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**TPO Executive Board
September 28, 2011
9 a.m.
Main Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

1. Approval of August 24, 2011 minutes

- Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Mike Hammond, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of August 24, 2011, TPO Executive Board minutes. **Attachment #1.**

2. Approval of a Resolution for Amendments to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The following Amendments to the TIP were requested by our state or local governments and staff recommends approval. A short conformity report was prepared to demonstrate air quality conformity for items a, c and d. **Attachment #2 – Resolution Attachment #2a – Conformity Report.**

- a. Amend TIP Project #2011-016 (I-40 Auxiliary Lane.). Added \$1,200,000 total funds (\$1,080,000 federal and \$120,000 state) to FY 2012 for CON. **Attachment #2b.**
- b. Amend TIP Project #2011-017 (I-40 Weigh Station Ramp Extension). Added \$1,200,000 total funds (\$1,080,000 federal and \$120,000 state) to FY 2012 for CON. **Attachment #2c.**
- c. Delete TIP Project #2011-039 (SR-336 Montvale Rd.). The widening of Montvale Rd. from 2 lanes to 3 lanes for a center turn lane is being replaced with project #2011-082 and therefore deleted from the FY 2011-2014 TIP. **Attachment #2d.**
- d. Add TIP Project #2011-082 (SR-336 Montvale Rd. from Montvale Station Rd. to Lamar Alexander Pkwy.) Add total funds of \$250,000 (\$200,000 federal and \$50,000 state) to FY 2012 for PE-D and total funds of \$750,000 (\$600,000 federal and \$150,000 state) to FY 2012 for PE-N for the widening of this 0.6 mile section to 3-lanes. **Attachment #2e.**
- e. Add TIP Project #2011-081 (Tazewell Pk. and Emory Rd. Intersection Improvements). Add total funds of \$600,000 (\$480,000 federal and \$120,000 state) to FY 2012 for ROW work for intersection improvements. **Attachment #2f.**

3. Prioritization of TPO Area Highway Projects Requested by TDOT

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO and TDOT Staff

Item Summary: TDOT has requested that MPOs and TPOs provide additional input on what the priorities for phases of major highway projects, funded and managed by TDOT, should be over the next three years. These are the types of projects that are submitted each year for legislative approval. This does not include urban area STP, bridge or safety related funded projects. TDOT provided TPO staff with a list of what they perceive to be the next phases of major projects to be funded. There are two sets of projects that need to be prioritized. The first are those projects phases identified for FY 2013 and the second is for those projects phases identified for FY 2014 and 2015. For information purposes only TDOT included information on major projects that are totally funded. TDOT will provide project cost data. TPO staff is gathering further information on the projects to assist in the decision making process. The TPO is asked to return our priority list to TDOT by mid-January. **Attachment #3a: Draft Candidates for 3-Year TDOT Major Highway Program. Attachment #3b: December 2010 TPO Priority Projects Request**

4. FY 2012 Federal Transportation Budget and Proposed American Jobs Act related to Transportation

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Staff will provide an update on the federal transportation budget for FY2012 and a brief review of elements of the proposed American Jobs Act as it relates to transportation.

5. Other business

- U.S. Department of Transportation proposes to eliminate most deadlines for Replacing Traffic Signs-Proposed rule simplifies requirements and reduces burden on local governments. **Attachment #4.**
- The President has directed the EPA to withdraw the draft Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards at this time. Work is already underway to update a 2006 review of the science that will result in the reconsideration of the ozone standard in 2013.
- Copy of letter from TDOT Commissioner Schroer responding to TPO's request for an interchange access study for I-40 and Watt Road. **Attachment #5.**

6. Upcoming meetings/events

- Technical Committee Meeting, October 11, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building
- Executive Board Meeting, October 26, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building
- TDOT Public Meeting Thursday, September, 29, Farragut Town Hall Board Room, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
- PlanET Kickoff Event, Tuesday, October 11. The event will be held on Market Square in Downtown Knoxville. More information to follow.

7. Public comment

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

8. Adjournment