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Transportation Policy Committee

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RE: MEETING: February 16, 2010

Dear Committee Members:

The agenda for the next meeting of the Jonesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Transportation Policy Committee is attached. The meeting will be held at **10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 in the MPO Transportation Conference Room, City of Jonesboro, 519 West Washington Avenue, Jonesboro, Arkansas, 72401.**

As always, our citizens are welcome to this meeting. The members of the public are encouraged to speak on any matter related to transportation planning whether it is on the current agenda or not. Please call me at (870) 933-4623 if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Muhammad Amin Ulkarim
Transportation Study Director



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AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MPO Transportation Conference Room, City of Jonesboro 519 West Washington Avenue, Jonesboro, Arkansas February 16, 2010, 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- ___ Council Member John Street, Chairperson
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- ___ Mr. Gary DalPorto
Federal Highway Administration
- ___ Ms. Julia Hart
Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

STAFF:

- ___ Muhammad Amin Ulkarim
Transportation Planning Director
- ___ Drew Merryman
MPO Planner
- ___ Steve Ewart
Transit Director

Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to speak at the conclusion of the meeting, or as otherwise specified by the Chairperson of the Policy Committee. A recording is made of the proceedings; therefore, it is requested that presentations be limited to five minutes, and that members of the audience identify themselves, give their address, and state their point as briefly as possible when addressing the Committee.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the Metropolitan Planning Organization Office (Tel # (870) 933-4623) 48 hours in advance of the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

I. CHAIRPERSON TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

II. ROLL CALL:

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 18, 2009 Meeting:

IV. INTRODUCTIONS:

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS, APPROVAL AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Election of Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson for the Calendar Year 2010:

The Bylaws and Operation Procedures of the Transportation Policy Committee state:

- 1. The Transportation Policy Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson from among its voting members. Such election shall be by a majority of that voting membership.*
- 2. The Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson shall be from different jurisdictions.*
- 3. Elections shall take place on the first meeting of the calendar year.*
- 4. An officer may succeed with no limitation to number of terms, except that such term will not continue in the event an officer becomes ineligible for membership on the Transportation Policy Committee.*
- 5. The term of office shall be one year, from January to January or until such time new officers are elected.*
- 6. The Chairperson or Vice Chairperson may be removed from office by a vote of the majority of all voting members of the Transportation Policy Committee.*
- 7. In the event the Chairperson is unable to serve, the Vice Chairperson shall assume the office of the Chairperson and call a special election at the next meeting to fill the office of the Vice Chairperson for the remaining portion of the term. Should the Vice Chairperson be unable to serve, the Chairperson shall call a special election at the next meeting to fill the office of the Vice Chairperson for the remaining portion of term. If both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson are unable to serve, the Transportation Study Director shall call a special election at the next meeting to fill these vacancies for the remaining portion of the term.*

The staff requests the committee to elect chairperson and vice chairperson for the calendar year 2010.

B. Memorandum of Agreement:

The MPO staff drafted the attached Memorandum of Agreement listing the rights and responsibilities of all the entities of the MPO. The Technical Advisory Committee reviewed

the draft in its July 7, 2009 and recommended its approval by the Transportation policy Committee.

The draft was presented to the Transportation Policy Committee in its August 2009 meeting. Judge Dale Haas suggested amending the agreement to obtain the quorum court's approval before the judge assumes fiscal responsibility for any project. The mayors also suggested similar change in cities responsibilities. Mr. Street suggested the review of the document by the City Attorney.

The staff has done the required actions. The MPO staff requests the approval of the attached Memorandum of Agreement.

C. Approve the proposed Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2010 – FY 2013.

The attached is the draft FY 2010 – FY 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The MPO staff published the legal notice in the Sun on February 2, 2010 for a fifteen -day review and comments. The draft TIP was also posted on the MPO website and distributed to the citizens for comments on February 4, 2010. Since posting the draft on the website, the staff did not receive any comments as of February 9, 2010.

The Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the draft on January 5, 2010 and suggested adding acquisition of the right of way for Rogers Chapel Road improvements and the construction of CR 760 (School Street) in Brookland. However, the recommended projects are not included in the draft.

The Technical Advisory Committee recommended the approval of the draft, subject to any other comments received, by the Policy Committee.

D. Approve to include Commerce Drive and streets in ASU Campus on the MPO Functional Classification Street Map.

The City of Jonesboro and the Arkansas State University have requested to include streets on the MPO Functional Classification Street Map. The functionally classified streets on the MPO map are eligible for federal funding. The city and ASU plan to improve those streets for better traffic flow and relief of congestion.

The Transportation Policy Committee is requested to authorize the staff to request FHWA approval to include these streets on the MPO map.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VII. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Access Management:

A short PowerPoint presentation: 10 Principles of Access Management.
A brochure: Benefits of Access Management.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Contact Lists (Emails, faxes, and postal mail addresses): Please update your information and give us the addresses of those you would like to be on the MPO mailing list.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

X. ADJOURNMENT: