



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

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MINUTES

FEBRUARY 17, 2015

1:30-3:00 P.M.
EASTERN

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| MEETING CALLED BY | Chairman Todd Leamon |
| TYPE OF MEETING | TPO EXECUTIVE BOARD |
| FACILITATOR | Ms. Karen Rennich, Deputy Director, Regional Planning Agency (RPA) |
| NOTE TAKER | Ms. Rozanne Brown, RPA |
| QUORUM | No |
| ATTENDEES | See Attachment |

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| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Chairman Todd Leamon introduced City of Collegedale Mayor Katie Lamb and City of Soddy-Daisy Mayor Rick Nunley. |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS | Since a quorum was not present, the meeting agenda was reordered by Chairman Todd Leamon to begin with Item #6, followed by Item #7 and #8 (verbal Green Trips Progress Report). |
| OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE | Handouts: The Transportation Planning Process Key Issues (A Briefing Book for Transportation Decisionmakers, Officials, and Staff with Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century Act [MAP-21] A Summary of Highway Provisions); Sample TPO Executive Board Designee Letter; Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and RPA TITLE VI Packet; and 2015 TPO TCC & Executive Board Meeting Calendar. |

Agenda Topics

ITEM #1. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16, 2014 TPO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CHAIRMAN TODD LEAMON

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| DISCUSSION | | |
| | Chairman Todd Leamon called the meeting to order and, since a quorum was not present, he reordered the agenda and proceeded to the No Action Required Items #6 through #8. | |
| CONCLUSIONS | | |
| | No action was taken since a quorum was not present. | |
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**ITEM #2. APPROVE BY RESOLUTION AN AMENDMENT TO THE
2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

**MS. BETSY EVANS
TPO STAFF**

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| DISCUSSION | | |
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| CONCLUSIONS | | |
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**ITEM #3. APPROVE BY RESOLUTION AMENDMENT TO THE
2015 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

**MS. KAREN RENNICH
TPO STAFF**

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| DISCUSSION | | |
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| CONCLUSIONS | | |
| No action was taken since a quorum was not present. | | |
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**ITEM #4. 2016-2017
UNIFIED PLANNING
WORK PROGRAM KEY
PROJECTS DISCUSSION**

**MS. KAREN RENNICH
TPO STAFF**

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| DISCUSSION | | |
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| The item was not discussed, since a quorum was not present. | | |
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**ITEM #5. TPO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ALTERNATE MEETING
DATE DISCUSSION**

**MS. KAREN RENNICH
TPO STAFF**

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| The item was not discussed, since a quorum was not present. | | |
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**ITEM #6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION
TDOT**

**MR. STACY MORRISON
TDOT**

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| DISCUSSION | | |
| <p>Ms. Tanisha Hall, Director, TDOT Long Range Planning Division, was unable to attend this meeting due to weather conditions and Mr. Stacy Morrison offered some points for consideration in her absence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was another recent call for CMAQ projects and he encouraged everyone to be innovative in finding ways to request funds through that source. • The TPO is requested to take a look at any unobligated balances (especially with the CMAQ funding), and TDOT will work with the TPO to get those funds obligated. • TDOT and the TPO will need to have a more cooperative effort to move projects forward which have a mutual benefit for TDOT and the TPO. This will require additional effort on the TPO's behalf to show its willingness to put forth some additional funding for these projects. As these projects come about (whether this is a list or individual projects), TDOT will meet with the TPO and then work with leadership to get these projects advanced. These are projects currently in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and local TPO members need to consider making contributions to the project(s). • Of particular importance to the City of Soddy-Daisy (the focus area), TDOT has a final draft on a phone survey which will be occurring regarding the proposed Toll Bridge to obtain information from the public. Responding to an inquiry from Mr. John Bridger, RPA Executive Director/TPO Secretary, Mr. Morrison said that the survey includes a wide range of toll rate tolerance (public's willingness to pay), and this may be narrowed down by leadership who is currently reviewing the survey draft. | | |
| CONCLUSIONS | | |
| No Formal Action Required | | |
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**ITEM #7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION
THRIVE 2055**

**MS. BRIDGETT MASSENGILL
THRIVE 2055**

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| DISCUSSION |
| <p>Ms. Bridgett Massengill, Project Manager for THRIVE 2055, thanked the TPO for the opportunity to provide an update on the three-year planning initiative THRIVE 2055 process, and gave a brief overview to date (currently two and one-half years into the process which began in August 2012). Ms. Massengill said that the THRIVE 2055 mission is to proactively engage the people of this region (over one and one-half years) in creating an action plan to make the most of economic opportunities while preserving what people love about their communities, and addressing growth pressures (across sixteen counties with 1M population).</p> <p>Over the last forty years, the population of the sixteen county region was six hundred-forty nine thousand and in 2010, the regional population was over one million. Regional growth trends and forecasts were looked at by county with Catoosa County (located between Dalton and Chattanooga) having the highest projected growth rate over the next forty years (anticipated to be 300% of household growth). Ms. Massengill said that a 400,000 increase in people is estimated over the next forty years across the region (estimated before the second line of Volkswagen was announced which may bring new suppliers into the region and further escalate the population). Ms. Massengill believes that a 400,000 increase in population is a conservative estimate over the next forty years, and she reviewed population and growth density slides being projected by county.</p> <p>Ms. Massengill said that nearly ten thousand people have been engaged in this process over two and one-half years across the sixteen counties. Input from the public across the sixteen counties indicates that what they love most about and equate to their home is the "beauty of the outdoors" (rivers, lakes, rock climbing, and the mountains). When asked what the focus areas should be across the region, the public also stressed education (multiple times), infrastructure, growth and development. Based on input from the people, Ms. Massengill says that the THRIVE 2055 regional mission statement says that "forty years from now, we want this to be a place known with education people, with great jobs, and living in a great</p> |

place.” When looking at the vision, Ms. Massengill said that creating jobs is equally important, and everyone must work together to ensure long term and rewarding jobs exist for the future. She said that living in a great place is huge involving enriching the life experience (keeping our lives safe, healthy, fulfilled and enriched), and that the focus will change over the next forty years. A great place to live means having great communities throughout the region, abundant natural resources and the infrastructure that links the region together (including access to education and job opportunities).

Ms. Massengill recapped four initiatives that were clearly heard during the first two years:
 Regional Economic Development (focus at a sixteen county scale)
 Helping People and Products Travel Around the Region Easily and More Efficiently (Regional Transportation)
 Education and Training (preparing children and adults to meet tomorrow's professional demands)
 Natural Treasures (ensuring that we build on and maintain existing treasures)

Ms. Massengill said regarding:

Regional Commuting Patterns - Commuters from all sixteen counties of the region travel into and out of Hamilton County on a daily basis to jobs (Walker, Catoosa and Bradley being the heaviest).

Education and Training – Nationwide, 28% of the population has a Bachelors Degree or higher vs. 18% in our Region. In our region, 22% of the population has no high school degree vs. 14% on a national scale. This is a picture indicating the need for focus.

Natural Treasures – This region has one of the highest volumes of life species (over four thousand). One hundred five acres of lakes and reservoirs and nine hundred miles of streams and rivers are listed by the EPA as threatened or impaired.

Freight Issues – Eighty percent of the regional freight passes through (using the infrastructure) but does not stop. This is the highest volume of any metro area. The Port of Savannah is being dredged and will bring more cargo and freight through this region (estimated to increase their cargo by three times). Nearly one million tons of cargo is carried through the lock at Chickamauga Lake (potentially putting another thirty-nine thousand tractor trailers on our roads should the lock shut down).

Ms. Massengill said that the THRIVE 2055 staff has reviewed Long Range Transportation Plans for the three regional MPO's (including Whitfield County, Chattanooga-Hamilton County/North Georgia Regional Transportation Planning Organization, and Cleveland), and mapped the plans over the next twenty or so years (resulting several million dollars in investment).

Some growth scenarios which came out of public meetings resulted in Natural Resources being the highest priority.

Ms. Massengill said that THRIVE 2055 staff wishes now work with GDOT, TDOT, ALDOT and the regional MPO's to bring everyone to the table, understand issues, and work together.

Mr. John Bridger said that the RPA/TPO Staff would continue to participate in THRIVE 2055 meetings.

CONCLUSIONS

No Formal Action Required

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ITEM #8. STAFF REPORTS

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| DISCUSSION | | |
| <p>Staff Reports are discussed as needed or if there are questions, and were contained in the meeting packet with details and contact information on the following items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of 2014-2017 TIP Adjustments/Modifications • Multimodal Planning Update & Green Trips Progress Report (verbal presentation should time permit) • Grants and Grant Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FHWA Eastern Federal Lands Access Program – Applications Due March 13, 2015 ○ TDOT 2015 Safe Routes to School—Applications Due January 15, 2015 (Status) ○ TDOT 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program (Award Status) ○ TDOT 2014 Multimodal Access Grant (Award Status) • TPO Work Accolades • TPO Survey Follow Up • Upcoming Training and Continuing Education Events • TDOT Hamilton County Transportation Quarterly Status Report (1/12/2015) • 2015 TPO TCC & Executive Board Meeting Calendar <p>The Green Trips Program Staff (Ms. Amy Morris, Mr. Jonathan Gibbons and Ms. Cortney Mild) were introduced by management. Ms. Mild has also recently assumed the position of Strategic Long Range Planning Division Senior Planner (replacing Ms. Jenny Park). Anyone who was previously working with Ms. Jenny Park on a project is now asked to contact Ms. Cortney Mild at the RPA/TPO office.</p> <p>A verbal Green Grips Progress Report was given by Mr. Jonathan Gibbons who provided key points of the 2014 Accomplishments, Events, and Membership as outlined in the Addendum to these minutes. Results of the 2014 MoveRight Challenge were also reviewed, and Green Trips Staff contact information and Web address (greentrips@chattanooga.gov) were provided.</p> | | |
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ITEM #9. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

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| DISCUSSION | | |
| <p>The next TPO Executive Board meeting is April 21, 2015. The next TPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) meeting is March 3, 2015, and it was discussed that this would perhaps be a combined meeting with the TPO Executive Board, since a quorum was not present at today's meeting and there were matters requiring approval prior to the regularly scheduled April 21, 2015 TPO Executive Board meeting. Chairman Leamon said that everyone would be advised further regarding the possible combined meeting on March 3, 2015. There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned.</p> | | |
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TPO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Role Call: February 17, 2015

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner | Georgia Department of Transportation |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Representative | Hamilton County Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official | North Georgia Legislative Delegation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official | Catoosa, Dade, Walker Counties, Georgia |
| | Tennessee Legislative Delegation, Hamilton |
| | County, Tennessee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairman of the Board | Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chairman of the Board | Authority |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director | Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority |
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