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TPO Technical Committee
March 8, 2016
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, TN

AGENDA

Determination of a Quorum

- 1. Motion to Approve February 9, 2016 Minutes**
Presenter: Kathryn Baldwin, Chair
Item Summary: Approval of February 9, 2016 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.
[Attachment #1 - Draft February 9, 2016 TPO Technical Committee Minutes](#)
- 2. Presentation on the Following Report: Assessing the Vulnerability of Tennessee Transportation Assets to Extreme Weather**
Presenter: Alan Jones, TDOT
Item Summary: Alan Jones will present a study done by TDOT with consultants on severe weather and the vulnerability and resiliency of our transportation system Tennessee. The report was completed in May 2015.
- 3. Update on Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Programs at TDOT**
Presenter: Alan Jones, TDOT
Item Summary: TDOT staff will provide the latest information on the various CMAQ programs.
- 4. Presentation on the Results of a Survey Conducted by the University Tennessee Related to our Regions Transportation System**
Presenter: Linda Daugherty, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Item Summary: The TPO contracted with the University of Tennessee's College of Social Work Center for Applied Research and Evaluation to conduct a survey to measure current attitudes, spending priorities, and preferences for funding future transportation projects. The survey was conducted between December, 2015 and January, 2016 with residents in Anderson, Blount, Knox, Loudon, Roane and Sevier counties.

5. Motion to Recommend Approval of Proposed Selection Criteria by Geographic Scale and Weights. Presenter: Mike Conger and Kelley Segars, TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff will provide a summary of the input that we have received on the proposed project selection criteria from various sources. Recommendation for weighting of these factors will also be presented. Staff recommends approval of Option #1.

[Attachment #2A - Planning Factors, Goals, Draft Selection Criteria and Performance Measures](#)
[Attachment #2B - Proposed Selection Criteria](#)

6. Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- East Tennessee Quality Growth is hosting a conference “Plain Talk 2016 Connecting Competitive Communities” which will be held on April 28, 2016 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Hilton Hotel - Airport, Alcoa, TN. For more information contact Julie Graham at julie.graham@etqualitygrowth.org or visit their website at <http://etqualitygrowth.org/newsite/plaintalk2016conference/>
- Federal Grant Opportunities
 - U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx has announced \$500 million will be made available for transportation projects across the country under an eighth round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program. The 2016 TIGER grant program will focus on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities, both urban and rural. Instructions on how to apply can be found here: <https://www.transportation.gov/tiger/apply>.
 - The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced that it is now soliciting applications for the Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grant program. The FASTLANE program is a new program in the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act to fund critical freight and highway projects across the country. The FAST Act authorizes \$800 million in funding for the FASTLANE program for fiscal year 2016, with 25 percent reserved for rural projects, and 10 percent for smaller projects. Instructions on how to apply can be found here: <https://www.transportation.gov/fastlanegrants/how-apply>.

7. Public Comment

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

8 Adjournment