Johnson City Metropolitan Planning Organization
Executive Board and Executive Staff Meeting,
Thursday November 21, 2013 at 10:00a.m.
Johnson City Transit Center, 1st Floor Training Room
137 West Market Street, Johnson City, TN

Executive Board Present
Jack Qualls for Governor Bill Haslam, State of Tennessee
The Honorable Mayor Ralph Van Brocklin, City of Johnson City
Jon Hartman for the Honorable Mayor Alexander, City of Elizabethton
John Deakins for the Honorable Mayor Eldridge, Washington County
Bob Browning for the Honorable Mayor Wolfe, Town of Jonesborough

Executive Board Not Present
The Honorable Mayor Lynch, Town of Unicoi
The Honorable Mayor Humphrey, Carter County

Executive Staff Present
Pete Peterson, City of Johnson City
John Deakins, Jr., Washington County Highway Superintendent
Jerome Kitchens, Elizabethton
Donna Bridwell for Eldonna Janutolo, Johnson City Transit
Chris Craig First, TN Development District
Bob Browning, Town of Jonesborough

Executive Staff Not Present
Jack Perkins, Carter County Highway Department Superintendent

Others Attending
Glenn Berry, Johnson City MTPO
Jeff Rawles, Johnson City MTPO
Angie Carrier, City of Johnson City
Nick Weander, TDOT

Summary of Motions Passed:

- **Approved**- minutes from August 8, 2013.
- **Approved**- Resolution 2013-10- Self Certification Resolution.
- **Approved**- Resolution 2013-11- amended FY 2011-2014 TIP to include additional funding for Right-of-Way (ROW) for FY 2014 for Knob Creek Road Extension Project

Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Mayor Van Brocklin. A sign-in sheet was passed to each person.

Agenda Item 1: The minutes from the August 8, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Deakins made a motion for the board to approve the document. Mr. Hartman seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 2:
Consider approval of Self-Certification (**Resolution 2013-10**).

Mr. Berry stated that an Executive Board vote was required to approve and endorse the Self Certification Resolution before proceeding to amend the 2011-2014 TIP. The Johnson City MTPO is required by federal law to provide Self Certification that the Johnson City MTPO meets requirements of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 450.334.

Mr. Qualls made a motion for the board to approve. Mayor Van Brocklin seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3:
Consider approval of amendment (**Resolution 2013-11**) to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to include additional funding for Right-of-Way (ROW) for FY 2014 for the Knob Creek Road Extension Project.

Mr. Berry first introduced the new TDOT Region planner, Mr. Nick Weander. Mr. Weander will be working with the JCMTPO, Mr. Berry stated.

Mr. Berry gave an overview of the Knob Creek Road Extension Project. Mr. Berry stated that the project had been managed by TDOT in the past, but now has been given to the City of Johnson City to manage. Mr. Berry indicated that additional funding for ROW would be needed to continue this phase of the project. Mr. Berry explained the funding was coming from the FY 2014 contingency line item and from the Traffic Circle Project at Greenline Road and Peoples Street from the FY 2011-2014 TIP. Mr. Berry explained the Traffic Circle Project was not going away, but being moved to FY 2017 in the new TIP.

Mr. Kitchens asked how this will impact current/future projects in the TIP. Mr. Berry indicated projects currently in the TIP would not be adversely affected, however any new projects would using Local STP funds would be unlikely, unless other funding could be found or offset by another funding source. He went on to explain scheduling would also have an impact on when funds would be available. Mr. Berry further stated that most likely beginning in 2017 – 2019 the majority if not all of the Local-STP funds will go to the construction phase of the Knob Creek project.

Mr. Deakins made a motion for the board to approve. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4:
Update from the MTPO Coordinator on projects and Draft FY 2014-2017 TIP.

Mr. Berry stated the Draft FY 2014-2017 TIP had been reviewed by FHWA and FTA. He said all comments had been addressed and were submitted back to FHWA and FTA for final review.

Mr. Berry gave an update on the I-26 Exit 13 (Gray Exit). Mr. Berry stated that this project had been let out for bid and now had been awarded. He stated construction would begin early in 2014.

Agenda Item 5:
Other Business / Citizens Concerns

Mr. Qualls extended an invitation to anybody that would like to hear a presentation the state long range plan and funding issues facing TDOT. All members of the MTPO were interested in this type of presentation to their respective their elected officials. The jurisdictions stated they would contact the Office of Community Transportation to set up the meetings.

No citizens' concerns were raised and Mr. Berry thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Agenda Item 6:
Mayor Van Brocklin made closing statements, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.