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October 26, 2017

RE: Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting of November 2nd, 2017

Dear Committee Members:

The agenda for the upcoming meeting of the Jonesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Citizen Advisory Committee is attached. The meeting will be held **at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, November 2nd, 2017 in the First Floor Conference Room of the Jonesboro Municipal Center (300 S. Church Street).**

As always, all stakeholders to the regional transportation planning process are welcome to attend this meeting. Those in attendance are encouraged to speak on any matter related to transportation planning whether it is on the current agenda or not. Please call the MPO staff office at (870) 933-4623 if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Erica Tait
 MPO Director



MPO CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**Jonesboro Municipal Center
November 2nd, 2017, 3:00 p.m.**

Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to speak at the conclusion of the meeting, or as otherwise specified by the MPO Director. 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.

- 1. Committee Chair to Call the Meeting to Order**
- 2. Welcome and Introductions**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from 10.05.17 Meeting**
- 4. Staff Updates**
 - A. Aggie Road Pop Event
- 5. Old Business**
 - A. ATP Draft
 - B. MPO Logo
- 6. Public Comments**
- 7. Adjournment**

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.

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Minutes

Date October 5, 2017

Location Conference Room
 United Way Building
 407 Union Street
 Jonesboro, AR 72401

Time 3:00 p.m.

Opening Rick Cheshier called the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on October 5, 2017 in the Conference Room of the NEA United Way Building.

Roll Call Those in attendance are listed below.

Citizen Advisory Committee Members

Rick Cheshier
 Frank Pulcinski
 Harold Carter
 Dewaine Beisner
 Billy Holland
 Angy Abaunza
 Jennifer Johnson
 Phyllis Burkett

Others

Pamela Alexander

Staff

Erica Tait
 Cecelie Cochran
 Cade Howard

Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Minutes

Billy Holland made the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 16, 2017; Frank Pulcinski seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Staff Updates

MPO Logo Development

Erica presented the committee with the newly adopted logo design for the MPO. She explained that she presented all draft logo options to members of the Technical Advisory Committee, who then recommended that the given selection be adopted by the Policy Committee. Angy Abaunza inquired about the faint coloring of the new logo, to which Erica responded that the coloring pigmentation will be corrected in the official version of the design.

Old Business

Aggie Road Pop-Up Event

Cecelie Cochran provided the committee with an update on the Aggie Road Pop-Up event. She reminded members that the event is scheduled for October 20, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the old Wolverine lot (between Howard and N. Patrick Street). Phyllis Burkett inquired about the purpose of the event. Cecelie responded by stating that the pop up is meant to help promote active transportation in the area and give citizens a vision for what the area could look like with minor improvements. Frank Pulcinski also noted that the event will help highlight the positive effect of a proposed connection between Arkansas State University and Downtown Jonesboro. Erica announced that the flyer for the pop up will be posted on the MPO's social media pages. She encouraged members to share the flyer with the community.

New Business

ATP Public Input Meetings /Analysis

Erica provided members with draft summary reports containing the final results of the public prioritization exercises regarding the Active Transportation Plan Goals and STAR treatments. She explained that the reports include individual breakdowns of the results obtained from the self-identified Walker/Runner and Cyclist groups. Erica pointed out that the majority of exercise respondents highly prioritized Connectivity/Accessibility and Safety as goals for the region. Phyllis Burkett stated that she believed people may have interpreted that promotion and policy do not require significant financial support like that of the infrastructure requirements needed to improve/enhance area connectivity and safety. Harold Carter inquired about the implications of having shared use paths, specifically for pedestrians, that pass in front of residential property. Erica replied that a shared use path would accommodate all modes of transportation, including bicyclists.

Harold Carter asked about the role of the MPO in the implementation of the plan suggestions throughout the city of Jonesboro. Erica responded by stating that although the MPO will be recommending that the localities implement the suggestions outlined in the ATP, the individual cities are not required to do so. She added that the presented plan recommendations could be useful in monitoring the cities' compliance with ARDOT's performance goals, which may help with future federal grant dispersion.

Public Comments

Phyllis Burkett expressed concern regarding the city of Jonesboro's limited level of area connectivity. She referenced the pedestrian-friendly environment in Fayetteville, and stated that the city of Jonesboro needs to focus on ensuring coordination with the surrounding communities, like Bay and Brooklyn, to develop connected active transportation infrastructure during this current period of growth.

Adjournment

Phyllis Burkett made the motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Billy Holland. The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.