Southeast Corridor
High Performance Transit Alternatives Study

Public Forum – Transit Perspectives
September 2004
Meeting Agenda

Morning Sessions

- 9:15 - Introductions - About the MPO
- 9:30 - Jacksonville Transportation Authority
  - Kevin Feldt, Senior Transportation Planner
- 10:15 - 10 Minute Break
- 10:30 - Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS)
  - John Muth, Deputy Director for Development
- 11:15 - Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA)
  - Marian Ott, MTA Board of Directors, Chair, Planning and Marketing Committee
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Afternoon Sessions

- 11:45 – 1:15 Break for Lunch
- 1:15 - Land-Use Connection
  - GB Arrington, Principle, Parsons Brinckerhoff
- 2:15 - Triangle Transit Authority (TTA)
  - Sandy Ogburn, Founding Member of TTA Board of Trustees, Former Durham City Council Member
- 3:15 – Questions and Answers
The Nashville Area MPO and Brief Project Overview

James McAteer, Nashville Area MPO
What Is the Nashville Area MPO?

- MPOs created by Congress in 1960s
- They exist in all urban areas > 50,000 population
- Coordinate local transportation plans, use of federal funds
- Since 1992, also responsible for controlling auto emissions through better transportation planning
- Nashville Area MPO is the forum for 20 local governments and 6 state/local transportation agencies
Nashville Area MPO Planning Region (shown in blue)
Project Overview

- **Long Range Plan** – Develop 5 transit corridors connecting Nashville to the rest of the region.

- **East Corridor = First Spoke**
  - Commuter Rail Chosen
  - Constructed and operated by RTA

- **Other 4 corridors will connect Nashville to:**
  - Murfreesboro, Smyrna, LaVergne
  - Gallatin, Hendersonville
  - Franklin, Brentwood
  - Kingston Springs, Bellevue
Project Overview

- This study will look at transportation options between Nashville, LaVergne, Smyrna and Murfreesboro
- Compare costs, benefits, and impacts
- Result – Recommend a solution that is cost effective and has been decided with local citizen and government input.
What This Is About

- Opportunity for Nashville to gain insight from other rapidly growing Southern cities
  - How they solved similar transportation and congestion problems
  - What lesson's they've learned while planning and implementing transit
  - What types of solutions we might consider for the Nashville region
Send Us Your Questions, Comments and Suggestions

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