

PlanET Transportation & Infrastructure Working Group

Meeting #2

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

11 AM – 1 PM

Cansler YMCA, Community Room

616 Jessamine Street, Knoxville, TN 37917

Welcome and Introductory Remarks:

Chairperson, Cindy Pionke welcomed the group and the facilitator, Kevin Tilbury followed with an ice breaker asking people to describe their favorite food starting with the first letter of their last name.

Parties Present

Chairperson: Cindy Pionke (Knox County Engineering), Facilitator: Kevin Tilbury (Gresham Smith and Partners), Susan Keller (CAPPE) Sheryl Ely (Knox County Health Department), Danny Maxwell (KUB), John Lamb(Blount County Planning), Cindy McGinnis (KAT), Gene Fitzhugh (UT), David Basset (UT), Angie Luckie (City of Maryville), Robert Harrison (Volunteer), Caron Beard (Beard Farm), Ellen Smith (City of Oak Ridge), Kelsey Finch (TDOT), Jake Tisinger (City of Knoxville), Jim Hagerman (City of Knoxville), Mike Conger (TPO staff), John Hunter (City of Knoxville), Anne Wallace (City of Knoxville), Dawn Michelle Foster (City of Knoxville), Joe Hultquist (Volunteer), Sherith Colverson (PlanET staff), Alan Huff (MPC/TPO Staff), Nathan Benditz (MPC/TPO Staff), Mike Reynolds (MPC/TPO Staff), Amy Brooks (MPC/TPO Staff), Jeff Welch ((MPC/TPO Staff)

Where we are now?

Kevin Tilbury presented a Powerpoint presentation discussing the following topics:

- Where are we now in the planning process
- engaging the regional community
- the livability report card
- existing conditions scan
- regional leadership dialogue priorities

Regional Drivers

Kevin Tilbury continued the presentation discussing the eight factors driving regional change and transitioned into a group exercise that asked if there were any other drivers that should be listed.

The group felt 7 of the 8 identified drivers really pertain to Transportation and Infrastructure (Low Educational Attainment, Low Wages, & Limited Job Advancement was the driver deemed to not be pertinent).

1. Dispersed development causing longer trips
2. Fewer transportation options (Lack of Transit and Sidewalks)
3. Rising Energy Costs
4. Location decisions of housing (length of trips)
5. Demographic shifts (Aging Population)
6. Access to food (Seniors, less home grown food)
7. Loss of Agriculture Land (Longer shipping for food as access to locally grown food is reduced)

Two additional regional drivers were determined to be missing from the list of 8 drivers:

8. Zoning (As a separate driver or highlighted within the Dispersed Development and Separation of Land Uses)
9. Lack of Wastewater Policy

The participants then assigned ten sticker dots to assign a priority to each driver (high = 3 pts, medium = 2 pts., low = 1 point or none = 0 points).

Drivers Impact Matrix (Total Score of Group)

RATING	High	Medium	Low	None	Total Score	Number of Dots
Number of Points	3	2	1	0		
1. Demographic shifts	2	13	3		35	18
2. Dispersed development patterns	24	1			74	25
3. Loss of agricultural land	1	11	9		34	21
4. Few transportation options	20	3	1		67	24
5. Location decisions	10	10			50	20
6. Rising energy costs	10	9			48	19
7. Low educational attainment, low wages, and limited job advancement opportunities	4	6	11		35	21
8. Food, activity, & lifestyle	7	8	7		44	22
9. Zoning and Development Regulations	7				21	7
10. Wastewater Policy	8				24	8

Review of Forum 2 Themes Summary

The participants reviewed the vision

1. Quality Infrastructure
 - needs to include water, wastewater and electric

2. Link infrastructure and economic development
3. Need to fund the infrastructure improvements
4. Specifically link transportation and development patterns
5. Redevelopment of old shopping centers to take advantage of existing infrastructure
6. Financial impact of redevelopment
 - Cost analysis of greenfield development vs. brownfield development and greyfield development (needed to help inform decision and policy makers)
7. Identify nodes and corridors for more intensive development
8. Competitive advantage for regional centers
 - Centers are the draw for economic development

Outreach Methods and Next Steps

Chairperson, Cindy Pionke wrapped up the meeting asking members to think of the following questions and to contact either Amy Brooks or Sherith Colverson with any information obtained:

- Who can help us promote PlanET to the regional community?
- Who can get behind the process and help us build support for our regional vision and the policies and strategies to achieve it?
- Who can help us create a partnership network?
- Who might be a strong partner for implementation?

Cindy Pionke thanked all the attendees for participating in this meeting and encouraged them to continue their participation. The next meeting will be scheduled around the August 20th time frame.

