from the March 30, 2005 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Moody made a motion to approve the document. Mr. Cody seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4A: Ms. Grissom gave a summary of the Executive Staff meeting from May 11, 2005.

Agenda Item 5A: Mr. Stahl asked Ms. Grissom to explain the Memphis to Bristol Railroad resolution. Ms. Grissom explained how TDOT's long range Multimodal Transportation Plan includes the Memphis to Bristol Rail connection and how they would like the Johnson City MPO's support. Mr. Moody made a motion to support the Memphis to Bristol Rail. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5B: Mr. Stahl asked Ms. Grissom to discuss the adoption of the Public Participation Plan. Ms. Grissom explained the adoption of the Public Participation Plan was contingent upon the outcome of Public Hearing and Public Comments. Mr. Moody made a motion to adopt the Public Plan contingent upon the outcome of the Public Hearing and Public Comments. Ms. Midgett seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5C: Mr. Stahl asked Ms. Grissom to discuss the resolution to amend the TIP to include the Transit Block Grant Projects. Ms. Grissom explained this is part of Johnson City Transit's yearly Grant Application process. Mr. Cody made a motion to amend the TIP to include Johnson City Transit Block Grant Application. Mr. Moody seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5D: Mr. Stahl asked Ms. Grissom to explain the resolution to support the CTAP Grant. Ms. Grissom explained the grant was 100% funded for promoting bikeway and pedestrian walkways, carpooling, vanpooling, and transit, but may not be used for any capital projects. Ms. Grissom also explained she only received the Grant Application a few weeks ago and it must be submitted by May 27, 2005. Ms. Grissom asked for support to use the Grant for promoting Johnson City Transit and First Tennessee Human Resource Agency. Mr. Moody made a motion to support the CTAP Grant. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5E: Mr. Stahl asked Ms. Grissom to explain The First Tennessee Human Resource briefing. Ms. Grissom explained how the US Census Bureau had re-defined the

Johnson City Urbanized Area which would change the way allocations were distributed. The urbanized areas were being excluded and meant they will be receiving fewer funds. Mr. Grissom said the operation funds will have to change; they are working on that at this time. Mr. Grissom indicated they will continue to serve all the areas, but are not sure how so at this time

Agenda Item 6: Mr. Stahl asked if there was anybody wishing to be heard on items not included in the Agenda. Ms. Grissom gave an update for the UPWP. Ms. Grissom indicated the UPWP draft must be submitted by May 31, 2005. Ms. Midgett indicated all MPO's must have an approved draft by July 15, 2005 and this gives the MPO Staff and Board until early September to approve the UPWP. Ms. Grissom said the Call for Projects must be submitted by June 15. Ms. Grissom indicated there will be a workshop for the Executive Staff on June 23 at the Johnson City Administrative Conference Room from 10:00am to 3:30pm. Executive Staff will be developing criteria to select projects for the TIP and LRTP and also will be reviewing new projects for the TIP and LRTP. Ms. Grissom also reminded the Board that they needed to appoint members to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Agenda Items 7: Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 am.