

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

February 16, 2010, 1:30 PM

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Secretary of the TPO Executive Board, Mr. Barry Bennett, and Mr. Larry Brooks presided as Acting Chairman, due to the unexpected absence of Chairman Peter Hetzler.

Item #1: Approval of the February 2, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Billy Cooper and seconded by Councilman Manuel Rico. The motion carried.

Item #2: Resolution to Approve LRTP 2035. Ms. Melissa Taylor said that the final drafts of the 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan (2035LRTP), the Conformity Determination Report (CDR), and Fiscally Constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are being submitted to the TPO Board today for final approval after which they will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and EPA partners for a conformity determination (three resolutions total). Everyone has received and reviewed the documents for about three months; comments have been received and documented accordingly. Mr. William Whitson inquired whether or not the comments provided by the City of East Ridge have been included in the document(s); Ms. Taylor said they were included and that the City of East Ridge will receive a formal confirmation letter and copy of the Federal Comments form upon request. With no further questions or comments, motion to approve was made by Councilman Manuel Rico and seconded by Mr. William Whitson. The motion carried.

Item #3: Resolution to Approve Conformity Determination Report (CDR). Ms. Melissa Taylor said that we are in a non-attainment area for PM2.5 particulate matter and, in order for our transportation projects to move forward, we must produce a Conformity Determination Report on all of the projects contained within the 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan (Volume II). There being no comments or discussion, motion to approve was made by Councilman Manuel Rico and seconded by Mayor Johnny Baker. The motion carried.

Item #4: Resolution to Approve Fiscally Constrained 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which includes CMAQ projects. Ms. Taylor said this is the same Fiscally Constrained TIP as seen at the November 17, 2009 TPO Executive Board meeting when approval was given for it to move forward for public comment except for three additional projects: (1) CARTA received separate ARRA money for the TIGGER Program; (2) from the State of Tennessee, we were recently awarded funds through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) for a region-wide ITS Signalization Project to expand upon the city's CBD Signalization Program. This is for PE, it is regional and, therefore, the study will look at all of the signals in all of the smaller jurisdictions; (3) CMAQ funding for a regional Bike/Share Program (expansion of an existing Outdoor Chattanooga pilot) with 30 stations across our urban areas including small jurisdictions with urban areas where the program may be beneficial. There being no further discussion, a motion to approve was made by Councilman Manuel Rico and seconded by Mayor Bill Lusk. The motion carried.

Item #5: Election of TPO Executive Board Officers (Chair and Vice-Chair for 2010 through 2011). Nomination for Chairman Manuel Rico, Chattanooga City Council; Nomination for Vice Chair Bob Colby, Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau. Motion to approve by acclamation was made by Mayor Ron Littlefield. Mayor Johnny Baker spoke in support of Councilman Rico and Ms. Taylor said that Mr. Steve Leach (who was absent) had spoken in support of Mr. Bob Colby's nomination, as did Mayor Littlefield. The motion was seconded by Mr. Billy Cooper. The motion carried. Appreciation to the outgoing officers was expressed by Mr. Cooper and concurred by the Board members.

Item #6: Notice of Call for Projects – 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Patrick Hall said that applications were due February 9, 2010 and that, although the deadline had passed, he would be glad to look at anything else (possibly moving some funds around to accommodate), but the money is very tight now. The TIP Selection Sub-Committee met February 16, 2010 and their recommendations will be presented to the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on March 2, 2010 and TPO Board to approve the projects on April 20, 2010 before sending to TDOT. There were no questions or comments.

Item #7: Notice of Annual Obligated List of Projects Including Transit. Ms. Melissa Taylor said that one of our annual federal requirements is that we submit to the public and post for review the Obligated List of Projects (Tennessee and Georgia). She referred to the listings contained in the packet and posted on the website. Staff will be happy to address any questions or concerns, or refer them to TDOT/GDOT as they provide the lists.

Item #8: Announcement of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinar – Getting Started on Transition Plans. Mr. Phil Pugliese said that, as part of the review process for the LRTP2035 and the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, the Federal Highway made some comments regarding the status of ADA Transition Plans in our communities. As part of the education process, the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) is hosting a webinar on Wednesday, March 17th, 2010, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM EST (Development Resource Center - Conference Room 2B). It is being presented at no cost to TPO Members who can also individually register for a fee if they wish (www.APBP.org),

Item 9: Revision to 2010 UPWP – Rescission – New 2011 UPWP. Ms. Melissa Taylor said that, as a result of the September 30, 2009 rescission, our planning dollars were affected for our current work program (2010 Unified Planning Work Program). We are currently looking at how we can revise the program to accommodate the estimated \$80K rescission of planning dollars, probably through shuffling out the Phase II Freight Study to 2011. A copy of the revised 2010 UPWP will be provided to the TPO Board following completion and sending to TDOT/GDOT. Ms. Taylor said we are also working on the 2011 UPWP which begins October 1, 2010 (Federal fiscal cycle).

Item 10: Public Comments and Other Items of Importance: Next TPO Board meeting is April 20, 2010. Next TPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) (formerly TPO Executive Staff) meeting is March 2, 2010. Mr. Billy Cooper inquired what the jurisdictions will receive in the way of a final LRPT document. Ms. Taylor said that full printed copies of the document can be provided upon request following receipt of the USDOT letter, and that she is also looking at possibly providing a more condensed document containing pertinent information by jurisdiction. There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned.

TPO Board Meeting

Role Call February 16, 2010

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governor	State of Tennessee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner	Georgia Department of Transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor	City of Chattanooga
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elected Representative	Chattanooga City Council
<input type="checkbox"/> County Mayor	Hamilton County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elected Representative	Hamilton County Commission (209-7202) <i>Coppinger</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official	North Georgia Legislative Delegation
	Catoosa, Dade, Walker Counties, Georgia
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	County, Tennessee
<input type="checkbox"/> Chairman of the Board	Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation
	Authority
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	Control Bureau
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<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor/Alderman Representative	Walden, Tennessee

Quorum: Yes, *Melissa D. Taylor* 2/16/2010

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