

**Johnson City Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Executive Board and Executive Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.  
Johnson City Transit Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Training Room  
137 West Market Street, Johnson City, TN  
June 8, 2011**

**Executive Board Present**

Alan Bridwell, for the Honorable Mayor Eldridge Washington County  
Deborah Fleming, for Governor Bill Haslam State of Tennessee  
M. Dennis Peterson, for the Honorable Mayor Banyas City of Johnson City  
Fred Edens, for the Honorable Mayor Alexander City of Elizabethton

**Executive Board Not Present**

Kelly Wolfe Honorable Mayor Town of Jonesborough  
Johnny Lynch, Honorable Mayor Town of Unicoi  
Leon Humphrey, the Honorable Mayor Carter County

**Executive Staff Present**

Glenn Rosenoff, Local Planning Office  
Fred Edens, City of Elizabethton  
Eldonna Janutolo, Johnson City Transit  
Pete Peterson, City of Johnson City

**Executive Staff Not Present**

John Deakins, Jr., Washington County Highway Superintendent  
Jack Perkins, Carter County Highway Department Superintendent  
Larry Ray, Unicoi Town Recorder

**Others Attending**

Glenn Berry, Johnson City MTPO  
Jeff Rawles, Johnson City MTPO  
Mary Butler, Johnson City MTPO  
Randy Dodson, Mattern & Craig Engineering  
Jessica Coomer, JC Planning  
Jane Fillers, Johnson City Transit  
Steve Neilson, City of Johnson City- Planning Department  
Mike Potter, City of Elizabethton  
Anthony Todd, City of Johnson City- Traffic Engineering Manager  
Jon Hartman, Elizabethton Planning

### Summary of Motions Passed:

- **Approved** minutes from November 18, 2010.
- **Approved** amendment adopting the changes to the Johnson City MTPO Public Participation Plan, Transit Section (Resolution 2011-01).
- **Approved** Self Certification Resolution for the TIP (Resolution 2011-02).
- **Approved** amendment to the FY 2011-2014 TIP for Interchanges on I-26 at Exits 13, 17, and 24 for additional funding (Resolution 2011-03).
- **Approved** amendment to the FY 2011-2014 TIP for additional Section 5316 Job Access Funding and Section 5317 New Freedom Funding for Transit (Resolution 2011-04).
- **Approved** amendment to the FY 2011-2014 TIP for Elizabethton Signal Project (Resolution 2011-05).
- **Approved** amendment for FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (Resolution 2011-06).

## Meeting Minutes:

**Agenda Item 1:** Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Peterson. A sign-in sheet was passed to each member.

**Agenda Item 2:** The minutes from the November 18, 2010 were reviewed. Mr. Bridwell made a motion for the board to approve the document. Ms. Janutolo seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 3:** Mr. Berry stated that an Executive Board vote was required to amend the Public Participation Plan (PPP). The Johnson City Transit System and Johnson City MTPO are recommending changes to the Public Participation Plan that further enhances public information regarding fare changes to the Johnson City Transit System. Ms. Fleming made a motion for the board to approve. Mr. Bridwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 4:** Mr. Berry stated that an Executive Board vote was required to approve and endorse the Self Certification Resolution for 2011-2014 TIP (Resolution 2010-13). 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. Ornduff made a motion for the board to approve. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 5:** Mr. Berry explained that recently the Tennessee Department of Transportation completed interchange modification studies at three locations Interstate 26 at the request of the Johnson City MTPO. The interchange modification studies are now complete for these three interchanges and are ready for implementation to begin. Mr. Berry outlined the following interchanges: **1.** Exit 13 (I-26 at SR 75 in Gray) - \$800,000, Right of Way (ROW), **2.** Exit 17 (I-26 at SR 354 in Boones Creek) - \$1,000,000 Preliminary Engineering (PE), **3.** Exit 24 (I-26 at SR 67 locally known as University Parkway) \$100,000 Preliminary Engineering (PE). Mr. Berry explained Exit 13, PE, often referred to as the design phase, has already been funded for this location and the project is moving forward slightly faster than the other two interchanges. Additional funds have been identified for the ROW Phase of this project in the amount of \$800,000 at this location. The improvements will include bridge deck widening and reworking of the ramp system. Mr. Berry explained Exit 17 is now ready for the PE phase to begin and is funded at \$1,000,000. This will be a redesign of the interchange. Mr. Berry explained Exit 24 is also ready for the PE phase to begin. This project will be smaller in scale than the other two interchanges listed and will be focused on improving traffic congestion on the ramp system. The PE phase funding amount is \$100,000. Ms. Fleming made a motion for the board to approve. Mr. Bridwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 6:** Ms. Janutolo explained that additional Section 5316 Job Access and 5317 New Freedom funding for the Johnson City Transit System from FTA and the Multimodal

Transportation Resources Division of TDOT had been acquired. Ms. Janutolo explained the item was presented to the Johnson City Commission and received their approval at the May 5, 2011 meeting of the Johnson City Commission. Mr. Bridwell made a motion for the board to approve. Ms. Janutolo seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 7:** Mr. Berry explained that the City of Elizabethton is requesting to amend the FY 2011-2014 TIP to include a ROW phase for Project 2008-03, for Traffic Signals and additional funding for geometric changes / improvements at one of the signal locations (SR 67 at Williams Avenue) to include a turning lane. Mr. Berry explained after review by the City of Elizabethton they are requesting a ROW phase be added in the TIP to include geometric changes at the intersection of SR 67 (Elk Avenue) at Williams Avenue. The geometric changes would include the addition of a turning lane to be included. At present it is not anticipated additional property will have to be purchased for ROW; however, this is unknown until property research is completed and final design plans are finished. The estimated cost for this work was provided by Mattern & Craig Engineering Firm and is as follows. Mr. Edens made a motion for the board to approve. Mr. Bridwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 8:** Mr. Rawles stated that an Executive Board vote was required to adopt the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Rawles explained that the UPWP runs from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012. The Unified Planning Work Program outlines task along with funding amounts, to be conducted in this time period. It also covers all JC MTPO administrative and planning activities for day to day operations. Mr. Rawles further explained that the UPWP is reviewed by the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, and Federal Highway Administration. After the review is completed the Johnson City MTPO will receive comments from the aforementioned agencies and address all comments. The MTPO is recommending approval of the 2012 UPWP contingent upon favorable resolution of any and all comments so long as there are not any major corrections to the document. Mr. Peterson made a motion for the board to approve. Mr. Bridwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 9:** Mr. Berry gave an update/presentation on transportation projects for the MTPO region. The presentation covered completed projects and projects that were in development. The presentation was for informational purposes only and no action by the Executive Board was required.

**Agenda Item 10:** Other Business/Citizens concerns. There was no other business or concerns.

**Agenda Item 11:** Mr. Peterson made closing statements, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m.