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December 27, 2011

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RE: MEETING: January 3, 2012

Dear Committee Members:

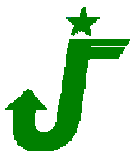
The agenda for the next meeting of the Jonesboro Area Transportation Study (JATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee is attached. The meeting will be held at **10:30 a.m., on January 3, in the Transportation Conference Room, City of Jonesboro, 519 West Washington Avenue, Jonesboro, Arkansas, 72401.**

As always, our citizens are welcome at this meeting. 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 Planning Director

Attachments



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AGENDA

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE Transportation Conference Room, City of Jonesboro 519 West Washington Avenue Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401 January 3, 2012, Time 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- ___ Mr. Robert Wood, Chairperson
Craighead County
- ___ Mr. Duane Harvey, Vice Chairperson
City of Brookland
- ___ Mr. Craig Light
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STAFF:

- ___ Muhammad Amin Ulkarim
Transportation Planning Director
- ___ Steve Ewart
Director, JETS
- ___ Travis Brooks
Assistant MPO Planner

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 Technical Advisory Committee. A recording is made of the proceedings; therefore, it is requested that presentations be limited to three 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 2, 2011 meeting

IV. INTRODUCTIONS:

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

A. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the Calendar Year 2012:

The Bylaws and Operation Procedures of the Technical Advisory Committee state:

1. *The Technical Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson from among its voting members. Such election shall be by a majority vote of that voting membership.*
2. *Elections shall take place on the first meeting of the calendar year.*
3. *The Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson shall be from different jurisdictions.*

The staff requests the Committee to elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the calendar year 2012.

B. MPO Atlas:

The MPO staff has prepared a series of maps showing census, transportation, and land use data that are essential for transportation planning and helpful for general planning and economic development. The MPO has been using these data since the organization was formed, but this is the first time that these data have been compiled in a bound volume: *The 2012 Jonesboro Area MPO Atlas*. These maps will be updated annually or when new data are available on any of these variables.

The staff requests the Committee to recommend the MPO Policy Committee approval of this atlas.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VII. STAFF REPORTS:

A. What Does the MPO Do?: A PowerPoint presentation on the role and responsibilities of the MPO.

B. MPO's planned activities during the year: In addition to the routine activities of keeping the MPO MTP and TIP current by amending these when needed, the MPO staff plans to perform an origin-destination study and a roundabout study with assistance from AHTD. The MPO staff will assist the City of Jonesboro and ASU in preparing and updating their comprehensive plans. The MPO staff, in cooperation with the City of Jonesboro's Planning and Engineering Departments, is in the process of drafting access management guidelines for consideration by the City of Jonesboro to manage developments along arterials for better movement of traffic. The MPO staff is also preparing revised traffic projections for major routes in the MPO area.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Contact Lists (Emails, Faxes, and Postal-mail Addresses):** Please give the MPO staff addresses of those you would like to be on the MPO mailing list.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

X. ADJOURNMENT:

MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 2, 2011

Location: Transportation Conference Room, City of Jonesboro
519 W. Washington Avenue
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Opening: The Vice Chairperson, Duane Harvey, called the MPO Technical Advisory Committee to order at 10:30 A.M. on August 2, 2011, in the Transportation Conference Room.

Roll Call: Those in attendance are listed in bold.

Members:

Mr. Robert Wood, Chairperson
Mr. Duane Harvey, Vice Chairperson
Vacant
Mr. Craig Light
Mr. Rick Rorex
Dr. John E. Mello
Mr. David Moore
Mr. Larry Hall
Mr. Michael Harris
Ms. Julia Hart
Mr. Brad Smithee
Mr. Steven B. Alexander (Julia Hart)
Mr. Gary DalPorto

Staff:

Muhammad Amin Ulkarim
Steve Ewart
Travis Brooks

Others:

Frank Plucinski (Fisher St Comm Assn)
John Spears (AHTD)
Pam Alexander (EAPDD)
Tom Moore (ASU)
Melissa Rivers (EAPDD)

Approval of the Minutes of April 5, 2011:

Motion to approve: Craig Light
Seconded: Michael Harris
Approval: Unanimous

Introductions:

Pam Alexander and Frank Plucinski introduced themselves.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS,
APPROVAL AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A. Approval of the draft Jonesboro Regional ITS Architecture Report and draft Jonesboro Regional ITS Deployment Plan:

Attached are the draft Regional ITS Architecture Report and Deployment Plan. The enclosed CD includes appendices to these documents.

Please review these documents and let the MPO staff know of any possible changes to these documents. The documents are posted on the MPO website and are available in the MPO office for public review. The final draft documents incorporating comments will be presented to the Transportation Policy on August 16, 2011, for possible approval.

The staff requests this Committee to recommend that the Transportation Policy Committee approve the Regional ITS Architecture Report and the Regional ITS Deployment Plan.

The MPO staff briefly described the history and contents of the Regional ITS Architecture Report and Deployment Plan, mentioned that minor changes had been made to the documents since they were last reviewed by the Committee, and recommended that the documents be approved.

Julia Hart explained that federal law mandates the adoption of an ITS Plan for ITS projects to be eligible for federal funding. Ms. Hart added that the ITS Plan had to be approved to proceed with the acquisition of transit coordination software. The MPO staff added that adoption of the ITS Plan was overdue.

Craig Light mentioned that some of the contact information in the document was not correct, and requested that they be updated. The MPO staff indicated that those updates would be made and requested that the members of the Committee advise of any changes that needed to be made to the document.

Motion to approve: Julia Hart
Seconded: Craig Light
Approval: Unanimous

Public Comments:

In response to an inaudible, Ms. Hart described some ITS technologies.

Duane Harvey asked why businesses could not be required to build sidewalks in front of their establishments, observing that the City will have to install sidewalks afterward. Mr. Light explained that a proposed ordinance stalled at the Planning Commission. Ms. Hart noted that the long-range plan recommends sidewalks, and Pam Alexander indicated that comprehensive plan will recommend sidewalks. The MPO staff added that an ordinance is needed. Steve Ewart discussed the use of transit and community development funds to construct sidewalks, adding that sidewalks are critical to the success of transit. Mr. Ewart described a transit grant for which the City of Jonesboro had applied that would fund the construction of a bus transfer station.

Staff Reports:

None

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion to approve:	Julia Hart
Seconded:	Duane Harvey
Approval:	Unanimous