#### JOHNSON CITY MTPO Executive Board / Executive Staff AGENDA

#### Tuesday, 9:30 am November 17th, 2009 137 West Market Street, Johnson City, TN Johnson City Transit Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Training Room

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Minutes
- 3. Priority Project List for the Johnson City MTPO and Member Jurisdictions (State Projects)
  - i. Resolution- 2009-12 (Vote Required)
  - ii. Exhibit A. List of Priority Projects from Johnson City MTPO
- 4. Resolution urging Congress to pass a new Transportation Act
  - i. Resolution- 2009-13 (Vote Required)
- 5. Review / Discussion of the Federal Obligation Process as it relates to FHWA Funds
- 6. Other Business / Citizens Concerns
- 7. Adjourn

## ITEM 1 Call to Order

## **Approval of Minutes**

# 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 August 5, 2009

#### **Executive Board Present**

Alan Bridwell, for the Honorable Mayor Jaynes (Washington County)
Bob Browning, for the Honorable Mayor Wolfe (Town of Jonesborough)
Deborah Fleming, Governor Phil Bredesen (TN)
Jane Myron, Honorable Mayor (city of Johnson City)
David Ornduff, for the Honorable Mayor Alexander (city of Elizabethton)

#### **Executive Board Not Present**

Johnny Holder, the Honorable Mayor (Carter County)

#### **Executive Staff Present**

Pete Peterson, (city of Johnson City)
John Deakins, Jr., (Washington County Highway Department)
Donna Bridwell, for Eldonna Janutolo, (Johnson City Transit)
Chris Craig, for Susan Reid (First TN Development District)

#### **Executive Staff Not Present**

Jack Perkins, Carter County Highway Department Larry Ray, Unicoi Town Recorder Glenn Rosenoff, (office of Local Planning)

#### **Others Attending**

Mike Arsenault, city of Johnson City Public Works
Glenn Berry, Johnson City MTPO
Mary Butler, Johnson City MTPO
Johann Coetzee, city of Elizabethton
Allan Cantrell, city of Johnson City Public Works/ Engineering Division
Randy Dodson, Mattern and Craig Engineers
Jon Hartman, city of Elizabethton Planning Department
Dustin King, city of Johnson City Planning Department
Hollis Loveday, Wilbur Smith Associates
Mike Potter, city of Elizabethton
Jeff Rawles, Johnson City MTPO
Tamika Macon, FHWA
Anthony Todd, city of Johnson City Public Works

#### **Summary of Motions Passed:**

- Minutes from May 6, 2009 approved.
- Approved the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (Resolution 2009-09).
- Approved 3 TIP Amendments: Approving the addition of State-STP funding for ROW in FY 2010, SR-362; Approving the addition of funding for PE Engineering Phases for Exit 13; and to include a new bucket item for "Bridge Replacement Rehabilitation Bonding for years FY 2009, 2010, and 2011(Resolution 2009-10).
- Approved the Self Certification Resolution for the TIP (Resolutions 2009-11).
- Approved consideration of Indian Ridge Road to be added to Urban Functional Classification Road Network (Resolution 2009-12).

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

**Agenda Item 1:** Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Mayor Myron. A sign-in sheet was passed to each member.

**Agenda Item 2:** The minutes from the May 6, 2009 were reviewed. David Ornduff made a motion for the board to approve the document. Johnny Deakins seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3: Mr. Glenn Berry stated that an Executive Board vote was required to amend the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program that identifies the transportation planning projects and planning activities to be undertaken by local, regional, and/or state agencies. Mr. Berry explained that the Johnson City MTPO, under federal law, must adopt a Unified Planning and Work Program each year, which begins each Fiscal Year on October 1<sup>st</sup>. A detailed breakdown of the tasks set for Fiscal Year 2010 is explained in the Draft 2010 Unified Planning and Work Program. The draft UPWP has been reviewed by the Johnson City MTPO staff, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. Deborah Fleming made a motion for the board to approve. David Ornduff seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4: Mr. Berry stated that an Executive Board vote was required to approve 3 TIP Amendments: Approving the addition of State-STP funding for ROW in FY 2010, SR-362 (gap Creek Road) project; Approving the addition of funding for PE Engineering Phases (PE-N, PE-D) for Exit 13 on I-26 at SR-75 (Bobby Hicks Highway/Suncrest Drive); and to include a new bucket item for "Bridge Replacement Rehabilitation Bonding (BRBD) for years FY 2009, 2010, and 2011(Resolution 2009-10). The Tennessee Department of transportation has identified additional funds in the Johnson City MTPO Region. In order for these funds to be available, they must be included in the Johnson City MTPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Detailed "TIP sheets", and a summary table are provided for each of these projects.

David Ornduff made a motion for the board to approve. Allan Bridwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5: Mr. Berry stated that an Executive Board vote was required to approve and endorse the Self Certification Resolution for the TIP (Resolution 2009-11). 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. Berry explained that listed in the Resolution 2009-11 are the specific details of the Certificate. All of Johnson City MTPO staff has completed annual training on Title VI and the Johnson City MTPO has been notified by the Civil rights Division of TDOT that the Johnson City MTPO is in compliance. Mr. Berry concluded by stating that there are no complaints against the Johnson City MTPO. Deborah Fleming made a motion for the board to approve. Johnny Deakins seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6: Mr. Berry stated that an Executive Board vote was required to consider and approve the addition of Indian Ridge Road to the Urban Functional Classification Road Network. Mr. Berry stated that the city of Johnson City, Public Works Department has requested Indian Ridge Road, between SR 34 and SR 381, be added to the Functional Classification System. A review has been conducted by the Johnson City MTPO staff and the Tennessee Department of Transportation and it is eligible to be added to the Functional Classification System. Mr. Berry further explained that the road serves a large residential population, provides access to Woodland Elementary School and serves as a connector road between SR 381 and SR 34. Indian Ridge Road will then be eligible for funding using STP-Local Allocation. Alan Bridwell made a motion for the board to approve. Bob Browning seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7: Informational Update on MTPO Projects and New Transportation Act. Jeff Rawles gave a PowerPoint presentation on the following items: 1) JC MTPO Website; 2) ARRA Projects; 3) proposed New Transit Route-JCT; 4) STP Projects; 5)TIP Workshops beginning this fall and Priority List of Projects (STATE)-due January 2010; 6) Update on New Transportation Act. Donna Bridwell gave a brief update on the Federal Transit Administration (New Federal Program) for disabled individuals; and stated that the JCT ridership has increased.

**Agenda Item 8:** Mayor Myron made closing statements, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:52 a.m.

**Resolution- 2009-12**- Priority Project List for the Johnson City MTPO and Member Jurisdictions (State Projects)

#### **RESOLUTION**

BY

### THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND EXECUTIVE STAFF OF

#### THE JOHNSON CITY METROPOLITIAN TRANSPORATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

#### **Priority Project List to be Submitted to TDOT**

WHEREAS, each Metropolitan Planning Organization has been requested by Tennessee Department of Transportation to develop a List of Priority Projects, and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) works with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) on developing its Transportation Improvement Program and Long Range Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** the Priority Projects List is derived from the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS,** the Johnson City MTPO is submitting a Priority Project List for the Johnson City MTPO area to TDOT; and

**WHEREAS,** the projects included in the list are vital to the transportation infrastructure and economic development for the Johnson City MTPO area; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Executive Board and Executive Staff of the Johnson City Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization do hereby approve the Priority Project List in Exhibit A to be submitted to TDOT.

Chairperson	Date
MTPO Executive Board	
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MTPO Executive Staff	

## Exhibit A List of Priority Projects from Johnson City MTPO

Project Name	Project Description	County	TDOT PIN#	Phase needed
New Projects				
I-26	Interchange			PE
Exit 13 (SR 75 @ I-26)	Improvements	Washington	Not Assigned	
I-26	Interchange			PE
Exit 17 (SR 354 @ I-26)	Improvements	Washington	Not Assigned	
1-26	Interchange	\\/achinatan	Not Assistant	PE
Exit 24 (SR 67 @ I-26)	Improvements	Washington	Not Assigned	
Existing Projects				CN
SR 36 (Kingsport Hwy)	Widen to 5 lanes	Washington	101398.00	CN
SR 362 (Gap Creek Rd)	Widen to 5 lanes	Carter	101216.00	CN
SR 34 (Bristol Hwy)	Widen to 5 lanes	Washington	102063.00	CN
	Currently this project is in an EIS and no final alignment or solution			PE needed Currently in Environmental Impact Statement
SR 91 extension	has been selected	Carter	43975.01	(EIS)
High Priority Projects				
Knob Creek Extension	Construct new 5-lane	Washington	102620.00	PE / ROW
Veterans Administration Access Road from US 11-E	Construct a new 2-lane access road.	Washington	102618.00	PE / ROW
Safety Projects				
Other Safety Projects	Projects that may be warranted and identified under the Highway Safety Improvement Program by TDOT	MTPO Region	Not Assigned	
Other Projects Outside our MTPO Region				
SR 75	Widen to 5 lanes	Sullivan / Washington	101397.00	CN

PE= Preliminary Engineering Phase

ROW= Right of Way Phase

CN= Construction Phase

**Resolution- 2009-13**- Resolution urging Congress to pass a new Transportation Act

#### RESOLUTION

BY

## THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND EXECUTIVE STAFF OF

#### THE JOHNSON CITY METROPOLITIAN TRANSPORATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

#### For Congress to Approve and Fund a New Transportation Bill

WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation, Equity, Act, a Legacy for Users, commonly referred to as SAFETEA-LU, was enacted by the U.S. Congress in August 2005 and expired on September 30, 2009; and

**WHEREAS,** on September 30, 2009 the U.S. Senate voted on a one-month continuing resolution to extend SAFETEA-LU and failed to repeal Section 10212 of SAFETEA-LU thus rescinding 8.7 billion dollars in transportation infrastructure funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee lost 190 million dollars in transportation funds resulting in delays and the possible elimination of transportation infrastructure projects already programmed into the Johnson City MTPO Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the transportation infrastructure of the Johnson City MTPO Region, including bridges, highways, trails, pedestrian facilities, and other transportation infrastructure projects are critical to the Johnson City MTPO Region for sustained livable and economically viable communities; and

WHEREAS, at this time a new and fully funded transportation bill has not been passed to provide transportation funding for state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board and Executive Staff of the Johnson City Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization stresses the urgency and need for congress to pass a new fully-funded transportation bill; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Executive Board and Executive Staff of the Johnson City Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization hereby call upon the 111<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congress to approve a new and fully-funded transportation bill and for it to be enacted into law.

Chairperson	Date
MTPO Executive Board	
Chairperson	Date
MTPO Executive Staff	

Review / Discussion of the Federal Obligation Process as it relates to FHWA Funds

# ITEM 6 Open to Citizens

Item 7

**Adjourn**