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## MEMORANDUM

To: Kingsport MTPO Executive Board  
CC: Subscribed Interested Parties  
From: Lesley Christian  
Date: February 3, 2026  
Subject: MTPO Executive Board Meeting

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Please see the attached agenda for the next meeting of the Kingsport MTPO Executive Board, to be held **Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 1:30 PM (ET), in the Kingsport City Hall Montgomery-Watterson Boardroom (415 Broad Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Kingsport, Tennessee).**

There are two action items:

- **Minutes from November 13, 2025 Meeting**
- **2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives**

In addition to the agenda items listed above, time will be allotted for public comments, project updates, state and federal partner updates, and general information items.

The meeting will be in-person and members of the public are welcome to attend. We also plan to offer live public access to the meeting through a Zoom webinar. Members of the public who are interested in attending remotely should register in advance using this link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Po84KFjaTBWrhLMoejeDHA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Po84KFjaTBWrhLMoejeDHA)

Executive Board members who are unable to attend may designate a proxy in writing to represent you. A sample proxy letter is attached.



## **AGENDA**

**Kingsport MTPO Executive Board  
February 12, 2026 at 1:30 PM  
Kingsport City Hall  
Montgomery-Watterson Boardroom  
415 Broad Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Kingsport, TN 37660**

### **Call to Order - Chairman**

#### **1. Attendance Roll Call**

**Presenter:** Lesley Christian

#### **2. Public Comment**

Those wishing to make a comment pertaining to any of the agenda items or any transportation planning issues, activities, and/or projects that pertain to the Kingsport Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization may do so at this time with a five-minute time limitation.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2025 Meeting (Vote Required)**

**Presenter:** Chairman

#### **4. Long Range Transportation Plan – Goals & Objectives and Plan Update**

**Presenter:** AECOM – Jim Meyer

**Item Summary:** The consultant will give an update on the status of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and also discuss the proposed Goals and Objectives for the 2050 LRTP.

#### **5. Long Range Transportation Plan Goals & Objectives (Vote Required)**

**Presenter:** Jim Meyer / Lesley Christian

**Item Summary:** Further discussion, if needed, and consideration and adoption of the 2050 LRTP Goals and Objectives.

**Recommendation:** Approve the 2050 LRTP Goals and Objectives as presented.

## **6. TDOT Presentation**

**Presenter:** Randy Busler, TDOT Region 1 Program Manager

**Item Summary:** Randy will discuss how TDOT has divided the projects TDOT is responsible for, where to find more information for each division, and provide project-specific updates within the Kingsport MTPO area. Randy's projects include Bridge, Resurfacing, Safety, SIA, and Unstable Slope.

## **7. Federal & State Partner Updates and Project Updates**

**Presenter:** Lesley Christian (Facilitator)

**Item Summary:** Updates will be given by our partners at Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Tennessee, and Virginia. Also, updates from our local partners and project updates will be given.

## **8. Meeting Adjournment**

## Sample Proxy Letter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Print Name)* *(Agency)*

Hereby designate \_\_\_\_\_ to vote as my proxy  
*(Name of Proxy)*

during the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the Kingsport MTPO Executive Board.  
*(Meeting Date)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**KINGSPORT METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Minutes for November 13, 2025 Meeting  
In-Person Meeting with Optional Live Public Access via Zoom Webinar**

**Members Present:**

Blake Ailor, Morris Baker, Thomas Lawson, Luke Meade, Chase Milner, Stacy Morrison

**Absent:**

Hawkins County/Church Hill/Mount Carmel Representative

**Staff Present:**

Susan Bowman, Lesley Christian, Candace Sherer, Michael Thompson

**In Person Attendees:**

Ann Marie Anway - TDOT  
Andrew Davis - DBVI  
Mike James – VDOT  
Ashley Jenkins – NET Trans  
Eric Kerney – Sullivan County Highway Department  
Candace Long – NET Trans  
Matt Meservy – TDOT  
Samantha Mullins – VDOT  
James Rosen – TDOT  
Ronda Sawyer – TDOT

**Online Attendees:**

Jordan Clark – LJA  
David Jones – Tri-Cities Airport  
Evan Tuten – DRPT

**Recorder:** Susan Bowman

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Morris Baker called the meeting to order.
- II. **General Information/Attendance Roll Call:**  
The meeting was held in-person with optional live public access available via Zoom Webinar. A video/audio recording of the meeting is published online at <https://www.kingsporttn.gov/city-services/kmtpo/meetings-notices/agenda-minutes/>.  
  
Attendance was taken by roll call.
- III. **Public Comment:** Chairman Morris Baker invited members of the public to address comments related to agenda items or transportation planning issues, activities, or projects that pertain to the Kingsport Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization. No comments.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the August 7, 2025 meeting were reviewed. No corrections and/or additions were suggested. A motion was made by Blake Ailor to approve the minutes and was seconded by Chase Milner. The motion carried unanimously.

**V. New Business:**

- A. FY26-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).** Presented by Lesley Christian. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a 4-year program that lists all highway and public transit transportation projects proposed for funding under Title 23 (highways) and Title 49 (transit) of the US Code or regionally significant transportation projects regardless of funding source. All local projects in the new TIP have been rolled over from the current TIP. Virginia is on a different TIP schedule. Currently, Virginia projects from the FY23-26 TIP have been included in the FY26-29 TIP and new Virginia projects will be added in the future by TIP amendment. Staff recommends the MTPO Executive Board approve and adopt the Resolution, Self-Certification, and FY26-29 TIP as presented. A motion was made by Chase Milner to approve and adopt the Resolution, Self-Certification, and FY26-29 TIP and was seconded by Stacy Morrison. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. PM1 Targets – Tennessee and Virginia.** Presented by Lesley Christian. As part of the performance-based planning and programming requirements of MAP-21, the FAST Act, and more recently the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), MPOs are required to adopt Safety Performance Measures (PM1) annually. In February 2025, the Executive Board voted to adopt TDOT and VDOT's Safety Performance Targets for the five-year reporting period of 2021-2025. These targets are updated annually and will roll ahead one year to cover the reporting period of 2022-2026. Staff recommend the MTPO Executive Board approve and adopt the Resolution and PM1 targets as presented. A motion was made by Thomas Lawson to approve and adopt the Resolution and PM1 targets and was seconded by Stacy Morrison. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Annual Federal Funds Obligation Reports – Tennessee and Virginia.** Presented by Lesley Christian. Per 23 CFR 450.334, annually the Kingsport MTPO is required to publish a list of federal funds (FHWA and FTA) that have been obligated on projects within the MTPO area for the previous fiscal year. The list must be made available within 90 days from the end of the program year (September 30). As outlined in the Kingsport MTPO Public Participation Plan, this information is published online and is also available for public review in the Kingsport MTPO office. This is an informational item. No Board action is required.
- D. 2026 Executive Board Meeting Dates.** Presented by Lesley Christian. Discussion of meeting dates for calendar year 2026. Bristol MPO is changing their meeting schedule to meet every other month (odd months of the year) so the Bristol MPO and Kingsport MTPO meetings will only fall on the same dates in May and November. Kingsport MTPO meetings are scheduled for the afternoon of February 12<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>, and November 12<sup>th</sup>. Board members did not have any issues with dates scheduled. No Board action required for this item.

**VI. FEDERAL & STATE PARTNER UPDATES/PROJECT UPDATES**

Updates and information were provided by TDOT, VDOT, and local transit representatives. Project updates were also provided.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.



### Kingsport 2050 MTPO LRTP Goals and Objectives

- ❖ **Goal 1. Livability** – Provide safe, secure, convenient, and active transportation choices to all citizens that strengthen the livability and health of our communities and region.
  - a) Improve safety by reducing transportation-related fatalities and injuries
  - b) Make streets a place for all users - “Complete Streets”
  - c) Promote active transportation by increasing opportunities for short trips through improved accessibility to alternative modes
  - d) Strengthen local and regional partnerships to advance viable and affordable public transportation and mobility options
  - e) Strive to balance capacity and mobility needs for all users whereby connections to and across modes and land uses function harmoniously
- ❖ **Goal 2. Sustainability** – Promote and advance sustainable transportation choices for the greater Kingsport Region that support long-term economic, social, and environmental sustainability within and throughout the region.
  - a) Maintain what we have – take a “state of good repair” approach to our community’s transportation assets
  - b) Seek cost-effective management solutions and new technologies as a means of addressing congestion, improving travel time reliability, reducing transportation delay, and improving system operations
  - c) Seek improvement options which minimize adverse impacts of surface transportation to historical, social, cultural, and natural environments, including stormwater impacts
  - d) Promote investment solutions that improve the resiliency of the transportation system and reduce transportation impacts on air-quality
- ❖ **Goal 3. Prosperity** – Promote transportation policies and investments that advance quality economic development and redevelopment, economic competitiveness, and efficient access to people, places, and goods and services within and throughout the region.
  - a) Strategically target transportation investments to areas supportive and conducive to growth and redevelopment initiatives
  - b) Support transportation investments and policies that work to create jobs, efficiently move freight, and improve access to all modes and destinations while embracing access management and corridor management strategies that preserve the long-term functionality of a roadway’s capacity and safety
  - c) Support multimodal investments, especially bicycle and pedestrian enhancements. Promote tourism and help contribute to the local and regional economy.
  - d) Support land use and development patterns that reduce transportation costs and expenditures and improve accessibility for all
  - e) Continue to promote and foster an environment by which citizens, communities, jurisdictions, elected officials, and other stakeholders can collaboratively advance a sustainable multimodal transportation system that provides safe and secure connections throughout a livable and prosperous region

Approved by Kingsport MTPO Executive Board: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

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Morris Baker, Chairman  
Kingsport MTPO Executive Board

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Lesley Christian  
Kingsport MTPO Coordinator

## **TDOT PROGRAMS**

BRIDGE PROGRAM:

<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/pm/programs/bridge-program.html>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCESS/SIA):

<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/pm/programs/state-industrial-access-program.html>

HIGHWAY PROGRAM (10-YEAR PLAN):

<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/pm/programs/highway-program.html>

PAVEMENT PROGRAM:

<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/pm/programs/pavement-program.html>

SAFETY PROGRAM:

<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/pm/programs/safety-program--project-managed-.html>

UNSTABLE SLOPE PROGRAM:

<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/pm/programs/unstable-slope-program.html>



## **PROJECT UPDATES**

### **KINGSPORT/SULLIVAN COUNTY:**

#### Local Projects:

- Greenbelt – West End
- Brickyard Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge
- Island Road Resurfacing
- Resurfacing Grouping – Kingsport
  - Group #1.01 (Meadowview Pkwy)
  - Group #2 (Clinchfield St, N Eastman Rd)
  - Group #3 (Orebank Rd)

#### TDOT Projects:

- Fort Robinson Bridge over Dry Creek
- SR-1 (W Stone Dr) bridge over Holston River
- John B Dennis Hwy/SR-93 bridge over CSX RR
- SR-126 (Memorial Boulevard) – Phase I
  - .03 (East Center St to Briarwood Dr)
  - .04 (Briarwood Dr to Cooks Valley Rd)
- SR-126 (Memorial Boulevard) – Phase II
  - .02 (Cooks Valley Road to I-81)
- SR-36 (Fort Henry Drive) – SR-75 to I-81
- SR-347 (Rock Springs Road)
- SR-93 Improvements
  - .03 Sullivan County section
- I-81 ITS Expansion
- SR-36 Resurfacing/Colonial Heights Sidewalks
- SIA

### **HAWKINS COUNTY:**

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### **VIRGINIA:**

- US-23/58 and Hilton Road Intersection (UPC 120637)
- US-23 Access Management (UPC 123666)
- US-23 at Chapel Street Safety and Railroad Crossing Improvement (UPC 123670)
- Gate City – Transportation Alternatives Projects

### **RECENTLY COMPLETED:**

- SR-93 Improvements
  - .02 Washington/Sullivan County section
- Project Smoky
- Resurfacing Grouping – Kingsport
  - Group #1 (Moreland Dr, Fall Creek Rd, Cooks Valley Rd, Netherland Inn Rd – Hawkins County portion)
- John B Dennis Hwy/SR-93 bridge over river
- Main Street Rebuild