

JOHNSON CITY MTPO
Minutes of the Executive Board / Executive Staff Meeting
Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
137 West Market Street, Johnson City, TN
Johnson City Transit Center, Training Room

Executive Board Present

Jerome Kitchens for the Honorable Mayor Curt Alexander, City of Elizabethton
The Honorable Mayor David Tomita, City of Johnson City, Chairman
Bob Browning for the Honorable Mayor Kelly Wolfe, Town of Jonesborough
The Honorable Mayor Daniel Eldridge, Washington County
Michelle Christian for the Honorable Governor Bill Haslam, State of Tennessee
John Deakins, Jr., Tennessee County Highway Officials Association

Executive Board Not Present

The Honorable Mayor Irene Wells, Town of Bluff City
The Honorable Mayor Johnny Lynch, Town of Unicoi
The Honorable Mayor Leon Humphrey, Carter County

Executive Staff Present

Jerome Kitchens, City of Elizabethton
Bob Browning, Town of Jonesborough
M. Denis Peterson, City of Johnson City
John Deakins, Jr., Washington County Highway Department
Chris Craig, First Tennessee Development District
Michelle Christian, Tennessee Department of Transportation

Executive Staff Not Present

The Honorable Mayor Irene Wells, Town of Bluff City
Mike Housewright, Town of Unicoi
Eldonna Janutolo, Johnson City Transit
Roger Colbaugh, Carter County Highway Department

Others Attending

Glenn Berry, Johnson City MTPO
The Honorable Ralph Van Brocklin, Johnson City Commission
Sean Santalla, Federal Highway Administration, Tennessee Division
Mike Russell, Tennessee Department of Transportation
Troy Ebbert, Tennessee Department of Transportation
Charlie Stahl, City of Johnson City
Mike Potter, City of Elizabethton
Shauna Crowe, Johnson City Transit
Candace Gump, First Tennessee Human Resource Agency – NET Trans
Jason Carder, Mattern & Craig
Preston Elliott, KCI Technologies (RPM Transportation Consultants)

Summary of Motions:

- **Approved** – Minutes from August 18, 2017;
- **Endorsed** – Approved endorsement of items concerning the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:
 - Goals & Objectives
 - Revenue Assumptions
 - Project Prioritization Criteria
 - 2045 MTP Candidate Project List

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by the Chairman, the Honorable Mayor David Tomita.

Agenda Item 1: Chairman Mayor Tomita 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 August 18, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

The Honorable Mayor Daniel Eldridge made a motion for the board to approve. Mr. Bob Browning seconded the motion. All approved. **Motion carried.**

Agenda Item 3: Consider approval of endorsements of the following items that concern the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):

- Goals and Objectives
- Revenue Assumptions
- Project Prioritization Criteria
- 2045 MTP Candidate Project List

Mr. Berry proceeded to introduce Mr. Preston Elliott of KCI Technologies (formerly RPM), who gave a brief presentation. Mr. Elliott reviewed the goals and objectives and also reviewed the project scoring criteria. Mr. Elliott passed out handouts on future revenue and then went over revenue forecasts for highways and transit funding. Mr. Elliott then reviewed the candidate projects to include in the MTP, including transit projects. The members of the Board asked questions about several of the proposed projects. Mr. Ebbert asked Ms. Candace Gump of the First Tennessee Human Resource Agency how the grantee application with the Federal Transit Administration was progressing. Ms. Gump responded that two segments of the application had been approved and that two more were pending. Mr. Elliott then covered the next steps in the progress of updating the 2045 MTP. A draft is scheduled to be submitted to TDOT by the end of the month to begin the review process.

Ms. Michelle Christian made a motion for the board to endorse the items for the 2045 MTP. Mr. Johnny Deakins, Jr. seconded the motion. All approved. **Motion carried.**

Agenda Item 4: Presentation by staff from the TDOT Office of Community Transportation on new federal regulations for safety performance measures and targets

Mr. Sean Santalla gave a presentation that provided an introduction of the requirements of performance measures as they support the seven national performance goals that were established in MAP-21 legislation in 2012. Now that FHWA has published the final rules, the states must set targets that support the performance measures. The states then coordinate with MPOs, who either support the state's performance targets or set their own targets. Planning documents that are amended or updated by the MPOs, such as the MTP and the TIP, after May 27, 2018 must include projects and figures that support achieving the targets.

Mr. Troy Ebbert then gave a presentation about safety performance targets, the first of the measures to be implemented. Data on traffic fatalities and serious injuries, as defined, must be gathered on all public roads within the state of Tennessee. Mr. Ebbert explained the process to determine targets and how to measure progress toward meeting those targets. TDOT will work with the MPOs to assist with establishing targets and sharing data. The MPOs must report data on the targets to TDOT, who will report them to FHWA by February 27, 2018.

Agenda Item 5: Other Business

Mr. Berry showed the Executive Board a video on truck platooning, an automated and connected vehicle technology that was discussed briefly at the previous meeting. The video is online here - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLWGGponorA>.

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.