

**Johnson City Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Executive Board and Executive Staff Meeting, 2 p.m.  
JCT Training Room 1<sup>st</sup> floor,  
August 1, 2007**

**Executive Board Present**

David Ornduff, for the Honorable Mayor Alexander (City of Elizabethton)  
The Honorable Mayor Roe (City of Johnson City)  
Angie Midget, for Governor Bredeson (Tennessee)  
Alan Bridwell, for the Honorable Mayor Jaynes (Washington County)

**Executive Board Not Present**

The Honorable Mayor Bledsoe (Town of Jonesborough)

**Executive Staff Present**

Pete Peterson, City Manager (City of Johnson City)  
Rusty Treadway, (City of Elizabethton)  
Charles Anderson, for Stan Harrison, (Office of Local Planning)  
John Deakins, Washington County Highway Department  
Chris Craig, for Susan Reid, (First TN Development District)  
Bob Browning, Jonesborough Town Administrator

**Executive Staff Not Present**

Jack Perkins, Carter County Highway Department  
Eldonna Janutolo, (Johnson City Transit)

**Others Attending**

Glenn Berry, Johnson City MTPO  
Donna Bridwell, Johnson City Transit  
Dustin King, City of Johnson City Planning Department  
Steve Neilson, City of Johnson City Planning Department  
Taurus Hinton, Johnson City MTPO  
Anthony Todd, City Traffic Engineer  
Jane Fillers, Johnson City Transit  
Tony Delucia, Bikeway Greenway  
Blaine Dulaney, Saga  
Bob Hardin, Saga  
Dan Reese, Saga

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

- Minutes from April 10, 2007 approved.
- Approved updated bylaws to reflect the adding of the town of Unicoi
- Approval to reaffirm goals and objectives for the new SAFETEA-LU compliant Lon Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
- Approved the Johnson City Urbanized Area Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (**Resolution 2007-3**).
- Recommendation to negotiate with consultant, Wilbur Smith, on lowering the \$21,000 charge.

## Meeting Minutes:

**Agenda Item 1:** Meeting called to order at 2:40 p.m. by Mayor Roe.

**Agenda Item 2:** A sign-in sheet was passed to each member.

**Agenda Item 3:** The minutes from the April 10, 2007 meeting was reviewed. David Ornduff made a motion for the board to approve the document. Alan Bridwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 4:** An Executive Board vote was required to reflect the addition of the town of Unicoi in the bylaws. Mayor Roe asked for a motion on the item. Pete Peterson made the motion for the board to approve. David Ornduff seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 5:** Mayor Roe asked Mr. Berry to explain the goals and Objectives for the new SAFETEA-LU. Mr. Glenn Berry gave a short overview on the Goals and Objectives for the new SAFETEA-LU compliant Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). David Ornduff made a motion for the board to approve. Bob Browning seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 6:** Mayor Roe asked Mr. Berry to address the adoption of the Johnson City Urbanized Area Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (**Resolution 2007-3**). Mr. Berry explained that the Federal Transit Administration and Tennessee Department of Transportation require grantees to develop such a plan to comply with Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, and Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). SAFETEA-LU requires that projects selected for funding under the JARC, Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities, and New Freedom programs be derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. The U.S. Department of Transportation requires that projects in the urban area funded by the Federal Highway Administration or the Federal Transit Administration be included in a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Berry then turned the presentation over to Donna Bridwell and Jane Fillers. Ms. Bridwell explained the history of SAFETEA-LU and the qualifications. Ms. Fillers explained the four major segments in developing the plan: Project Methodology; Service Gaps & Unmet Transportation; Needs, maintaining levels of service; and needs to expand current service. After some discussion, Pete Peterson made a motion to approve. David Ornduff seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 7:** Under other business, Pete Peterson asked Mr. Berry to give an update on the (TRTP) Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Berry explained that the draft had been sent to TDOT and they had approximately 47 comments. 46 of the 47 comments had been answered and that we are stalled on one comment concerning the base year for the model data. TDOT stated that the base year 2000 was too out dated and that the data should be based on 2005 Census data. Furthermore, the model will be run again, and will incorporate any changes. Currently, we are in negotiations with TDOT and the consultant, Wilbur Smith, on the \$21,000 charge for the model to be run with the 2005 Census data. David Ornduff made a

recommendation to negotiate the \$21,000 charge to be lowered. Pete Peterson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 8:** Dan Reese and Blaine Dulaney gave a presentation from (SAGA) Southern Appalachian Greenway Alliance. Mr. Reese gave a brief introduction of SAGA and then turned it over to Mr. Dulaney. Mr. Dulaney showed a PowerPoint presentation that depicted SAGA's vision, and purpose. Mr. Dulaney stressed the importance of Bikeways/ Greenways and how they could prevent 3 of the crises facing our world/region today: Global Warming; Oil Crisis; and the Obesity Epidemic.

**Agenda Item 9:** Mr. Berry gave a presentation on the Norfolk Southern Rail. Mr. Berry explained that in July, Norfolk Southern Rail announced that they were going to begin upgrades to the railroad system. According to the USDOT, the National Highway Network System will exceed capacity by 2020. He also explained the three major corridors: Meridian Corridor; Midwest (Heartland) Corridor; and the I-81 (Crescent) Corridor.

**Agenda Item 10:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:50 p.m.