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TPO Technical Committee
April 12, 2011
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

1. Approval of February 8, 2011 minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Andrew Sonner, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of February 8, 2011 TPO Technical Committee minutes.

Attachment #1.

2. Recommend Approval of Amendment to the FY 2011-12 Unified Planning Work Program

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: A consortium of partners representing the Knoxville MSA was successful in receiving a HUD plan for regional plan for livability. Staff for the Knoxville Regional TPO and Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission will lead the planning effort. As a result the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program needs to be amended to reflect this effort over the next three years. TPO staff time working on this effort will be used as leveraged resources to match HUD planning funds. No additional funds are coming to the TPO.

Background: **Attachment #2. Recommended Text Addition to the Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Transportation Planning Work Program**

Staff is also seeking requests for any special planning studies or Transportation Planning Reports that the TPO and TDOT should consider in the upcoming 2012 Work Program.

Requests should be submitted by Friday, April 22, 2011.

3. Recommend Approval of Amendments to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The following Amendments to the TIP were requested by our state or local governments.

- a. Add TIP Project 2011-324 (CMAQ Cost Overruns). This project is to cover cost overruns on project phases. **Attachment #3a**. This amendment is per TDOT's request.
- b. Amend TIP Project 2011-035 (Chapman Highway Improvements). Add a new phase under FY 2011 in the amount of \$1,149,850 for ROW & CONST. This amendment is per TDOT's request. **Attachment #3b**.
- c. Add TIP Project 2011-079 (Maynardville Highway Widening). This project is to widen Maynardville Hwy from Temple Acres Dr. to Union County line. Funding is for FY 2012 in the amount of \$29,000,000 for CONST. This amendment is per TDOT's request. **Attachment #3c**.

4. Discussion of TPO Planning Area Boundaries Expansion

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The City of Oak Ridge has sought a state law that would require the TPO to have a voting member from Oak Ridge on the TPO Executive Board. The TPO has its authority delegated by the U.S. Congress and federal regulations that define minimum responsibilities and requirements. Membership is more specifically defined by the Bylaws for the Executive Board and Technical Committee.

Federal regulations allow an MPO to expand its boundaries to cover areas that may be urbanized in the next 20 years. In discussion of planning boundaries expansion with TDOT and FHWA it is recommended that the TPO review the overall planning area boundaries for consideration of expansion not just consider the Oak Ridge area. This process would be consistent with federal regulations.

Staff recommends that a review of the planning area boundaries be conducted and that this recommendation be given to the Executive Board for their consideration at their April 27th meeting.

Attachment #4 -Federal Regulations defining metropolitan planning area boundaries.

5. TDOT CMAQ Grant Application Process

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO and TDOT Staff

Item Summary: TDOT will be soliciting proposals from MPO/TPOs over the next 60 days. Local jurisdictions will have approximately 30 days to submit an application(s) to the TPO staff for our analysis and evaluation. The projects will then be reviewed by the Technical Committee and Executive Board and will need to be submitted to TDOT by the end of June, 2011.

6. Use of Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds for Sign Retroreflectivity Analysis and Implementation

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: TPO participants have inquired as to the availability of STP funds to help address the anticipated traffic control sign retroreflectivity requirement. FHWA has stated that the use of STP funds is allowable only on those roadways that are on the federal functional classification system. STP funds can not be used to address this requirement on local streets. The only other source of federal funds that may be available is the Highway Safety Improvement Program. This program is administered by TDOT.

7. Federal Funding and Legislation

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff will provide a brief overview of the discussion that is occurring at the federal level regarding federal transportation funding.

8. Other business

Executive Board Meeting, April 27, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City
County Building

Technical Committee Meeting, May 10, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the
City County Building

9. Public comment

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

10. Adjournment