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TPO Executive Board

April 22, 2009

9 a.m.

Small Assembly Room

City/County Building

Knoxville, Tennessee

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

5 min.

1. Approval of March 25, 2009, Minutes

■ Action □ Possible Action □ Discussion □ Information

Presenter: Mayor Don Mull, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of March 25, 2009, TPO Executive Board minutes.

Background: **Attachment #1 – March 25, 2009, Minutes**

5 min.

2. Approval of a Resolution to Amend the FY 2008-2011 TIP to drop TIP Project # 2008-129 (Alcoa Highway (SR 115) and Wright Road Safety Improvements; (\$120,000 of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding (ARRA)) and add \$120,000 to TIP Project #2008-133 ARRA resurfacing projects, to be equitably distributed among the nine resurfacing projects.

The Technical Committee recommends approval of the resolution.

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Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The city of Alcoa has been awarded additional highway safety funds to complete the Wright Road and Alcoa safety improvement and are no longer in need of the \$120,000 of ARRA funds. The Technical Committee recommends that the \$120,000 be distributed to the ARRA resurfacing project to offset anticipated costs of having these resurfacing projects be built to federal standards including safety improvements and accommodating bicyclist and pedestrian facilities where appropriate.

Background: **Attachment #2 - Resolution.**

20 min.

3. Long Range Mobility Plan Update and Draft Conformity Analysis

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

a. Item Summary: TDOT has completed their review of the Draft 2009-2034 Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan. Staff has responded to the comments and resubmitted the draft plan to TDOT. The plan should be submitted to FHWA shortly. Staff has also completed the final round of public meetings. The Draft is available on the TPO's website and through a document-sharing site. A brief presentation will also be made on the plan and the draft conformity analysis. **Attachment #3a – Regional Roadway Project List.**

Attachment #3b - Executive Summary Draft Conformity Analysis

b. Background: The Plan is updated every four years and is scheduled for approval by the Technical Committee on May 12 and adoption by the Board on May 27. The Draft Plan is open for public review and comment until May 27, 2009.

5 min.

4. Presentation of the Bicycle Plan Update

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The 2002 Bicycle Plan called for regular updates. Much progress has been made in implementing the 2002 plan. The current draft is the result of review by the Bicycle Advisory Committee in Spring 2008 and public review in January and February 2009. This update is intended to be more concise and easier to read than the previous plan.

Background: **Attachment #4 – Draft 2009 Bicycle Plan (shortened version)**

10 min.

5. TDOT Proposed Comprehensive Multimodal Program Fiscal Years 2010-2012

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Governor Phil Bredesen released a final list of projects to be funded with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds, proposed bridge bonds and TDOT's regular funding mechanisms. The three-tiered program represents more than 450 projects statewide touching every county in Tennessee. Included in the proposal, which has been presented to the Legislature, are 132 highway and bridge projects in TDOT's Region One alone. These projects are over and above what the TPO has approved to be built with our allocation of ARRA.

Attachment #5 Proposed TDOT Multimodal Project List

Background: The list of proposed projects identified for funding with bridge bonds and TDOT's regular funding mechanism is subject to the state legislature approval of TDOT's budget. The projects identified to be built with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds will be underway by this summer.

5 min.

6. Economic Stimulus Discretionary Grant Program

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

a. Item Summary: The TPO staff is still awaiting the regulations/criteria that will implement the discretionary grant program. The U.S. Secretary of Transportation has until mid May to announce the programs details. The Technical Committee will then recommend any transportation projects that would meet the criteria for special economic stimulus funding. Three projects were tentatively identified:

- US 321 Bridge over Tennessee River (Lenoir City)
- Chickamauga Lock and Dam
- Pellissippi Place Research Park Boulevard (Alcoa)

Background: The ARRA program provided \$1.5 billion for competitive discretionary grants for surface transportation infrastructure capital improvements.

5 min.

7. Other Business

- **Technical Committee Meeting, May 12 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.**
- **Executive Board Meeting May 27 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.**

5 min.

8. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Executive Board with a five-minute time limitation.

9. Adjournment