



Working Groups

PlanET Transportation and Infrastructure Working Group, Meeting #1

Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Cansler YMCA, Community Room, Knoxville

KEY FINDINGS

Twenty-two key stakeholders and interests gathered to address transportation and infrastructure as part of PlanET. After a general overview and discussion, working group participants divided into three separate breakout groups for a more focused dialogue. The key findings are summarized here.

Existing Conditions Memo Suggestions

Participants discussed important issues and trends that were not included in the regional assessment. Although several were identified, there were five recurring themes:

- ❖ Lack of a regional transit presence (both in terms of service and governance).
- ❖ Cultural barriers to non-auto transportation.
- ❖ Lack of coordination between transportation and land use decision-making.
- ❖ Limited connectivity in rural areas.
- ❖ Transportation needs of an aging population (choices, access, cost, etc.).

Priorities

Considering all of the issues and trends on the table (both those previously identified by the PlanET team and the new ones issued by the Working Group), participants agreed on the most important priorities for East Tennessee. Three issues/trends emerged as top priorities in at least two, and in some cases all three, of the breakout groups:

- ❖ Rising transportation costs.
- ❖ Limited transportation options and a lack of regional transit.
- ❖ Funding uncertainty.
- ❖ Unreadable