

JOHNSON CITY MTPO
Minutes of the Grants Information Session
Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
Location: Johnson City Transit Center, Training Room

Executive Board Present

Randy Trivette for the Honorable Mayor Dr. Todd Fowler, City of Johnson City, Chairman
The Honorable Mayor Jeff Broyles, Town of Bluff City
Matthew Balough for The Honorable Mayor Curt Alexander, City of Elizabethton
The Honorable Mayor Joe Grandy, Washington County
Ronda Sawyer for the Honorable Governor Bill Lee, State of Tennessee

Executive Board Not Present

The Honorable Mayor Chuck Vest, Town of Jonesborough
The Honorable Mayor Kathy Bullen, Town of Unicoi
The Honorable Mayor Patty Woodby, Carter County
John Deakins, Jr., Tennessee County Highway Officials Association

Executive Staff Present

Randy Trivette for Cathy Ball, City of Johnson City, Chairman
The Honorable Mayor Jeff Broyles, Town of Bluff City
Matthew Balough for Daniel Estes, City of Elizabethton
Kim Kreckow for Eldonna Janutolo, Johnson City Transit
Doug Jones for Washington County Highway Department
Ronda Sawyer, Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)
Zachary Coleman, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Executive Staff Not Present

Glenn Rosenoff, Town of Jonesborough
Debbie Kessler, Town of Unicoi
Chase Milner, First Tennessee Development District
Carter County Highway Department
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

MTPO Staff Present

Glenn Berry, Johnson City MTPO
Mary Butler, Johnson City MTPO

Others Attending

The Honorable Representative Tim Hicks, Tennessee House District 6
Andrea Noel, TDOT Air Quality Office
Troy Ebbert, TDOT Region 1 OCT
Michelle Christian, TDOT Region 1 OCT
Andy Best, City of Johnson City
Anthony Todd, City of Johnson City
Ann Marie French, City of Johnson City
David Carney, City of Elizabethton
Jasmine Renner, NET Trans

Summary of Motions:

- No Action Items for this meeting

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 2:04 p.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Randy Trivette, standing in for the Honorable Mayor Dr. Todd Fowler.

Agenda Item 1: Chairman Mr. Trivette asked if there was any input from the public. There were no comments from the public.

Agenda Item 2: Chairman Mr. Trivette moved to Item 2, when Mr. Glenn Berry gave a presentation on the [Transportation Improvement Program Process \(TIP\) and how it relates to grants.](#)

Agenda Item 3: Chairman Mr. Trivette moved to Item 3, when Mr. Zachary Coleman of the FHWA Tennessee Division gave a presentation on [New Grants through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\).](#) Mr. Trivette welcomed FHWA and TDOT staff to the meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Chairman Mr. Trivette moved to Item 4, when Ms. Andrea Noel of the TDOT Air Quality Office gave a presentation on [Air Quality Program updates \(National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, Carbon Reduction, and PROTECT\).](#)

Agenda Item 5: Mr. Berry, stepping in for Chairman Mr. Trivette, moved to Item 5. Due to time constraints, Ms. Michelle Christian was unable to give her presentation in person. Instead, it is provided as a link in these minutes. Her presentation was [TDOT Grant Opportunities.](#)

Ms. Christian demonstrated a new database tool that will soon be available to help local jurisdictions search for federal, state, and non-profit funding opportunities. This database will provide a one-stop shop to search for funding that may be available for a project. Below is a view of the draft Transportation Funding Database. TDOT will send out a notice once the database is up and running on their website.

Grant	Agency	Description	Amount
Clean School Bus Program Grants	EPA	The goal of this program is to incentivize and accelerate the replacement of existing school buses with clean and Zero Emissions (ZE) school buses. Eligible activities include the replacement of existing internal-combustion engine (ICE) school buses with electric, propane, or compressed natural gas (CNG) school buses, as well as the purchase of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) infrastructure and EVSE installations.	\$500-\$50,000
Community Change Grant	America Walks	The Community Change Grants program supports the growing network of advocates, organizations, and agencies working to advance walkability. Grants are awarded to innovative, engaging, and inclusive programs and projects that create change and opportunity for walking and movement at the community level.	\$1500
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	ECD	TNECD administers the "Small Cities" CDBG program. All communities in Tennessee are eligible except those in entitlement communities which are communities that receive CDBG funds directly from HUD. Entitlement areas include Bristol, Chattanooga, Clarksville, Cleveland, Davidson County and Nashville, Franklin, Hendersonville, Jackson, Johnson City, Kingsport, Knox County and Knoxville, Morristown, Murfreesboro, Oak Ridge, Shelby County and Memphis. CDBG funds are only awarded to city and county governments.	\$400,000 maximum f livability projects*

Adjourn: There being no further business, Mr. Berry, stepping in for Chairman Mr. Trivette, thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.