

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE

JOHNSON CITY TRANSIT SYSTEM

AND THE

JOHNSON CITY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

This Agreement defines mutual responsibilities and roles between the City of Johnson City Transit System (JCT) and the Johnson City Metropolitan Planning Organization (MTPO) related to carrying out the Metropolitan Transportation Planning process under the urban planning requirements as defined under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

1. Subject to the By-Laws of the Executive Staff of the Johnson City Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Director of the Johnson City Transit System shall be a member with equivalent status to other voting member of the Executive Staff.
2. Johnson City Transit relies on the MTPO Public Participation Process. The MTPO will develop a Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which will include a section on area public and private transportation providers, including the Johnson City Transit System. The MTPO public participation process allows interested parties (including transit employees and representatives of users of public transportation) with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Copies of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan will be made available to the public at the Johnson City MTPO offices and in electronic format on the website at www.jcmpo.org, with translated documents available upon request. Public comments may be submitted to the MTPO staff in writing or by e-mail, and will be taken into consideration by the MPO Manager, with adjustments made as appropriate.
3. The JCT staff and MTPO staff shall jointly prepare work tasks and share responsibilities for work performed under the Unified Planning Work Program, which includes financial participation from Sections 5303 and 5307 of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) assistance for transit planning.

4. The JCT staff and MTPO staff shall jointly prepare the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), with the JCT staff providing the list of JCT projects to be included in the TIP. These projects will include capital and operating budgets and grant requests related to public transportation services. JCT, in cooperation with TDOT and the MTPO, will develop estimates of funds reasonably expected to support the proposed program of projects in the TIP, and these funds will be listed by funding source and project in the TIP. The MTPO staff will coordinate submittal of the TIP for inclusion in the Tennessee's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
5. The MTPO and JCT staff shall jointly work to implement the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects developed under the guidance of the Johnson City Regional ITS Architecture and Deployment Plan. JCT staff shall serve on technical and other relevant project committees established by the MTPO Executive Board and Executive Staff.
6. Development of transportation plans and studies related to public transit services will be joint responsibilities of the JCT and MTPO staffs with final review authority on staff recommendations vested with the JCT Director, subject to public comment and review provisions applicable for each study or project.
7. All transportation planning and project activities and projects in the UPWP shall be considered in an intermodal framework with respect to the important role public transportation services have for a significant portion of the elderly, handicapped, and disadvantaged population.

This agreement shall be valid for five years, starting October 1, 2021 and expire December 31, 2026, or until a new transportation act necessitates an update to this agreement, whichever is sooner.

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