

**Johnson City Metropolitan Planning Organization
Executive Board and Executive Staff Meeting
Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.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 Irene Wells, Town of Bluff City
The Honorable Mayor Dan Eldridge, Washington County
Mike Potter for 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

M. Denis Peterson, City of Johnson City
John Deakins, Jr., Washington County Highway Superintendent
Irene Wells, for Bluff City
Lance Lowery, First Tennessee Development District and Town of Unicoi
John Hartman, City of Elizabethton
Mike Potter, for Carter County Highway Dept.
Mary Butler, Johnson City Transit for Eldonna Janutolo, JCT

Executive Staff Not Present

Bob Browning, Town of Jonesborough

Others Attending

Glenn Berry, Johnson City MTPO
Angie Carrier, City of Johnson City
Ambre Torbett, Sullivan County
Randy Dodson, Mattern & Craig
Calvin Clifton, Mattern & Craig

Summary of Motions Passed:

- **Approved** – Minutes from October 9, 2014.
- **Approved** – Resolution 2014-05 – Consider approval of amending the FY 2014-2015 UPWP to move project tasks and FY 2014 funding to FY 2015
- **Approved** – Resolution 2014-06 – Recommend / Reaffirm Priority Project List for TDOT's Three-Year Work Program.
- **Approved** – Forwarding applications from Bluff City and Elizabethton to the TDOT Multimodal Access Grant Program.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Mayor Ralph Van Brocklin. A sign-in sheet was passed to each person.

Agenda Item 1: The minutes from the October 9, 2014 meeting were reviewed.

Mr. M. Denis Peterson made a motion for the board to approve. Mr. Jon Hartman seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 2: Consider approval of amending the FY 2014-2015 UPWP to move project tasks and FY 2014 funding to FY 2015 (**Resolution 2014-05**).

Mr. Berry explained to the Board the changes being made to the FY 2014-2015 UPWP. With this being a two year UPWP, clarification was made from TDOT that funding not used for FY 2014 would need to be moved to FY 2015 in order to be eligible to be spent. Mr. Berry explained this included funding for the TIP Software Database and the Transit Consultant for Bus Technical Specifications would be moved to Federal FY 2015, as well as Section 5303 FTA funds used Administration & Database.

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

Agenda Item 3: Recommend / Reaffirm Priority Project List for TDOT's Three-Year Work Program (**Resolution 2014-06**).

Mr. Berry presented a brief overview of the projects currently under construction in the area. Mr. Berry presented the three projects that make up the Priority Project List to be submitted to TDOT.

The projects were recommended to be ranked in the following order.

JC MTPO Ranking	Project
1	112456.00- Washington, I-26, Interchange at SR-354(Exit 17)
2	112457.00- Washington, I-26, Interchange at SR-67(Exit 24) (Eastbound Only)
3	043975.01- Carter, SR-91, From SR-67 (US-321) to SR-37 (US-19E)

Mr. Berry stated that this priority list was the same as last year. Mr. Hartman made a motion for the board to approve. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion on TDOT Multimodal Access Grant Program

Mr. Berry stated that TDOT limited the number of applications to the Multimodal Access Grant Program to two from each MPO. The Johnson City MTPO received two applications, from Bluff City and Elizabethton. He asked that each describe their particular project that was being submitted to the

program. Mr. Hartman presented Elizabethton's project, which includes pedestrian safety improvements at approximately five intersections with the Tweetsie Trail. These improvements include signage, specifically lighted signage that warns drivers of the trail crossings to enhance safety at busy intersections.

Mr. Calvin Clifton, on behalf of Mayor Irene Wells, presented Bluff City's project, which also includes pedestrian improvements, with a sidewalk to connect the boardwalk, a park and ride lot and the new City Hall. This project will also include improvements at a railroad crossing.

Mayor Van Brocklin asked for a vote to forward the two applications to TDOT for consideration in the Multimodal Access Grant Program. All approved.

Agenda Item 5: Other Business Update / Citizens Concerns

Mr. Berry informed the Board of the recently proposed air quality standards. Mr. Berry stated that the proposed standards will be between .060-.070 parts per million. Depending on what the new standard is, Sullivan County could fall into non-attainment status. This status would affect projects being considered for Sullivan County and would require further evaluation to determine the projects' effect on air quality, such as running either the MPO or state travel demand model. Ms. Angie Carrier and Mr. Peterson both inquired about funding that might be available to non-attainment areas, particularly for multimodal projects to mitigate air quality issues. Mr. Nick Weander responded that CMAQ funding is specifically available to non-attainment areas.

[NOTE: The Federal Register, which is the official notice to the public, states the proposed standards are at **.065 - .070 parts** per million. Mr. Berry corrected this and notified Board and Staff members via e-mail after the meeting, along with a copy of the Federal Register after the meeting, once it was available.]

After this discussion, no citizens' concerns were raised.

Adjournment:

Mayor Van Brocklin made closing statements, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:43 a.m.