Call to Order

Item 1: Public Input – Open to public

Item 2: Approval of Minutes from the August 25, 2016 Meeting

Item 3: Self-Certification Resolution
  • Resolution 2016-07 (Vote Required)

Item 4: Consider approval of adopting the Fiscal Years 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
  • Resolution 2016-08 (Vote Required)

Item 5: Consider Recommendation / Reaffirmation of the Priority Project List for TDOT’s Three-Year Work Program
  • Resolution 2016-09 (Vote Required)

Item 6: Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Item 7: Update on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by Federal Highway Administration - Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform

Item 8: Update on I-26 in North Carolina

Item 9: Other Business

Adjourn
ITEM 1

Public Input

ITEM 2

Approval of minutes from the August 25, 2016 Executive Board & Staff Meeting.
JOHNSON CITY MTPO
Minutes of the Executive Board / Executive Staff Meeting
Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
100 West Millard Street, Johnson City, TN
Johnson City Public Library, Jones Meeting Room

Executive Board Present
The Honorable Mayor Irene Wells, Town of Bluff City
Jerome Kitchens for the Honorable Mayor Curt Alexander, City of Elizabethton
The Honorable Mayor Clayton Stout, City of Johnson City
Bob Browning for the Honorable Mayor Kelly Wolfe, Town of Jonesborough
Roger Colbaugh for the Honorable Mayor Leon Humphrey, Carter County
The Honorable Mayor Dan Eldridge, Washington County
Michelle Bradburn for Governor Bill Haslam, State of Tennessee
John Deakins, Jr., Tennessee County Highway Officials Association

Executive Board Not Present
The Honorable Mayor Johnny Lynch, Town of Unicoi

Executive Staff Present
The Honorable Mayor Irene Wells, Town of Bluff City
Jerome Kitchens, City of Elizabethton
M. Denis Peterson, City of Johnson City
Bob Browning, Town of Jonesborough
Roger Colbaugh, Carter County Highway Department
John Deakins, Jr., Washington County Highway Department
Jeff Rawles for Eldonna Janutolo, Johnson City Transit
Michelle Bradburn, Tennessee Department of Transportation
Joshua Suddath, Tennessee Department of Transportation
Mike Russell, Tennessee Department of Transportation
Chris Craig, First Tennessee Development District

Executive Staff Not Present
Mike Housewright, Town of Unicoi

Others Attending
Glenn Berry, Johnson City MTPO
Mary Butler, Johnson City MTPO
Ambre Torbett, Sullivan County
Randy Beckner, Mattern & Craig
Link Elmore, City of Johnson City
Anthony Todd, City of Johnson City
Tyler Morris, City of Johnson City
Mike Potter, City of Elizabethton
Summary of Motions Passed:

- **Approved** – Minutes from May 12, 2016

- **Approved** – Resolution 2016-03 – Approval of the Fiscal Years 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program

- **Approved** – Resolution 2016-04 – Approval of the update to the Public Participation Plan

- **Approved** – Resolution 2016-05 – Self-Certification Resolution

- **Approved** – Resolution 2016-06 – Approval of amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add capital funding for Johnson City Transit

- **Approved** – Approval to authorize Mr. Glenn Berry, Executive Secretary, to submit on behalf of the Executive Board a comment to the docket of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking by the Federal Highway Administration – Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform
Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m. by the Chairman, Mayor Clayton Stout.

Agenda Item 1: Chairman Mayor Stout proceeded to ask if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public attending the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: The minutes from the May 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

Mr. John Deakins Jr. made a motion for the board to approve. Mayor Irene Wells seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3: Consider approval of Resolution 2016-03 to adopt the Fiscal Years 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Glenn Berry thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He described the tasks that are laid out in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Several tasks cover the day to day operations of the Johnson City MTPO. One of the biggest tasks is the update to the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Mr. Berry also described a carryover task for an electronic and interactive TIP database. The Nashville MPO is the lead agency on this project and unfortunately he stated there have been delays in the project. It is anticipated that this project will be done in the next month; however, it is unlikely the task will be completed by October 1 and therefore needs to be added to the new 2017-2018 UPWP.

Mr. Berry said the UPWP had been reviewed by TDOT and FHWA/FTA and is ready to be adopted by the board.

Mr. M. Denis Peterson made a motion for the board to approve the resolution to adopt the FYs 2017-2018 UPWP for the Johnson City MTPO. Mr. Deakins seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4: Consider approval of Resolution 2016-04 to adopt the update to the Public Participation Plan

Mr. Berry went over the changes to the Public Participation Plan. He explained that the current document is over ten years old and was updated to meet current regulations. It was rewritten and reorganized for a better flow by Ms. Mary Butler. One of the main changes is the reduction of the number of locations to place physical documents throughout the MTPO area. Over 10 years, no comments have been received by this method. Furthermore, Mr. Berry said he has spoken with staff at these locations to find out that no one has asked to see these documents. Documents will still be available at the MTPO offices and on the website. He also noted that people can access these documents at all local libraries and comment online if they so desire.

Mr. Berry also presented two comments that were received during the 45-calendar day public comment period. One was submitted by Timothy Higgs with the Army Corps of Engineers to update the address for the Corps in Nashville. The second comment was submitted by Jaylon saying “What a pleasure to find someone who thinks through the issues.”

Mr. Jerome Kitchens made a motion for the board to approve the resolution to adopt the update to the Public Participation Plan for the Johnson City MTPO. Mayor Dan Eldridge seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.
**Agenda Item 5:** Consider approval of Resolution 2016-05 to sign Self-Certifications

Mr. Berry stated that these self-certifications are required when making a TIP amendment to assure the federal government that the Johnson City MTPO is following regulations. He explained that since the Johnson City MTPO is classified as a small urbanized area and not a Transportation Management Area as defined by federal law, the Johnson City MTPO was allowed to “self-certify.”

Mr. Berry continued with a discussion about ADA Transition Plans as this has been a recent topic of interest and is part of ADA compliance. He said that since mentioning this in the last meeting, he has followed up with Johnson City, Elizabethton and Jonesborough, and all are working on updating their ADA Transition Plans. Each of these jurisdictions had attended ADA Transition Plan awareness training offered either by TDOT or MTAS.

Mr. Berry read a recent email from Deborah Fleming with TDOT. Ms. Fleming relayed information from FHWA to expect a letter from them outlining their expectations regarding the status of ADA compliance in Tennessee. Further guidance will be provided from the FHWA Tennessee Division regarding this issue.

In the meantime, local jurisdictions can expect to be asked in the future about the status of their ADA Transition Plans and their level of progress. TDOT is preparing a form for local jurisdictions to provide information on the status of their ADA Transition Plans. The form is currently being reviewed by FHWA but will not be distributed until further guidance is provided.

Chairman Mayor Stout asked Mr. Berry to describe what it means to be ADA compliant. Mr. Berry outlined that street projects must update sidewalk wheelchair ramps with a proper slope and include truncated dome heads for the blind. Another example is pedestrian crosswalk signals that vibrate for the deaf to signal when it is time to cross. Mr. Peterson added that ADA Transition Plans must cover a very wide variety of details for all aspects of facilities to be in compliance.

Chairman Mayor Stout made a motion for the board to approve the resolution to sign the Self-Certifications for the Johnson City MTPO. Mr. Bob Browning seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 6:** Consider approval of Resolution 2016-06 to amend the Fiscal Year 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add capital funding for Johnson City Transit

Mr. Berry proceeded to introduce Jeff Rawles, the assistant director for Johnson City Transit, to describe the amendment to the TIP to add capital funding. Mr. Rawles explained that Section 5307 funding is their normal formula capital funding that they receive each year. They are budgeting funds for replacement parts, along with additional and replacement benches and shelters for bus stops. He also described the Section 5339 funding that is older money that TDOT is redistributing to agencies throughout the state. JCT is budgeting these capital funds for additional transit buses, two in-ground lifts for the maintenance facility and purchasing software that will automate the paratransit service process.

Mayor Wells made a motion for the board to approve the resolution to amend the FYs 2017-2017 TIP for the Johnson City MTPO. Mr. Deakins seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.
**Agenda Item 7:** Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by Federal Highway Administration – Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform

Mr. Berry reviewed how the federal legislations and regulations are done. Congress passes legislation and the federal agencies issue regulations. FHWA has issued a notice that they are proposing new regulations, or a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that will alter how MPOs operate. Mr. Berry expressed his concerns over the proposed regulations. He showed a presentation from the Association of MPOs (AMPO) and outlined that he agreed with their concerns. Some of the concerns include the following: the NPRM is not related to a legislative change by Congress; no documentation of existing coordination problems; could reduce the influence of local voices; and this will complicate performance measurement introduction.

Mr. Joshua Suddath, the manager of the Office of Community Transportation, also mentioned that TDOT staff is against this planning reform. He said that TDOT is also submitting comments to the docket.

Mr. Berry described several ways this proposed rule could impact the Johnson City MTPO. The regional MPOs could be required to produce one long range plan (LRTP) and one TIP. We would be required to work with Virginia on the planning process. Air quality and non-attainment issues could potentially impact projects in the region. He then proceeded to describe recent examples of cooperation between the MPOs in the area. He also mentioned that he had randomly read comments throughout the docket and no one was in support of the reform.

Mr. Peterson asked what the Kingsport MTPO’s position on the NPRM was. Mr. Berry noted he had spoken to the Kingsport MTPO and had received a draft letter from them yesterday opposing the NPRM as it was unnecessary and the current legislation was sufficient. Then Mr. Peterson asked what the Bristol MPO’s position was on the NPRM and are we still in the Bristol MPO Urbanized Area. Mr. Berry stated he had not been able to reach the Bristol MPO staff at present and that one of their key staff, Mr. David Metzger, is out due to illness, and they were shorthanded at present. He noted there was a transitional period where the Bristol MPO included a section of the Johnson City Urbanized Area, most notably the Bluff City area; however, that transition was now complete and Bluff City was a part of the Johnson City MTPO. Mayor Wells noted they were pleased to be in the Johnson City MTPO and had a project in the new 2017 – 2020 Draft TIP.

Mr. Deakins made a motion for the board to authorize Mr. Berry to submit a comment on the board’s behalf to the docket. Mayor Wells seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 8:** Update from the Coordinator

Mr. Berry gave a review of some of the transportation projects, namely the access road for the Veterans Affairs Hospital. This road has been added to the Functional Classification System, approved by FHWA and is now eligible for federal funding.

Mr. Berry also went over the upcoming performance measures requirement and how the Johnson City MTPO is preparing to cover the data that will be needed. He described getting access to E-TRIMS, which is the system that the state of Tennessee uses as a database for roads. He also mentioned the system that Johnson City Transit uses to collect ridership data.

Mr. Berry also went over geographic information systems, or GIS, and how they have improved hardware and software in recent years to increase their GIS capabilities. Mr. Berry introduced Mr. Link Elmore, who
was recently hired by Johnson City as the Geospatial Project Manager. Mr. Elmore described his duties for Johnson City and that he reports to an advisory board, of which Mr. Berry is a member.

**Agenda Item 9: Other Business**

Mr. Berry asked if there was any other business items to discuss. Mayor Dan Eldridge requested a meeting with Mr. Pete Peterson of Johnson City, Mr. Bob Browning of Jonesborough, Mr. Johnny Deakins of Washington County and himself to discuss the future of the Knob Creek Road project. He would like to determine whether to move forward together with the project or pull out. This would require funds from the City of Johnson City and Washington County through a bond issue if moving forward. Mr. Peterson and Mayor Stout agreed to meet with the others on this topic; however, no date was set.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.
ITEM 3

Resolution 2016-07: Consider a resolution reaffirming the “Self Certifications and Federal Certifications” for the Johnson City MTPO that must accompany the adoption of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The Johnson City MTPO is required to comply with federal law to “Self Certify” they are following all regulations as identified in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 450.334, and an approved certification must be sent with the entire proposed TIP or when it is amended.

It is recommended this item be approved by the Johnson City MTPO Executive Board by vote and accompanying resolution.
RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE JOHNSON CITY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO) to Re-Affirm the “Self-Certifications and Federal Certifications”

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Johnson City MTPO is required to prepare a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) documents a cooperatively developed program of projects scheduled for implementation during the projected four-year period; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City MTPO has adopted a Long Range Transportation Plan which serves as a guide for the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City MTPO Executive Board hereby determines the use of various Federal Highway Administration funds, including Surface Transportation Program, Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, STP Enhancement, National Highway System, Highway Safety Improvement Program, Interstate Maintenance, Federal Transit Administration Capital Operating and Planning, and other federal transportation funds that are made available for Johnson City MTPO Area projects, as listed in the TIP; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City MTPO does hereby certify that the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 450.334 are met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board and Executive Staff of the Johnson City Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization does hereby approve and endorse the following certifications, as set forth in 23 CFR Section 450.334, as to be submitted with the Johnson City MTPO Area FY 2014-2017 TIP as amended.
SELF CERTIFICATIONS AND FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS
23 CFR 450.334

(1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;

(2) In non-attainment and maintenance areas, section 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;

(3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 200d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;

(4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;

(5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;

(6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;


(8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

(9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and


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MTPO Executive Board, Chairperson  Date

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MTPO Executive Staff, Chairperson  Date
ITEM 4

Resolution 2016-08: Consider approval of adopting the Johnson City MTPO Fiscal Years 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Johnson City MTPO has developed a new four Fiscal Years 2017-2020 TIP, which identifies federal transportation funds to be used for projects the region. The MTPO has successfully addressed all comments from the Tennessee Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. After public notice in the Johnson City Press, the draft TIP was available for public comment from October 17, 2016, to October 31, 2016. The draft TIP was made available on the website, www.jcmpo.org, and copies of the draft TIP, along with comment sheets, were made publicly available at the Johnson City MTPO office. In addition to this, an interagency letter advising the draft TIP was available for comment were sent to other state and federal agencies for their review and comment.


The MTPO will present public comments received, if any, to the Executive Board during the meeting.

It is recommended that the Johnson City MTPO Fiscal Years 2017-2020 TIP be adopted by the Johnson City MTPO Executive Board by vote and accompanying resolution.
RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE JOHNSON CITY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO) TO ADOPT THE JOHNSON CITY MTPO 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

WHEREAS, the Johnson City MTPO is responsible for carrying out a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing transportation planning process throughout the Johnson City Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City MTPO prepared the Fiscal Years 2017-2020 TIP, a cooperatively developed program of transportation projects selected to be advanced during the program’s four-year period, in accordance with planning requirements in federal laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, no local highway and transit projects are eligible for Federal funds until they are programmed in the TIP; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City MTPO has involved the public and interested stakeholders in accordance with the Public Participation Plan, which requires a public review and comment period of 14 calendar days and a public hearing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the Johnson City Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization does hereby adopt the Johnson City MTPO Fiscal Years 2017–2020 Transportation Improvement Program.

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MTPO Executive Board, Chairperson  Date

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MTPO Executive Staff, Chairperson  Date
ITEM 5

Resolution 2016-09: Consider Recommendation / Reaffirmation of the Priority Project List for TDOT’s Three-Year Work Program

Each year the Tennessee Department of Transportation requests our input on major transportation projects to be included in TDOT’s Three-Year Work Program. These are projects that are managed by TDOT, which have traditionally been totally funded with TDOT resources that are available to the state, whether it be federal or state funds.

For the Johnson City MTPO area, there are two major projects that were initiated through the planning process, meetings with TDOT, and by informing our state legislators of our project needs. These projects are the similar as previous years. They are as follows:

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There are other projects in the MTPO, but they are not on State Routes and funded locally, either through the MTPO’s allocation of Surface Transportation Program funds or specific grants with local match. In 2012, the Tennessee Department of Transportation changed its policy on management of projects that are not on State Routes. This background information is why other “local” projects in our region are not included on the Priority Project list for TDOT’s Three-Year Work Program.

It is recommended this item be approved by the Johnson City MTPO Executive Board by vote and accompanying resolution.
RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE JOHNSON CITY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO) TO RECOMMEND/REAFFIRM THE PRIORITY PROJECT LIST TO BE SUBMITTED TO TDOT FOR THREE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM

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 does hereby approve the Priority Project List to be submitted to TDOT for the Three-Year Work Program.

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MTPO Executive Board, Chairperson  Date

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MTPO Executive Staff, Chairperson  Date
ITEM 6
Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

The Code of Federal Regulations, Section 450.332(a), states, “In metropolitan planning areas, on an annual basis, no later than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, the State, public transportation operator(s), and the MPO shall cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year.” Title 23 of the United States Code provides funding for highway projects and Title 49 provides funding for transit projects.

The Johnson City MTPO has received a listing from TDOT for the federal fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Also included are Federal Transit Administration projects obligated by September 30, 2016. These projects were federally obligated in the Johnson City MTPO Metropolitan Planning Area. The table on the next page shows the listing of the obligated projects.
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**OBLIGATIONS FOR JOHNSON CITY MPO FY 2016**

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Total FTA obligations for 2016: $771,469
ITEM 7

Update on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by Federal Highway Administration – Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform

The Federal Highway Administration issued an extension for comments for the NPRM in the Federal Register on September 23, 2016. The extension described the need for additional comments on specific issues, such as the impact and cost of the proposed rule, and exceptions that should be allowed. The comment period was extended until October 24, 2016.

On September 13, MTPO staff attended the national MPO caucus at the Tools of the Trade Conference, held in Charleston, South Carolina. At the conference it was pointed out that this was an extremely controversial proposed rule. None of the MPOs at the caucus were in support of the NPRM. Some of the more notable organizations opposing the proposed rule are the American Association of State Highway Officials, American Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, the National League of Cities, National Association of Regional Councils and National Organization of Development Organizations. All of these and more can be found on the federal docket at:

https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FHWA-2016-0016

For Johnson City MTPO, we do include a section of the Kingsport Urbanized Area in the Johnson City MTPO Planning Area. We are not recommending any action at this time; however, in light of this new proposed rule, it may be time to consider retracting our boundary so there is no overlap in this region.

An interactive map of the area can be found on our website at http://www.jcmpo.org under the “Maps” tab, then select the “Web Maps” sub tab. From that point hover this Icon in the upper left corner to click on “View Map”:

![Map Image]

After the map is open, the layer showing the overlap area is titled “Kingsport_UZA_In_JC_MPA” in a dotted yellow line.

We have informed the Kingsport MTPO staff that we may be considering retracting our MTPO Planning Area from the Kingsport Urbanized Area in the future. It should be noted this is being considered as a
direct result of the NPRM. We do coordinate and work well with the Kingsport MTPO and have for many years. This is also true of our relationship with the Bristol MPO.
ITEM 8
Update on I-26 in North Carolina
NC STIP Project Nos. I-4400/I-4700 I-26 Widening in North Carolina

NCDOT is considering three build options – referred to as alternatives – for implementation. Each would be designed to best fit within the existing right of way limits for I-26 to the greatest extent possible.

- Build Alternative 1 (Six-Lane Widening) would widen I-26 to three lanes in each direction from U.S. 25 to I-40/240.
- Build Alternative 2 (Eight-Lane Widening) would widen I-26 to four lanes in each direction from U.S. 25 to I-40/240.
- Build Alternative 3 (Hybrid Six/Eight-Lane Widening) would widen I-26 to three lanes in each direction between U.S. 25 and the I-26/U.S. 25 (Asheville Highway) interchange. It would widen I-26 to four lanes in each direction from the I-26/U.S. 25 (Asheville Highway) interchange to the I-40/240 interchange.

Best-fit alignments, or asymmetrical widening, have been evaluated and selected to improve the existing highway alignment, minimize impacts and accommodate maintenance of traffic during construction.

Preferred Alternative

After considering the purpose and need for widening I-26, as well as the cost, design and impacts on the human and natural environment, NCDOT and the Federal Highway Administration identified the Hybrid 6/8-Lane Widening as the best build alternative – also referred to as the Preferred Alternative.

In addition to widening the roadway, the Preferred Alternative involves modifying the existing interchange at U.S. 25 (Asheville Highway) to a partial cloverleaf design.

Work would also involve replacing the existing bridge that carries Blue Ridge Parkway over I-26. The columns supporting the bridge deck of the existing bridge are spaced in such a way that there is no space for widening I-26 underneath the bridge.
ITEM 9
Other Business

Adjourn