

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



MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 2011

1:30 PM EASTERN

DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE CENTER
1250 MARKET STREET
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman Manuel Rico
TYPE OF MEETING	Executive Board
FACILITATOR	Ms. Karen Rennich, Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency (RPA)
NOTE TAKER	Ms. Rozanne Brown, RPA
QUORUM	Agenda reordered to begin with Item #7: Special Presentation. Following this presentation a quorum was present and the meeting proceeded back to Item #1.
ATTENDEES	See Attachment

ANNOUNCEMENTS	Ms. Rennich notified everyone of the Moccasin Bend/Stringers Ridge Gateway public meeting to be held on Thursday evening, August 18, 2011 and a TDOT TPO Coordination Workshop to be held on August 30, 2011 from 12:00-1:30 PM.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	None
OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE	Handout: Tennessee River Bridge Hamilton County Toll Feasibility Study Stakeholder Meeting, July 18, 2011.

Agenda Topics

ITEM #7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: CURRENT STATUS OF THE ATLANTA TO CHATTANOOGA HIGH SPEEDGROUND TRANSPORTATION

**MR. JOE FERGUSON
THE ENTERPRISE CENTER**

DISCUSSION	Mr. Ferguson presented an update on the Atlanta-Chattanooga-Nashville High Speed Rail/Maglev Initiative beginning his remarks with 'there is no passenger rail service in this area except Amtrak's service in West Tennessee which runs from New Orleans to Chicago.' Mr. Ferguson provided a video of the Central Japan Railway and Shanghai China Maglev operations. He followed the video with a brief overview of the expected Atlanta-Chattanooga-Nashville route which resulted in public comments on potential alternate corridors. Mr. Ferguson informed everyone that 17 corridors were considered and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has allocated \$13.8M for the project.
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CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Ferguson concluded that a presentation would be given to the Georgia Department of Transportation on August 17, 2011, funds are expected to be obligated very soon, and decision makers will be traveling to Germany to visit the ICE and Maglev Test Facility.
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TCC/BOARD ACTION/RESOLUTION	PERSON PRESENTED MOTION	PERSON SECONDED MOTION
No Formal Action Required		

STAFF FOLLOW-UP	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

ITEM #1. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

**CHAIRMAN MANUEL RICO
CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE**

DISCUSSION	There was no discussion and no changes submitted.	
CONCLUSIONS		
TCC/BOARD ACTION/RESOLUTION	PERSON PRESENTED MOTION	PERSON SECONDED MOTION
Approval of the June 21, 2011 TPO Board Meeting minutes.	Mr. Steve Leach City of Chattanooga Designee	Mr. Billy Cooper City of Ridgeside Designee
STAFF FOLLOW-UP	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

ITEM #2. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

**MS. BETSY EVANS
RPA STAFF**

DISCUSSION	Staff provided an overview of the amendment for TDOT project 33042 to add a 2012 Right-Of-Way (ROW) Phase of SR 317/Apison Pike. The project was Approved for Public Comment (14 days) and Recommended for Approval by the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on July 5, 2011; Conformity Technical Memorandum Approved by ICC on June 16, 2011. Old and New TIP project pages were in the meeting packet. There was no further discussion.	
CONCLUSIONS		
TCC/BOARD ACTION/RESOLUTION	PERSON PRESENTED MOTION	PERSON SECONDED MOTION
A resolution approving an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP for TDOT project 33042 as presented by staff.	Mr. Steve Leach	Mr. Ted Rogers City of Collegedale Designee
STAFF FOLLOW-UP	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

ITEM #3. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE 2011-2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) FOR FY 2012

**MS. KAREN RENNICH
RPA STAFF**

DISCUSSION	Approved for Public Comment and Recommended for Approval by the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on July 5, 2011. The full document was in the meeting packet and Ms. Rennich recapped the annual update. There was no further discussion.	
CONCLUSIONS		
TCC/BOARD ACTION/RESOLUTION	PERSON PRESENTED MOTION	PERSON SECONDED MOTION
A resolution approving an annual update to the 2011-2012 UPWP for FY 2012.	Mr. Steve Leach	Mr. Chester Bankston Hamilton Co. Commission Representative
STAFF FOLLOW-UP	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

ITEM #4. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OF STREETS (TN)

**MS. MELISSA TAYLOR
RPA STAFF**

DISCUSSION	Approved for Public Comment and Recommended for Approval by the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on July 5, 2011. Ms. Taylor reviewed the FCS history of changes being presented (listed in the meeting packet) and said that, once the TPO Board approves the changes, they will go to the State of Tennessee who will forward them to Federal Highway for their approval. Suggestions for possible further changes to the FCS were mentioned, and Ms. Angie Midgett of TDOT said that the FCS and boundary should be reviewed in their entirety following receipt of the new census data (approximately Spring 2012).	
CONCLUSIONS		
TCC/BOARD ACTION/RESOLUTION	PERSON PRESENTED MOTION	PERSON SECONDED MOTION
A resolution approving changes to the Functional Classification System of Streets (TN)	Mr. Steve Leach	Mr. Bob Colby Air Pollution Control Bureau
STAFF FOLLOW-UP	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

ITEM #5. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REGIONAL FREIGHT STUDY

**MS. MELISSA TAYLOR
RPA STAFF**

DISCUSSION	Approved for Public Comment and Recommended for Approval by the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on July 5, 2011. Ms. Taylor summarized the purpose and outcomes of the study and said that the legislative directive for the TPO is that an efficient/effective planning effort be done for the movement of people and goods in the area. A targeted freight study was previously done around Enterprise South Industrial Park, but this study looked at overall commodity flows for the TPO region (deficiencies/needs, solutions and strategies of the system). Ms. Taylor indicated that freight related stakeholder meetings (TN and GA) and a public meeting were held. Ms. Taylor also mentioned that looking at a truck route bypass in the region was suggested by the study with no specific location. However, a future study looking at I-75 and I-24 may be appropriate, since they have the major through truck traffic in the area. The meeting packet contained an Executive Summary for the study and the full document is available upon request or online at www.chcrpa.org .	
CONCLUSIONS		
TCC/BOARD ACTION/RESOLUTION	PERSON PRESENTED MOTION	PERSON SECONDED MOTION
A resolution approving the regional freight study conducted by Cambridge Systematics, Inc.	Mr. Steve Leach	Mayor Monty Millard City of Red Bank
STAFF FOLLOW-UP	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Provide Mr. Leach clarity on whether the study's stated by-pass was intended to "by-pass just the City of Chattanooga" or intended to be a "regional" by-pass facility	Ms. Melissa Taylor	N/A

ITEM #6. PUBLIC TRANSIT ON-BOARD SURVEY

**MS. KAREN RENNICH
RPA STAFF**

DISCUSSION	Ms. Rennich said that this is an update on the data collection activities in preparation for the next Long Range Plan update. She recapped the Goals, Survey Findings, and Recommendations of the On-Board Survey conducted in November 2010 (excluding the Downtown and UTC Shuttles). The study is one part of the larger public transit project to incorporate public transit planning in transportation and land use projects in order to improve public ridership and reduce personal automobile use. Details were contained in the meeting packet, a web link to the study has been provided to the TPO, and the data has been shared with CARTA.	
CONCLUSIONS		
TCC/BOARD ACTION/RESOLUTION	PERSON PRESENTED MOTION	PERSON SECONDED MOTION
No Formal Action Required		
STAFF FOLLOW-UP	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Provide additional details regarding other public transportation options for getting to the bus stops in the City of Chattanooga	Ms. Karen Rennich	N/A

ITEM #8. STAFF REPORTS

**MS. KAREN RENNICH
RPA STAFF**

DISCUSSION	There was no discussion, but status summaries and contact information for the following projects/programs were included in the meeting packets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Campaign • Notice of 2011-2014 TIP Adjustments/Modifications • FY 2012 Enhancement Grant Applications • Bike Share Program • Brainerd Road Revitalization • I-24 / I-75 Modification • Tennessee River Toll Bridge Update 		
CONCLUSIONS			
TCC/BOARD ACTION/RESOLUTION	PERSON PRESENTED MOTION	PERSON SECONDED MOTION	
No Formal Action Required			
STAFF FOLLOW-UP	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

ITEM #9. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

**MS. KAREN RENNICH
RPA STAFF**

DISCUSSION	The application deadline for TDOT Enhancement Grants for FY 2012 is November 1, 2011. The September 6, 2011 TPO TCC meeting is cancelled. There may be changes or cancellations of the October 18, 2011 TPO Board meeting and November 1, 2011 TPO TCC meeting. Ms. Rennich requested that these dates remain on everyone's calendars for now. The December 21, 2011 TPO Board meeting may be moved up to November 1, 2011 (to approve Enhancement Grant applications).		
CONCLUSIONS			
TCC/BOARD ACTION/RESOLUTION	PERSON PRESENTED MOTION	PERSON SECONDED MOTION	
Meeting adjourned	Chairman Manuel Rico	N/A	
STAFF FOLLOW-UP	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Send 2011 meeting date changes and 2012 calendar to Board members, member designees, TCC members, stakeholders, and RPA management	Ms. Karen Rennich	N/A	
Send any additional information to the members regarding the FY 2012 TDOT Enhancement Grants	Ms. Karen Rennich	N/A	

TPO Board Meeting

Role Call August 16, 2011

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governor	State of Tennessee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner	Georgia Department of Transportation <i>Radney Simpson</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor	City of Chattanooga
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elected Representative	Chattanooga City Council <i>Manny Rico</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Mayor	Hamilton County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elected Representative	Hamilton County Commission (209-7202) <i>Commissioner Sam Houston</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official	North Georgia Legislative Delegation
<input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official	Catoosa, Dade, Walker Counties, Georgia
<input 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elected Representative	Chattanooga-Hamilton Co. Air Pollution Control Bureau
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elected Representative	Dade County, Georgia Government <i>Ted Rumbley</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Elected Representative	Walker County, Georgia Government <i>Bebe Heckell</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Commission Representative	Catoosa County, Georgia Government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Commission Representative	Chickamauga, Georgia
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Council Representative	Collegedale, Tennessee <i>Ted Rodgers</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Commission Representative	East Ridge, Tennessee <i>Tim Gobble</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Commission Representative	Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia
<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Commission Representative	Lakesite, Tennessee
<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Commission Representative	Lookout Mountain, Georgia
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Commission Representative	Lookout Mountain, Tennessee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Commission Representative	Red Bank, Tennessee <i>Mayo Millard</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Commission Representative	Ridgeside, Tennessee <i>Billy Cooper</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Commission Representative	Ringgold, Georgia
<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Commission Representative	Rossville, Georgia
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Council Representative	Signal Mountain, Tennessee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Commission Representative	Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee <i>Mayer Adams</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Alderman Representative	Walden, Tennessee

Quorum: yes, *Melinda D. Taylor*