



**NORTHEAST ARKANSAS
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING COMMISSION**

January 11, 2018

RE: Active Transportation Committee Meeting of January, 2018

Dear Committee Members:

The agenda for the upcoming meeting of the N.A.R.T.P.C. Active Transportation Committee is attached. The meeting will be held **at 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 18th, 2018 in the Conference Room of the NEA United Way (407 Union St.)**.

The main purpose of this meeting is to review/discuss the current progress of the Regional Active Transportation Plan. As always, all stakeholders to the regional transportation planning process are welcome to attend this meeting.

Please call the MPO staff office at (870) 933-4623 if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Erica Tait
MPO Director



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N.A.R.T.P.C. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

NEA United Way, 407 Union Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas

January 18th, 2018, 4:00 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 Chairperson of the Technical Advisory Committee. It is requested that presentations be limited to three minutes, and that members of the audience identify themselves 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 Meeting to Order**
- 2. Welcome and Introductions**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
- 4. New Business**
 - a. STEP Workshop
 - b. Active Transportation Plan Implementation
 - c. Elections (Chair/Vice-Chair)
- 5. Project Updates**
- 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.

Active Transportation Committee (ATC) Meeting Minutes

Date November 17, 2017

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

Time 10:00 a.m.

Opening Vice Chairman Tyler Brown called the Active Transportation Committee (ATC) meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. on November 17, 2017 in the Conference Room of the NEA United Way Building.

Roll Call Those in attendance are listed below.

Active Transportation Committee Members (ATC)

Bill Smith, <i>Chair</i>	Northeast Arkansas Bicycle Coalition (NEABC)
Tyler Brown	University of Arkansas Extension Office
Danny Kapales	Jonesboro Parks and Recreation
Jeff Mansker	Jonesboro Economical Transportation Systems (JET)
Michael Black	Jonesboro Economical Transportation Systems (JET)

Staff

Erica Tait	MPO Director
Cecelie Cochran	MPO Planner I
Cade Howard	MPO Intern

Others

Harold Carter	Citizen of Jonesboro
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Welcome and Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Tyler Brown notified MPO staff of an error in the October 3, 2017 meeting minutes regarding the listed vendors for the Aggie Road Pop Up event. He stated that the minutes should reflect “Boro Dogs” as the vendor and not “Bono Dogs.” Michael Black made a motion to approve the minutes from the Active Transportation Committee meeting on October 3, 2017 with the requested correction; the motion was seconded by Jeff Mansker. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Updates

Aggie Road Pop-Up Event

Tyler Brown provided members with an update regarding the turnout for the Aggie Road Pop Up event, which took place on October 20, 2017 at the old Wolverine site between Howard and N. Patrick Street. He announced that over 200 patrons attended the pop up, which was well above the anticipated number. Tyler Brown informed the committee that the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Office, along with members of the My Healthy Jonesboro Coalition, collected both on-spot and electronic survey responses from the public regarding citizens preferences for future use of the area. He stated that the survey generated 150 overall responses. Tyler Brown explained that the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Office is currently working to compile the results

of the survey, which will be presented in summary to the Coalition Steering Committee on December 5, 2017. Tyler Brown further notified the committee that community funds applications will be available within the next few weeks, and that the My Healthy Jonesboro Coalition will be meeting on January 9, 2018 to discuss potential projects for the grant application.

ATP Public Comment Period

Erica Tait provided the committee with an update regarding the public comment period for the Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP), which began on October 18, 2017 and ended on November 1, 2017. She informed members that no significant public comments were received during that time aside from one citizen thanking MPO staff for their work on the plan development. Erica stated that the MPO did receive some comments from the Arkansas Department of Transportation regarding basic formatting and data clarification of the plan. She notified members that the plan has been approved by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and will be presented to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) for adoption at the upcoming meeting on November 21, 2017. Bill Smith speculated that the lack of public comments regarding the ATP could be, in part, due to the significant amount of public participation that went into the plan development.

New Business

ATP Final Stages

Erica informed committee members that she will be emailing them the electronic link to the official version of the ATP once it has been formally adopted by the TPC. Erica asked members to give their feedback regarding the potential continuation of the ATC to monitor progress within the area and administer plan updates. Bill Smith supported the idea, and noted that it is important to track which aspects of the plan are/will be implemented within the community. Erica pointed out that consistency in meeting attendance remains a critical issue among members of the ATC. Bill Smith agreed, and proposed that the monthly committee meetings be modified to quarterly or semi-annually. Tyler Brown added that the meetings can be conducted via teleconference or webinar to accommodate members of the committee who may experience conflicting obligations on the dates of the scheduled meetings. Harold Carter inquired about who would be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the ATP. Erica responded by stating that the MPO will continue working with collaborative partners and the local jurisdictions regarding the possible implementation of any of the plan components. Danny Kapales proposed that the MPO contact local school districts for potential members for the ATC. Erica agreed, and stated that she plans to attend an upcoming meeting with the superintendents of the local school districts to identify the best possible candidates from their board. Bill Smith recommended that the ATC also include a member who faces challenges associated with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Public Comments

Tyler Brown asked Bill Smith about the overall feedback from the community regarding LimeBike. Bill Smith revealed that the feedback has been extremely positive so far, and that he is surprised by the impact that the bike share system has had on the everyday lives of ASU students. Bill Smith noted that the growing usage of LimeBike has brought benefits to local community businesses, which is only going to increase as the service expands.

Erica informed the committee that, moving forward, she would like to start including project updates in the agenda packets for the upcoming meetings so that members will be able to track and share current improvements/changes. Erica also announced that the MPO is currently working with the Arkansas Department of Transportation and Metroplan to conduct a study regarding the safety of Johnson Avenue, which will be used to assess the future implementation of the presented alternatives for the Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian innovation.

Adjournment

Tyler Brown made a motion to adjourn the ATC meeting; the motion was seconded by Danny Kapales. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.