East TN SRPO

Quarterly Progress Report

For Quarter Ending September 30, 2019

RPO Coordinator Signature

Don M. Brown

Services provided this period will be included in the quarterly invoice for the period July 1, 2019 thru September 30, 2019. The tasks and activities described below are in accordance with the Contract’s Roles and Responsibilities of Rural Planning Organizations.

Week September 30 – October 4, 2019

• **Reports and Studies**
  - September 27, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week’s activities.
  - September 27, 2019, reviewed new TDOT invoicing information and format.

• **Community Outreach**
  - September 27, 2019, reviewed Loudon County Planning Commission Agenda and Vonore Planning Commission Agenda for October 2019 meeting.
  - September 26, 2019, assisted SE RPO in the preparation of County State Aid Roads list and map.
  - September 23 - 25, 2019, attended RPO conference.

• **Requests for Assistance Activities**
  - September 27, 2019, worked on updating the quarterly grant status report.
  - September 27, 2019, coordinated with Sevier County Road Superintendent and TDOT regarding flagging training for Sevier County Highway Department staff.
  - September 27, 2019, responded to a request from TDOT regarding the Gatlinburg TAG grant.
  - September 23 – 27, 2019 worked on MMAG application for Sweetwater.

• **Data Collection**
  - No activities this period.

• **Contact Maintenance**
  - No activities this period.

• **Meeting Development**
  - No activities this period.

Week September 23 – September 27, 2019

• **Reports and Studies**
  - September 27, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week’s activities.
  - September 27, 2019, reviewed new TDOT invoicing information and format.
• **Community Outreach**
  o September 27, 2019, reviewed Loudon County Planning Commission Agenda and Vonore Planning Commission Agenda for October 2019 meeting.
  o September 26, 2019, assisted SE RPO in the preparation of County State Aid Roads list and map.
  o September 23 - 25, 2019, attended RPO conference. Total distance traveled = 371 miles, split equally between the SRPO and NRPO.

• **Requests for Assistance Activities**
  o September 27, 2019, worked on updating the quarterly grant status report.
  o September 27, 2019, coordinated with Sevier County Road Superintendent and TDOT regarding flagging training for Sevier County Highway Department staff.
  o September 27, 2019, responded to a request from TDOT regarding the Gatlinburg TAG grant.
  o September 23 – 27, 2019 worked on MMAG application for Sweetwater.

• **Data Collection**
  o No activities this period.

• **Contact Maintenance**
  o No activities this period.

• **Meeting Development**
  o No activities this period.

Week September 16 – September 20, 2019

• **Reports and Studies**
  o September 20, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week’s activities.
  o September 16, 2019, reviewed list of awarded 2018 TAG grants.

• **Community Outreach**
  o September 20, 2019, reviewed LAMPTO’s FFY2020-2023 TIP.
  o September 20, 2019, worked on RPO Conference presentation.
  o September 16, 2019, reviewed Chapman Highway Corridor Study and Implementation Plan.
  o September 17, 2019, preparations for RPO conference.

• **Requests for Assistance Activities**
  o September 18, 2019, coordinated with TDOT and responded to an inquiry from Jefferson County Mayor’s office regarding “Proposal of the Department of Transportation of the State of Tennessee to the County of Jefferson, Tennessee”.
  o September 17, 2019, responded to a request from Jonas Smelcer, Sevier County Road Superintendent, regarding a flagging training course for 12 to 15 members of his staff.
  o September 16, 2019, reviewed and responded to an OCT request regarding CTPRs status in the RPO.
  o September 16 – 20, 2019 worked on MMAG application for Sweetwater.

• **Data Collection**
  o No activities this period.
• **Contact Maintenance**
  o No activities this period.

• **Meeting Development**
  o No activities this period.

Week September 9 – September 13, 2019

• **Reports and Studies**
  o September 13, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week’s activities.
  o September 12, 2019, reviewed the RPO work program for progress on listed tasks and activities.

• **Community Outreach**
  o September 12, 2019, worked on RPO and transportation input into the ETDD Fall Newsletter.
  o September 12, 2019, reviewed Loudon County September 2019 PC Agenda and August 2019 PC minutes. Forwarded agenda to TDOT.
  o September 10 and 12, 2019, reviewed and provided comments on the LAMTPO Bike Ped Plan Draft Aug 29 2019.
  o September 10, 2019, reviewed Sweetwater and Madisonville Planning Commissions agendas.
  o September 9 & 10, 2019, prepared for and attended the Knoxville TPO TC meeting. Total mileage = 33.
  o September 9, 2019, worked on RPO workshop presentation.

• **Requests for Assistance Activities**
  o September 10, 2019, participated in TDOT eGrants webinar.
  o September 10, 2019, worked on MMAG applications RPO Support letter for Sweetwater.
  o September 9 – 13, worked on MMAG application for Sweetwater.

• **Data Collection**
  o September 12, 2019, reviewed information on ETDD website. Deleted some information. Added some information.

• **Contact Maintenance**
  o No activities this period.

• **Meeting Development**
  o No activities this period.

Week September 2 – September 6, 2019

• **Reports and Studies**
  o September 6, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week’s activities.
  o September 6, 2019, distributed by email to RPO members information regarding TDOT’s 2019 CMAQ Call for Proposals.
o September 6, 2019, distributed by email to RPO members information regarding training opportunities available through the Tennessee Transportation Assistance Program.

- **Community Outreach**
  o September 6, 2019, prepared for and participated in the TDOT / RPO Conference call.
  o September 4, 2019, reviewed the Sevier County Planning Commission Agenda.

- **Requests for Assistance Activities**
  o September 6, 2019, responded to an email from Diane Nulton, consultant, regarding available planning documents for Cocke County.
  o September 5, 2019, worked on MMAG applications for Sweetwater.
  o September 4, 2019, worked on MMAG applications for Sweetwater.

- **Data Collection**
  o No activities this period.

- **Contact Maintenance**
  o No activities this period.

- **Meeting Development**
  o No activities this period.

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**Week August 26 – August 30, 2019**

- **Reports and Studies**
  o August 30, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week’s activities.
  o August 27, 2019, meeting with ETDD GIS staff to discuss Urban Growth Boundary for RPO counties. Provided maps for multiple counties.

- **Community Outreach**
  o August 30, 2019, worked on meeting packages for Cocke County one on one local official meetings.
  o August 30, 2019, worked on county maps and city maps for distribution to Cocke County local officials.
  o August 30, 2019, worked on Cocke County State Aid Roads list and map for upcoming one on one Cocke County local officials meetings.
  o August 28, 2019, reviewed planning commission’s agenda for Tellico Plains.
  o August 28, 2019, reviewed planning commissions’ agenda for Loudon Count and Vonore.
  o August 27, 2019, meeting with TDOT OCT to discuss local officials one on one meetings, responses to local officials question / comments and ETDD staff assignments for RPO Work Program.
  o August 27, 2019, prepared for meeting with TDOT OCT to discuss local officials one on one meetings, responses to local officials question / comments and ETDD staff assignments for RPO Work Program.
  o August 26, 2019, reviewed newspapers for proposed developments. Read and forward to TDOT OCT an article in the August 15, 2019 The Standard Banner regarding a proposed distillery in Dandridge.
  o August 26, 2019, worked on presentation for the September 2019 RPO Conference.

- **Requests for Assistance Activities**
August 28, 2019, reviewed TDOT’s Invitations to Submit MMAG Applications sent to 12 RPO communities. Meet with ETDD staff to discuss applications.

- **Data Collection**
  - No activities this period.

- **Contact Maintenance**
  - No activities this period.

- **Meeting Development**
  - No activities this period.

**Week August 19 – August 23, 2019**

- **Reports and Studies**
  - August 23, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week’s activities.
  - August 22, 2019, reviewed the Proposed 2020 TDOT Resurfacing Program. Did not distribute since this list appeared to have same resurfacing projects previously distributed under different format.
  - August 19, 2019, in-house ETDD meeting to discuss staff assignments for RPO work program.

- **Community Outreach**
  - August 22, 2019, sent to TDOT OCT the Gatlinburg August 15, 2019 Planning Commission Agenda which include the Gatlinburg Farmers Market located at 1222 East Parkway.
  - August 22 & 23, 2019, worked on a strategy / process for preparing responses to local officials inquires and questions.
  - August 22, 2019, reviewed planning commission agendas found on the following web sites for major proposed developments adjacent to or that might impact a State Route: Gatlinburg, Kingston, Loudon, Loudon County, Madisonville, Monroe County, Roane County, Sevierville, Tellico Plains and Vonore.
  - August 21, 2019, worked on presentation for the September 2019 RPO Conference.
  - August 19, 2019, worked on presentation for the September 2019 RPO Conference.

- **Requests for Assistance Activities**
  - No activities this period.

- **Data Collection**
  - No activities this period.

- **Contact Maintenance**
  - No activities this period.

- **Meeting Development**
  - No activities this period.

**Week August 12 – August 16, 2019**
• **Reports and Studies**
  o August 16, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week’s activities.
  o August 15, 2019, reviewed and discussed work program with TDOT staff.

• **Community Outreach**
  o August 16, 2019, reviewed Loudon and Blount counties August 2019 Planning Commission Meetings agenda or meeting minutes.

• **Requests for Assistance Activities**
  o August 15, 2019, meet with Joe Barrett, ETDD Planner, to discuss access to the proposed Weigel’s on SR in White Pine.

• **Data Collection**
  o No activities this period.

• **Contact Maintenance**
  o No activities this period.

• **Meeting Development**
  o No activities this period.

**Week August 5 – August 9, 2019**

• **Reports and Studies**
  o August 9, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week’s activities.
  o August 6, 2019, distributed by email to RPO members the East Tennessee South RPO Transportation Quarterly Status Report.
  o August 5, 2019, worked the RPO work program to recommend potential work activities to other ETDD staff.

• **Community Outreach**
  o August 8, 2019, attended LAKEWAY MPO TAC meeting. Total mileage = 128 miles, divided equally between the SRPO and NRPO.
  o August 5, 2019, reviewed information in newspaper regarding proposed Smokey Mountain Gateway in Sevierville. Sent the information to TDOT OCT.

• **Requests for Assistance Activities**
  o August 9, 2019, swapped emails with Doug Tarwater regarding delaying the start of the SR 363 / Indian Creek Road Slope Stabilization project until after Labor Day.
  o August 8, 2019, per request from Jefferson County Mayor Mark Potts, researched information regarding delaying the start of the SR 363 / Indian Creek Road Slope Stabilization project until after Labor Day. Discussed with Mayor Potts and called Doug Tarwater.

• **Data Collection**
  o No activities this period.

• **Contact Maintenance**
August 6, 2019, updated SRPO data base to add Don Walker, Planner, Blount County Development Services.

- **Meeting Development**
  - No activities this period.

**Week July 29 – August 2, 2019**

- **Reports and Studies**
  - August 2, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week’s activities.
  - August 2, 2019, in-house meeting to discuss implementation of new work plan.
  - July 29, 2019, reviewed and commented on I-75 Corridor Study Technical Memo #2.

- **Community Outreach**
  - August 2, 2019, prepared for and participated in the TDOT / RPO Conference call.
  - August 1, 2019, reviewed Loudon County August 7, 2019 Planning Commission Agenda. Burger King site plan review on the agenda. Forwarded agenda and site plan to TDOT for their review.
  - July 30, 2019, prepared spread sheet to track status of local officials meetings, concerns / issues addressed, and TDOT responses.
  - July 29 & 30, 2019, reviewed Planning Commissions Agendas / Minutes for the following local governments: Monroe County, Madisonville, Loudon County, Tellico Plains, Vonore, Roane County, Kingston, Gatlinburg, Sevierville and Campbell County. Advised TDOT OCT by email of review and sent City of Sevierville PC agenda / minutes which included several proposed developments of reasonable size.
  - July 29, 2019, reviewed information in 3 newspapers regarding proposed developments: 1. 200 acres near the I-40 exit 407 in Sevierville, 2. A proposed 85,000 square foot 300 bed justice center in Newport and 3. A proposed 25 acre 202 lot RV park in Sevierville. Sent the information to TDOT OCT.

- **Requests for Assistance Activities**
  - August 1, 2019, coordination with project engineer and Monroe County regarding the need for a traffic signal on SR 68 at the proposed access drive to the new Criminal Justice Center.
  - July 31, 2019, researched and responded to an inquiry from Monroe County Mayor Mitch Ingram regarding a the need for a traffic signal on SR 68 at the proposed access drive to the new Criminal Justice Center.
  - July 29, 2019, email to TDOT regarding RPO prioritization of safety and intersection improvements.

- **Data Collection**
  - No activities this period.

- **Contact Maintenance**
  - No activities this period.

- **Meeting Development**
  - No activities this period.

**Week July 22 – July 26, 2019**

- **Reports and Studies**
o July 26, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week’s activities.

- **Community Outreach**
  o July 26, 2019, mailed letters to 17 Planning Commissions requesting to be added to the mailing list for meeting agendas and minutes in order to monitor proposed land development projects. Forwarded letters to TDOT OCT.
  o July 25, 2019, worked on letters to 17 Planning Commissions.

- **Requests for Assistance Activities**
  o No activities this period.

- **Data Collection**
  o No activities this period.

- **Contact Maintenance**
  o No activities this period.

- **Meeting Development**
  o No activities this period.

**Week July 15 – July 19, 2019**

- **Reports and Studies**
  o July 19, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week’s activities.
  o July 17, 2019, worked on RPO Annual Report.
  o July 17, 2019, distributed by email to RPO members information regarding TDOT’s 2020 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Accepting Applications.
  o July 16, 2019, distributed by email to Sevier County local officials information regarding the Initial Coordination Email for Proposed Amendment No. 215 to the FY 2017-2020 STIP, Jake Thomas Connector in Sevier County.
  o July 16, 2019, worked on RPO Annual Report.

- **Community Outreach**
  o July 18, 2019, worked on letters to Planning Commissions requesting to be added to mailing lists to receive agendas and minutes.
  o July 18, 2019, requested by email that our 4 community planners keep me posted on proposed new developments in my RPOs. Forwarded to TDOT copy of this email request and list of communities our community planners work with. Our community planners work with 31 of the 53 local governments in my RPOs.
  o July 18, 2019, requested ETDD staff to advise me of any newspaper articles regarding new developments in my RPO areas. ETDD’s receives most if not every newspaper published in the ETDD area. Forwarded to TDOT copy of this email request.
  o July 15, 2019, in-house meeting to discuss local official’s individual meetings.

- **Requests for Assistance Activities**
- July 17, 2019, reviewed information (application, instructions and budget template) for this year's Transportation Alternative Grants.

**Data Collection**
- July 18, 2019, posted quarterly reports on ETDD website.
- July 18, 2019, posted annual reports on ETDD website.

**Contact Maintenance**
- No activities this period.

**Meeting Development**
- No activities this period.

**Week July 8 – July 12, 2019**

**Reports and Studies**
- July 12, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week's activities.
- July 11, 2019, worked on revised RPO work program wording.
- July 10, 2019, reviewed and forwarded by email to local officials information regarding TDOT's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Non-Infrastructure Incentives.
- July 10 & 11, 2019, worked on information required for quarterly TDOT invoices.
- July 10, 2019, forwarded by email to local officials information regarding the UT's Tennessee Transportation Assistance Program, TTAP training schedule.
- July 10, 2019, reviewed and forwarded by email to Sevier County officials proposed STIP amendment for the Sevier County Tourist Corridor Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) in Pigeon Forge.
- July 8, 2019, submitted quarterly report and database to TDOT.
- July 8, 2019, worked on TDOT quarterly report for the period April 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2019.

**Community Outreach**
- July 12, 2019, prepared for and participated in RPO / OCT / TDOT conference call.
- July 9, 2019, attended the Knoxville TPO TC meeting. Total mileage = 31 miles, divided equally between the SRPO and NRPO.
- July 8, 2019, prepared for the Knoxville TPO TC meeting.

**Requests for Assistance Activities**
- July 10, 2019, reviewed and executed a Tennessee ITS Project Identification Form per Harriman request.
- July 10, 2019, updated the quarterly grant status report to reflect update on the Newport CTPG.

**Data Collection**
- No activities this period.

**Contact Maintenance**
- No activities this period.
Week July 1 – July 5, 2019

- **Meeting Development**
  - No activities this period.

- **Reports and Studies**
  - July 5, 2019, prepared and submitted TDOT Weekly Progress Report for the week's activities.
  - July 3, 2019, worked on TDOT quarterly report for the period April 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2019.
  - July 1, 2019, prepared and distributed by email to RPO members TDOT 2020 Resurfacing list for this RPO.

- **Community Outreach**
  - July 3, 2019, worked on files and plans for local official meetings.
  - July 2, 2019, sent to TDOT for review and comment the draft package for local officials meetings.
  - July 2, 2019, worked on package for local officials meetings: Cover Letter, Description of ETSRPO and ETNRPO, Assistance Available for Local Officials, State Aid Road Bridge Grant, TDOT GrantFlyer, TDOT Project Status Report and IMPROVE Act Projects, local county map and state map.
  - July 1, 2019, worked on package for local officials meetings: Cover Letter, Description of ETSRPO and ETNRPO, Assistance Available for Local Officials, State Aid Road Bridge Grant, TDOT GrantFlyer, TDOT Project Status Report and IMPROVE Act Projects, local county map and state map.

- **Requests for Assistance Activities**
  - July 2, 2019, worked on updating the quarterly grant status report.
  - July 1, 2019, sent email inquiry to Jessica Wilson, TDOT, regarding communities within RPO submitting MMAG NOIs.

- **Data Collection**
  - No activities this period.

- **Contact Maintenance**
  - June 24, 2019, updated data bases to include new TDOT District Engineers contact information.

- **Meeting Development**
  - No activities this period.

**Tasks Description per Contract**

1. (Task 1) **Develop and Maintain Reports and Studies (Planning Documents)**
   - **Purpose** The Grantor recognizes that transportation planning is one element of a community's comprehensive land use planning process. Transportation facilities and programs are closely tied to a community's vision for itself. Therefore it is very important for the Grantee to coordinate transportation planning activities with the efforts of others involved in different aspects of
community planning. (Other duties as noted in Scope Document)

2. **(Task 2) Community Outreach**
   
   **Purpose** The Grantee shall attend meetings and communicate on a regular basis with other organizations involved in planning efforts regarding transportation related issues; such as the local planning commissions, Joint Economic and Community Development Boards, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) staff, TDOT technical staff, county highway staff, etc. The Grantee shall work with local and regional comprehensive land use planning efforts to help identify basic transportation needs of the future related to employment centers, health care, education, rural public transit, elderly mobility, etc. (Other duties as noted in Scope Document)

3. **(Task 3) Requests for and Assistance Provided**
   
   **Purpose** The Grantee shall serve as a central point for receiving and providing input on multimodal transportation needs for the RPO area, from all relevant sources including RPO members, stakeholders and other interested citizens. The Grantee shall summarize this input on at least a monthly basis and share the information with TDOT staff. The Grantee shall respond to all questions and inquiries from local officials and the public regarding multimodal transportation projects and studies in a timely manner, sharing questions and concerns with TDOT personnel when necessary to obtain accurate answers. The Grantee shall notify TDOT immediately after being contacted by local officials or someone from the public with questions related to TDOT. (Other duties as noted in Scope Document)

4. **(Task 4) Data Collection**
   
   **Purpose** The Grantee shall serve as a clearing house for information and data gathered from local officials and the public to TDOT and other state agencies, and vice versa. (Other duties as noted in Scope Document)

5. **(Task 5) Compiling and Maintaining Database of Contacts**
   
   **Purpose** The Grantee shall create and maintain at least 3 databases of all RPO members, stakeholders, and interested parties in order to notify them of meetings; distribute meeting minutes and agenda materials; and collect and distribute data, reports, and other information. All databases shall contain mailing addresses, e-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers, official title, and other pertinent information for each member or entry. The Grantee shall maintain this database with updates as needed to keep accurate and timely records. (Other duties as noted in Scope Document)

6. **(Task 6) Meeting Development and Administration**
   
   **Purpose** The Grantee shall publicize and facilitate regular and special meetings of the Technical Committee and Executive Board, various committees, public meetings, and other meetings as needed. In accordance with the approved By-Laws, the Grantee shall maintain a complete schedule of all meetings, deadlines, and milestones to be honored by the organization. The Grantee shall see that the appropriate members, stakeholders, and other interested parties (to include the general public) are notified of meetings, deadlines, and milestones for the purpose of coordinating the successful adherence and completion of these activities. (Other duties as noted in Scope Document)
Status of Projects Under Consideration by RPO

- See 3 Year Work Program and Request for Study List.

Status of Transportation Studies and Reports

- Preparation of the South RPO Study Area Description is complete.
- Rural Regional Transportation Plan started September 21, 2017 and is underway.
- SR 61 from Harriman to Oliver Springs, Roane County. On October 16, 2018, a revised CTPR was submitted addressing TDOT review comments.
- SR 72, from SR 33 / US 411 to SR 322, Monroe County. The draft CTPR was submitted to TDOT on September 26, 2018.
- SR 92 (Chestnut Hill Road), from SR 35 / US 411 to the new bridge in Dandridge, Jefferson County. The CTPR was submitted to TDOT on March 25, 2019.

Transportation Meetings Memorandums

- None this period.

Update of Data Collection

- Routinely serve as clearinghouse: Information/DATA from local officials and public to TDOT and information from TDOT to local officials and public. Details found in planning activities above.

Outstanding Safety Project Requests

- None

New and Outstanding Requests for Study

- SR 92 (Chestnut Hill Road), from SR 35 / US 411 to the new bridge in Dandridge, Jefferson County – On January 9, 2019, Jefferson County Mayor Mark Potts signed a CTPR Request Form for this section of roadway. The kick off meeting and site visit were conducted on February 6, 2019. On March 25, 2019, the CTPR was submitted to TDOT. Hopefully, the SR 92 CTPR will be considered by TDOT as a potential “New Start” candidate project in the summer / fall of 2019.
- SR 61, Oliver Springs, Roane County – January 25, 2019, a request was received from former Oliver Springs Mayor Cecil Crowe for safety improvements to the section of SR 61 transitioning from a four lane to a two lane facility. Mr. Crowe noted a recent fatal accident at this location and previous accidents. Mr. Crowe also requested 10 years of crash data along this roadway. Mr. Crowe’s inquiry was sent to
both Steve Borden and myself. On January 29, 2019, Steve Borden responded by email advising Mr. Crowe that TDOT will update the recent safety study to incorporate recent accident data.

- SR 61 from Harriman to Oliver Springs, Roane County - July 6, 2017, a request was forwarded to TDOT on behalf of Oliver Springs Mayor Cecil Crowe to study the widening to four lanes of SR 61 from Harriman to Oliver Springs, Roane County. Attached to the request were multiple resolutions provided by Mayor Crowe and a 2011 Draft Needs Assessment. On August 11, 2017, OCT staff advised that the July 6, 2017 had been sent up the Region 1 chain of command. Mayor Crowe made a presentation regarding this request at the September 21, 2017 RPO meeting. Per October 3, 2017 email from OCT, request has been sent to Region for a decision on adding to project list. In March 2018, a Community Transportation Planning Request was prepared and submitted to TDOT. On October 16, 2018, a revised CTPR was submitted addressing TDOT review comments. This project will be considered by TDOT as a potential “New Start” candidate project in the summer / fall of 2019.

- SR 72, from SR 33 / US 411 to SR 322, Monroe County - July 19, 2017, a request was received from Bryan Hall, Monroe County Director of Economic Development, regarding needed improvements to SR 72, from SR 33 / US 411 to SR 322, Monroe County. This request was in addition to a citizen’s, Rhonda Cowden, concerns previously expressed. On July 19, 2017, Mr. Hall’s request was forwarded to Nathan Vatter, TDOT, with a request that the expressed concerns be incorporated into the study that was underway by TDOT. On July 24, 2017, TDOT provided recommendations for limited improvements to this roadway. On October 17, 2017, Nathan Vatter, TDOT, advised that state forces will be moving in on October 30, 2017 to build the right turn deceleration lane on SR-72 at the southern entrance to Excellence Way. The draft CTPR was submitted to TDOT on September 26, 2018. Awaiting TDOT review comments. This project will be considered by TDOT as a potential “New Start” candidate project in the summer / fall of 2019.

- August 25, 2017, a request was received from Mr. Gary Johnson, a Sevierville resident, requesting 1. Improvements to SR 35 / US 411, from the Sevierville city limits (near intersection of SR 416) to near Sims Road (western termini of project underway PIN 101401.01), Sevier County and 2. Extension of SR 449 from SR 35 / US 411 to SR 66 /, Sevier County. Supplemental information received from Mr. Johnson on August 31 and September 5, 2017. On September 11, 2017, a Request for Study was forward to TDOT. Mr. Johnson made a presentation regarding this request at the September 21, 2017 RPO meeting.

Quarterly Updates on Grant Projects

- Newport CTPG – September 27, 2019. Per John Houghton with Gresham Smith: We’re currently working on the draft final report, and hope to submit it as soon as next Monday. There are no problems or delays to report (other than scheduling our in-house graphic designers!).

- Pigeon Forge CTPG – October 2, 2019. Per David Taylor with City of Pigeon Forge: The Pigeon Forge CTPG is now complete. CDM Smith did an excellent job and the plan was completed on time without any problems or delays. The City is now evaluating the plan and determining the next steps.

- Madisonville SRTS – June 25, 2019. Per Gail Byrd with Robert Campbell & Associates: One RFP has been submitted to TDOT and funds received. Project has been approved by TDOT for advertisement, Progression Electric, LLC ($35,590.56) was lowest, responsive bidder, TDOT has approved them for the
project as of 05/28/19. Next is for engineer to setup Pre-Construction meeting. Project is moving forward. No problems, no delays at this time.

- Gatlinburg MMAG – September 27, 2019. Jeff Mize with CDM Smith: 1. We have received utility certification. 2. The bid book has been submitted and approved by TDOT. 3. We have received Title VI approval. 4. We submitted the design plans to TDOT, received and addressed their comments, and then resubmitted final plans to TDOT. 5. Once TDOT approves the plans and provides ROW certification, we should be ready for construction.

Next Quarters Work Plan

- Participate in Knoxville TPO and LAKEWAY MTPO planning processes and meetings.
- Participate in the RSAR process on various projects.
- Visits with various RPO members and local officials for one on one meetings.
- Work on tasks and activities as described in the contract.
- Participate in the Rural Regional Transportation Plan for this RPO.
- Prepare for Winter 2019 RPO meetings.
- Work on Community Transportation Planning Project Reports.