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**TPO Technical Committee
October 11, 2011
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

1. Approval of September 13, 2011 minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Andrew Sonner, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of September 13, 2011, TPO Technical Committee minutes.

Attachment #1.

2. Recommend Approval of 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. Add TIP Project 2011-231 (KAT Transit Vehicles – CMAQ Awarded Funds from TDOT). The project is to add \$3,600,000 to FY2012 for the purchase of three 40-foot diesel hybrid-electric buses and three 35-foot trolley diesel hybrid-electric buses for replacements to the existing fleet. **Attachment #2.**

3. Expansion of Metropolitan Planning Area Boundaries to Include the City of Oak Ridge

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff has prepared a draft technical memorandum that supports the expansion of the Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries to include the city of Oak Ridge. Staff is asking if there is any additional information that is needed before taking a formal vote on the expansion of the MPA boundaries. **Attachment #3.**

4. Discussion of Ranking of Highway Priority Projects

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff has included two documents for your review regarding ranking of highway projects. **Attachment #4a** is a spreadsheet that includes additional data and comments on the list of projects that are to be prioritized by the TPO. The Executive Board asked that the Technical Committee and staff consider economic development in ranking these projects. **Attachment #4b** is a proposed approach that staff will use to recommend a ranking of the projects. **Attachment #4c** is a project location map.

5. Update on Ozone Non-attainment Designation for Knoxville Regional Area

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The current National Ambient Air Quality Standard is 0.075 ppm. EPA is proceeding with initial area designations under this standard, starting with the recommendations made by the state in 2009 and updating them with the most current, certified air quality data. Staff will provide a brief overview of this issue. **Attachment #5.**

6. Other Business

Upcoming Events/Meetings:

- American Jobs Act Update
- Obligation of STP, CMAQ & HPP Funds
- PlanET Kickoff Event, Tuesday, October 11, 11 a.m. The event will be held on Market Square in Downtown Knoxville. Rain location: East Tennessee History Center
- Executive Board Meeting, October 26, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building
- Technical Committee Meeting, November 8, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

7. Public comment

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

8. Adjournment