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**TPO Executive Board**  
**March 22, 2017**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Small Assembly Room**  
**City County Building**  
**Knoxville, TN**

## **AGENDA**

### **Determination of a Quorum**

**1. Motion to Approve February 22, 2017 TPO Executive Board Minutes**

**Presenter: Mayor Tom Taylor, Chair**

**Item Summary:** Approval of the February 22, 2017 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

**[Attachment #1 - Draft February 22, 2017 TPO Executive Board Minutes](#)**

**2. Presentation on Governor Haslam's IMPROVE Act: Improving Manufacturing, Public Roads and Opportunities for a Vibrant Economy.**

**Presenter: TDOT Deputy Commissioner Toks Omishakin**

**Item Summary:** Deputy Commissioner Omishakin will speak on the IMPROVE Act, which was the first piece of Gov. Haslam's Next Tennessee legislative plan aimed at building and sustaining economic growth and the state's competitiveness for the next generation of Tennesseans. In addition to proposed tax cuts, the IMPROVE Act increases the road user fee by 7 cents for a gallon of gas and 12 cents for a gallon of diesel and increases car registration fees by \$5 for the average passenger vehicle. It places an annual road user fee on electric vehicles and increases charges on vehicles using alternative fuels. The proposal allows municipalities, only if approved by local voters through referendum, to impose a surcharge or fee that would be solely dedicated to public transit projects. For more information on the IMPROVE Act visit:

**<https://tn.gov/nexttennessee/topic/nt-the-improve-press-release>**

**3. Presentation on the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policies**

**Presenter: Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff**

**Item Summary:** The largest MPOs in Tennessee (Nashville, Memphis, and Chattanooga) all utilize policies or business rules to manage the TIP. The Technical Committee discussed the draft policies and possible application to projects funded with TPO managed federal grant funds during a February 14<sup>th</sup> workshop and the March 14<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee meeting. The draft policies are outlined in Attachment #2. The purpose of the policies is to promote transparent and efficient administration of the TIP as well as to support timely project delivery.

**[Attachment #2 - Draft Transportation Improvement Program Policies](#)**

#### **4. Presentation on Summary of TIP Adjustments**

**Presenter: Elizabeth Watkins, TPO Staff**

**Item Summary:** Since the Federal Highway Administration approved the FY 2017- FY 2020 TIP on January 6, there have been ten projects that have been administratively adjusted. Staff will review these adjustments and answer any questions.

[Attachment #3 - Summary of FY2017-FY2020 TIP Adjustments](#)

#### **5. Legislative Update**

**Presenter: Jeff Welch, TPO Staff**

**Item Summary:** Staff will provide a brief update of Tennessee Legislative bills that have been introduced to address transportation funding and planning in general.

#### **6. Other Business**

- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.
- TDOT Letter of Response - Knoxville TPO Project ranking for TDOT's 3-Year Program FY 2018-2020. [Attachment #4 - TDOT Response Letter](#)
- Healthy Happy Smart Film Festival. March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. [Attachment #5 - Film Festival Flyer](#)
- Retrofitting Suburbia for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges - Learn about redesigning our communities into more walkable and more engaging places. Ellen Dunham-Jones, AIA. April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.  
[Attachment #6A - Dunham-Jones Flyer - Elected Officials and Business Leaders](#)  
[Attachment #6B - Dunham-Jones Flyer - Public, UTK, Professionals](#)

#### **7. Public Comment**

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

#### **8. Adjournment**