

**Johnson City Metropolitan Planning Organization
Executive Board and Executive Staff Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
Johnson City Transit Center, 1st Floor Training Room
137 West Market Street, Johnson City, TN**

Executive Board Present

Nick Weander for Governor Bill Haslam, State of Tennessee
The Honorable Mayor Ralph Van Brocklin, City of Johnson City
Jon Hartman for the Honorable Mayor Curt Alexander, City of Elizabethton
The Honorable Mayor Dan Eldridge, Washington County
The Honorable Mayor Leon Humphrey, Carter County

Executive Board Not Present

The Honorable Mayor Kelly Wolfe, Town of Jonesborough
The Honorable Mayor Johnny Lynch, Town of Unicoi

Executive Staff Present

Pete Peterson, City of Johnson City
Jerome Kitchens, City of Elizabethton
Chris Craig, First Tennessee Development District
Jeff Rawles, Johnson City Transit System
John Deakins, Jr., Washington County Highway Superintendent

Executive Staff Not Present

Bob Browning, Town of Jonesborough
Larry Rea, Town of Unicoi
Jack Perkins, Carter County Highway Superintendent

Others Attending

Glenn Berry, Johnson City MTPO
Emily Wood, Johnson City Transit System
Jason Carder, Mattern & Craig

Summary of Motions Passed:

- **Approved** – Minutes from August 15, 2014.
- **Approved** – Resolution 2014-02 – to approve Self Certification.
- **Approved** – Resolution 2014-03 – to amend the FY 2014-2017 TIP to add the Veterans Affairs Hospital Connector project and the Dawn of Hope Minivan Purchase project.
- **Approved** – Resolution 2014-04 – to approve the Metropolitan Planning Area boundary.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Mayor Ralph Van Brocklin. A sign-in sheet was passed to each person.

Agenda Item 1: The minutes from the August 15, 2014 meeting were reviewed.

Mr. Nick Weander made a motion for the board to approve. Mr. Jon Hartman seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 2: Consider approval of Self Certification (**Resolution 2014-02**).

Mr. Berry stated that an Executive Board vote was required to approve and endorse the Self Certification Resolution before proceeding to amend the 2014-2017 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. Hartman made a motion for the board to approve. Mr. Pete Petersen seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3: Consider approval of amending the FY 2014-2017 TIP to add the Veterans Affairs Hospital Connector project and the Dawn of Hope Minivan Purchase project (**Resolution 2014-03**).

Mr. Berry stated the Board needed to consider two projects to be amended to the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). First the City of Johnson City had successfully applied for the Federal Lands Access Grant Program for the Veterans Affairs Hospital Connector Project. He stated the City was awarded the project and had approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Johnson City, the Tennessee Department of Transportation and the Eastern Lands Division of the Federal Highway Administration. Second the Tennessee Department of Transportation had notified the Johnson City MTPO that the Dawn of Hope had received FTA funds to purchase two Minivans for their program. Mr. Berry stated the Dawn of Hope was eligible for these funds and it did not impact the Johnson City Transit System. It was noted these two items required the TIP to be amended by the Executive Board before the federal funds would be available for use.

Mayor Dan Eldridge made a motion for the board to approve. Mayor Leon Humphrey seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4: Consider approval of the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary (**Resolution 2014-04**).

Mr. Berry stated this item was discussed at the last meeting held in August. Since that time Mr. Berry stated he had made minor boundary corrections to match up with the Kingsport MPA boundary and ensure there was no overlap. He noted Bluff City was included in the Johnson City MPA boundary and would be a member of the Johnson City MTPO. He went on to explain that once the Bristol MPO had retracted its MPA boundary removing Bluff City would be part of the Johnson City MTPO as outline in federal law that requires an Urbanized Area with a population of over 50,000 must be included in an MPA Boundary.

Mr. Weander made a motion for the board to approve. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5: Other Business Update / Citizens Concerns

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 1:20 p.m.