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**TPO Executive Board
April 25, 2012
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

1. Approval of February 22, 2012, minutes

- Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Mike Hammond, Chairman

Item Summary: Approval of February 22, 2012, TPO Executive Board Minutes.

Attachment #1 – February 22, 2012 Minutes

2. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Amend 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 the Technical Committee recommends approval.

Attachment #2a – Resolution.

- a. Add TIP Project 2011-084 (Halls Connector). Add this project to reconfigure intersections and add southbound thru lane on Norris Frwy. from Emory Rd. to Maynardville Hwy. Add local funding for FY2012 in the amount of \$648,000 for PE-D, \$100,000 for PE-N, and \$75,000 for ROW for a total amount of \$823,000. Note: A source of construction funds has not yet been identified although the project is eligible for a number of sources of funds since it involves state routes. This amendment requires a Short Conformity Report due to it being an air quality non-exempt project.

Attachment #2b – TIP Project 2011-084 and Short Conformity Report

- b. Amend TIP Project 2011-200 (KAT Section 5307 Transit Funds). Amend the project by shifting the remainder of FY 2011 (Section 5307) funds in the amount of \$380,563 total (\$304,451 federal, \$38,056 state, and \$38,056 local) and FY2012 (Section 5307) funds in the amount of \$3,024,275 total (\$2,419,419 federal, \$302,428 state, and \$302,428 local) for a combined total of \$3,404,838 (\$2,723,870 federal, \$340,484 state, and \$340,484 local) to current TIP projects: 2011-224 (Acquire support equipment), 2011-225 (Preventative maintenance), 2011-226 (Non-fixed route ADA paratransit) and 2011-227 (Purchase of bus shelters). The total project cost is amended from \$19,574,512 to \$16,169,674.

Attachment #2c – TIP Project 2011-200

- c. Amend TIP Project 2011-224 (Acquire support equipment). Amend the project by adding FY2012 Section 5307 funding from project 2011-200 (KAT Section 5307 Transit Funds) in the amount of \$30,243 total (\$24,195 federal, \$3,024 state, and \$3,024 local). Increase the total project cost from \$76,000 to \$106,243.
Attachment #2d – TIP Project 2011-224
- d. Amend TIP Project 2011-225 (Preventative maintenance). Amend the project by adding FY2012 Section 5307 funding from project 2011-200 (KAT Section 5307 Transit Funds) in the amount of \$3,041,925 total (\$2,433,539 federal, \$304,193 state, and \$304,193 local). Increase the total project cost from \$3,697,370 to \$6,739,295.
Attachment #2e – TIP Project 2011-225
- e. Amend TIP Project 2011-226 (Non-fixed route ADA paratransit). Amend the project by adding FY2012 Section 5307 funding from project 2011-200 (KAT Section 5307 Transit Funds) in the amount of \$302,427 total (\$241,941 federal, \$30,243 state, and \$30,243 local). Increase the total project cost from \$602,897 to \$905,324.
Attachment #2f – TIP Project 2011-226
- f. Amend TIP Project 2011-227 (Purchase bus shelters). Amend the project by adding FY2012 Section 5307 funding from project 2011-200 (KAT Section 5307 Transit Funds) in the amount of \$30,243 total (\$24,195 federal, \$3,024 state, and \$3,024 local). Increase the total project cost from \$50,000 to \$80,243.
Attachment #2g – TIP Project 2011-227

3. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Adopt the TPO Outreach Plan

- Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The Outreach Plan is a core TPO document, required by Federal Regulations, which require TPO staff to review and update the Plan every four years. The Draft must be released for a 45-day public review period prior to adoption. The draft plan was released for public review on March 9, 2012. The 45-day public review period ended on April 23, 2012. No major comments have been received since released to the public. The Technical Committee recommends approval.

Attachment #3a - Resolution

Attachment #3b - Summary of Changes to Outreach Plan

4. Discussion of Federal Certification Findings of the Knoxville Regional TPO

- Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff and Corbin Davis from Federal Highway Administration

Item Summary: Every four years the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency conduct a certification review of the Knoxville TPO planning process. The results of the February 2012 review will be presented.

Attachment #4a – 2012 Certification Letter

Attachment #4b - Summary of 2012 Certification Review Report

5. Discussion of the Bylaws for the Executive Board to include Oak Ridge as voting member of the TPO

- Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Metropolitan Planning Area expansion to include Oak Ridge was approved by the Governor. This can lead the way to approve the addition of a Representative from Oak Ridge to becoming a member of both the Technical Committee and Executive Board. Draft Bylaws for the Executive Board are included for discussion purposes only. The final vote on the draft bylaws will occur at the May 23rd Executive Board meeting.

Attachment #5a - Approval Letter from Governor Haslam

Attachment #5b - Draft Executive Board Bylaws

6. Discussion of new Urbanized Area Boundaries for the Knoxville Area

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The U.S. Census Bureau released the Urbanized Area Boundaries and population estimates for the 2010 Census. Staff will review the changes and implications of the new boundaries.

Attachment #6a - Knoxville Urbanized Area 2010 is a map depicting the 2010 Knoxville Urbanized Area and Urban Clusters throughout the Knoxville Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Attachment #6b - Knoxville Urbanized Area 2000 and 2010 is a map with both 2000 and 2010 Knoxville Urbanized Areas revealing areas added and lost.

Attachment #6c - Urbanized Area Boundaries 2010 highlights some of the major findings and important topics regarding changes in the Knoxville Urbanized Area boundaries.

Attachment #6d - Statistics for Urbanized Areas in Tennessee comparing 2000 and 2010 population.

Link #1 – 2010 Census Urban Area Thematic Maps:

http://www.census.gov/geo/www/maps/2010_census_UA_maps/US_UAUC_2010.html

Link #2 – 2010 Census Urban and Rural Classification and Urban Area Criteria:

<http://www.census.gov/geo/www/ua/2010urbanruralclass.html>

7. Regional Mobility Plan Updates

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff continues to move forward with efforts to update the Regional Mobility Plan. In an effort to keep the Executive Board and the Technical Committee up to date on this fast-paced process, staff has including with this packet the Principles and Strategies (Attachment #7a) that have been updated to include HUD Livability Principles and a list of the current Projects in the Mobility Plan (Attachment #7b) for review and comment.

Attachment #7a – Updated Draft of Principles and Strategies

Attachment #7b – List of Current Priority Projects in Mobility Plan

8. Review of TDOT’s 3-Year Program of Projects

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The Governor and TDOT released the three year program of transportation projects for the state of Tennessee. The time period covered is FY 2013-FY 2015 and covers most modes of transportation.

Attachment #8a – TPO Area Projects found in TDOT’s 3-Year Program of Projects

Attachment #8b – Map of TPO Area Projects found in TDOT’s 3-Year Program of Projects

Attachment #8c – Comparison of TDOT’s 3-Year Program of Projects to TPO’S TIP

9. Review of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds available to the Knoxville TPO

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The TPO receives approximately \$8 Million of federal STP funds annually. As of April 10, 2012, there is a balance of approximately \$39 million for our urban area. The TPO has programmed projects in the TIP over the next 3 years to help spend down the balance. However projects are taking a long time to move forward to the ROW and construction phases where big money is obligated. FHWA and TDOT are very concerned about the high balance that we and other TPO’s across the state are carrying and are strongly encouraging that these STP funds be obligated quickly. Large balances could be subject to rescissions by the Federal government.

Attachment #9 - Summary of Local STP Programmed funds FY 2011-2014 for the TPO.

10. Update on PlanET Process and Upcoming Meetings

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The second round of regional forums is being held this week (April 23rd – April 28th). Six community forums will be held throughout the region. A Regional Leadership forum was held on April 19th. A telephone survey of 2,000 residents was conducted between February 8, 2012 and March 28, 2012. The purpose of the survey was to measure attitudes and opinions about problems facing the region and priorities for future growth. More information about these and other PlanET activities can be found on the PlanET website, www.planeasttn.org.

Attachment #10 - Summary of PlanET Telephone Survey.

11. Bike Month and Commuter Challenge

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: National Bike Month is in May and the TPO Bicycle Program has many local events, classes and rides listed on the Bike Month website, www.knoxtrans.org. The second annual I Bike KNX Festival and the 12th annual Neighborhood Bike Ride are both Sunday, May 6th at Market Square. Smart Trips is holding the annual Commuter Challenge in June and July, with a fun kickoff at First Friday on June 1 in downtown Knoxville.

12. Other Business

Federal Legislation Update

TDOT Update

Technical Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 8, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 23, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

13. Public comment

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

14. Adjournment