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2010 Summit to Feature Livability, Quality Growth, Draft of MPO's 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.— Business, governmental and community leaders will gather in Nashville next week for the second annual *Power of 10: Convening the Region* summit. Topics for discussion include new federal policy initiatives in support of livability and “place-making,” regional open space conservation, and the first public unveiling of the draft Regional Transportation Plan under development by the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

WHAT: *Power of 10: Convening the Region* summit, co-hosted by Cumberland Region Tomorrow, the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

WHO: Business, governmental, and community leaders from the ten-county region. Speakers include:

- ✓ **Matt Kisber**, Commissioner, Tenn. Dept. of Economic & Community Development (Keynote)
- ✓ **Geoff Anderson**, President & CEO, Smart Growth America
- ✓ **Shailen Bhatt**, Assoc. Administrator–Policy & Governmental Affairs, Federal Highway Administration
- ✓ **Lynn Richards**, Senior Policy Analyst–Office of Smart Growth, Environmental Protection Agency
- ✓ **Gerald Nicely**, Commissioner, Tenn. Dept. of Transportation
- ✓ **Karl Dean**, Mayor, Metropolitan Government of Nashville
- ✓ **Julian Bibb**, Chairman; **Jeanie Nelson**, Executive Director – Land Trust for Tennessee
- ✓ **Michael Skipper**, Executive Director, Nashville Area MPO
- ✓ **Ed Cole**, Executive Director, Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee

The Summit will be moderated by **Charles Bone** of Bone McAllester Norton PLLC, who serves on the boards of directors for both Cumberland Region Tomorrow and the Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee.

WHEN: Wed., May 26, 1:00-5:00p.m. Reception immediately following, 5:00-6:00p.m. Agenda highlights include:

- ✓ **2:00 p.m. – U.S. DOT, HUD, & EPA Sustainable Communities Initiative**, focused on livability principles that will coordinate federal housing, transportation and infrastructure investments, in order to provide additional and lower-cost transportation options while protecting the environment, promoting equitable development, and addressing the challenges of climate change.
 - ⇒ **MEDIA AVAIL** with panel (Anderson, Bhatt, Richards, Nicely) during **2:45 p.m.** scheduled break
- ✓ **3:30 p.m. – Presentation of the Nashville Area MPO's DRAFT 2035 Regional Transportation Plan**, an overview of regional planning initiatives that are currently underway to create a bold new vision for mass transit, increased support for active transportation and walkable communities, as well as preserve and enhance strategic roadway corridors. More information: www.NashvilleMPO.org.
 - ⇒ **MEDIA AVAIL** with Nashville Area MPO and Transit Alliance (Skipper, Cole) at **4:45 p.m.**

WHERE: War Memorial Auditorium, Downtown Nashville, Tenn.

WHY: The *Power of 10: Convening the Region* summit gathers approximately 500 public and private sector leaders representing key constituencies from the ten-county Nashville area, and serves as a collaborative forum to establish regional consensus on a sustainable future for Middle Tenn. Priority concerns include a modern transportation system that serves all modes, guiding growth while protecting valuable cultural and natural resources, and the development of livable communities to improve opportunities for residents and businesses. At the 2010 Summit, area public officials will sign a resolution stating their commitment to providing leadership for public involvement in the planning process for the 2035 transportation plan.

