

CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY/NORTH GEORGIA
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO)

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

August 17, 2010, 1:30 PM
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Many Rico who welcomed Ms. Karen Rennich as Interim Executive Director of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency (CHCRPA), Interim Secretary of TPO Executive Board, and Interim Chair of the TPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). A permanent CHCRPA Executive Director is expected by October 1, 2010.

Item #1: **Motion to Approve June 15, 2010 TPO Executive Board meeting minutes was made by Mr. Billy Cooper, seconded by Mr. Chris Dorsey; the motion carried.**

Item #2: After review of the Amendment by Mr. Patrick Hall, **Motion to Approve Amendment to the 2008-2011 TIP (TN07-EN001-Riverwalk Extension) was made by Mayor Bill Lusk, seconded by Mr. Steve Leach; the motion carried.**

Item #3: Ms. Melissa Taylor reviewed some key projects including taking on part of the Retro-reflectivity Inventory project (safety purposes) by doing a planning inventory for the Region. **Motion to Approve New 2011-2012 Unified Work Program (UPWP) was made by Mr. Steve Leach, seconded by Mr. Chris Dorsey.** Mr. Leach and Ms. Taylor agreed that doing the inventory for the Jurisdictions would be a big project (to be done by a consultant selected through the RFP process), and following a date change suggested by Mr. Bob Colby (from 2010 to 2011 in the last paragraph of the Resolution); and no further discussion, **the motion carried.**

Item #4: Ms. Melissa Taylor said that a recent opportunity arose to participate in an application for the USDOT/HUD Sustainable Communities Initiative grant; two public meetings were held (North Georgia and Chattanooga); and our work program already outlines planning that we would do for our next LRTP (land use and transportation coordination/planning). The TPO Executive Board is being asked to approve this planning effort should this grant come to fruition and be awarded. **Motion to Endorse Planning Support as a Consortium Partner for the Southeast TN and Northwest Georgia Sustainable Communities Initiative was made by Mr. Bob Colby and seconded by Mr. Steve Leach; the motion carried.**

Item 5: Mr. Kevin Tilbury of GRESHAM, SMITH AND PARTNERS stated the Central Hamilton County Scenario Study (CHCSS) is a partnership between their firm and RPA and is financed by TDOT. Enterprise South and a spinoff of Enterprise South development (a proposed Tennessee River bridge north of the area) are two things that brought about this study. Although the CHCSS is not studying the alignment/feasibility of the bridge or its cost (being done in a parallel study), the bridge will change the nature of growth in the area and its impact is being accounted for in the CHCSS. He noted some growth estimates, referenced land use, infrastructure, costs and impacts over 25 years, which the CHCSS a comprehensive study, will address (including transportation, water & sewer, schools, density vs. open space). The 2035 LRTP identifies \$2B in projects; with \$5B in needs; and a \$3B gap. The study will look at how to get more from existing infrastructure (relationships between transportation and land use) to get ahead of the anticipated congestion curve, will test different scenarios, and will look at satellite (surrounding) areas. Recommendations are expected in the Nov/Dec timeframe. Meetings have occurred with Stakeholders and public meetings were held at Soddy-Daisy and Ooltewah (*September 19, 2010*) with an overwhelming turnout and good feedback; results to be given the communities in October. Ms. Rennich advised that the public meeting presentation is currently on the RPA website (<http://www.chcrpa.org>) along with a questionnaire and everyone is invited to participate.

Item 6 (Staff Reports): Mr. Patrick Hall reviewed TDOT 2008-2011 TIP adjustments 33062, 33063, 33065 and 33077 (6/18/10); TN02-11008, 031909.2 and 031909.1 (8/5/10); 031909.1 and 031909.3 (8/12/10); GDOT modification GA-030309.1 (8/16/10). Responding to an inquiry from Mr. Chris Dorsey (City of Red Bank) about ARRA funding, Ms. Taylor said originally all projects submitted (TN and GA portions) were for Construction (shovel ready) except that there were some misunderstandings about CEI (considered a Construction-related cost) and paid for under Construction; for other Preliminary Engineering costs, the expectation was that they would be paid by the Jurisdiction. Mr. Hall said ITS Architecture is complete and documents are being delivered to us 8/26/10 & 8/27/10 at a 2-day TDOT/TPO Use and Maintenance workshop at the Transportation Management Center (Chattanooga). He and Mr. Nelson Galeano (*new staff member*) will be in Nashville 8/25/10 for training on maintenance of the ITS Architecture. Federal comments are being addressed for the New 2011-2014 TIP and CDR for the 2011-2014 TIP; further comments are due 8/25/10; and TIP/CDR draft copies were available. Mr. David Baird said the Multimodal Travel Time Study (formerly Bicycle Zone Project) is being done in partnership with UTC; we are working toward Institutional Review Board approval allowing the research to be put into journals and ensuring everything goes through the right process; we will also be working with a variety of organizations and volunteers (Bike/Ped Task Force, and CreateHere); he is researching other cities; and a presentation will be given at the national Pro Walk / Pro Bike 2010 Chattanooga conference (9/13/10-9/17/10) with a mobile workshop on 9/13/10.

Item #7 (Announcements, Public Comments and Other Items of Importance): Ms. Melissa Taylor introduced a new member of her staff, Mr. Nelson Galeano (Transportation Planning Analyst), reviewed his bio and his focus within our organization; Mr. Galeano was welcomed by everyone. Ms. Taylor introduced Federal Highway Administration (TN Division) attendees (Ms. Pamela Kordenbrock, Division Administrator and Ms. Sabrina David, Assistant Division Administrator). Ms. Kordenbrock introduced Mr. Richard Casalone, Program management Engineer/LPA Coordinator and Mr. Gerald Varney, Field Operations Team Leader, and invited everyone to meet with them following the meeting. Ms. Taylor said that the City of Chattanooga is pleased to host the National Pro Walk / Pro Bike Conference 9/13/10-9/17/10 and information is available after the meeting from Mr. Phil Pugliese (Outdoor Chattanooga). She said a bill rescinding transportation funds passed the House of Representatives and was signed by the President; TPO Urbanized Area STP (surface transportation program) funds are exempt, but we are awaiting further details which will be provided to the TPO Board and TCC. She will email information regarding the upcoming Apison Pike public meeting to the Board and TCC, and said that information regarding upcoming TDOT workshops was available after the meeting.

The next regularly scheduled TPO Executive Board meeting is October 19, 2010 (1:30-3:00 p.m. Eastern). However, we are tentatively planning to reschedule this meeting to either October 5, 2010 or October 12, 2010 (1:30-3:00 p.m. Eastern) for adoption of the new 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and Conformity. Please hold all of these dates on your calendar. The next regularly scheduled Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) meeting is September 7, 2010 (1:30-3:00 p.m. Eastern). Adjourn.

Handouts available at 8/17/2010 TPO Executive Board Meeting:

- Draft Revised Participation Plan
- Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
- Draft CDR for the 2011-2014 TIP (Technical Memorandum)
- Pro Walk / Pro Bike 2010 Chattanooga
- Workshops: Highlighting Changes in the 2009 MUTCD 8/24/10-Nashville; and Local Roads Safety 9/2/10-Nashville).

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Role Call August 17, 2010

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Mayor | Hamilton County (<i>Dade Wade</i>) <i>designation</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Representative | Hamilton County Commission (209-7202) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official | North Georgia Legislative Delegation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official | Catoosa, Dade, Walker Counties, Georgia |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairman of the Board | Tennessee Legislative Delegation, Hamilton County, Tennessee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman of the Board | Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director | Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority |
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Quorum? Yes, Melina D. Taylor
8/17/10