

**TPO Technical Committee  
April 10, 2007  
City/County Building  
Small Assembly Room  
Knoxville, TN**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on April 10 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building in Knoxville. Darryl Smith, Chair, presided and called the meeting to order.

*Kathryn Baldwin	Anderson County
*Drew Daruka	Tennessee Department of Transportation
*Rich DesGroseilliers	Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization
*Mark Donaldson	Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission
*Chris Hamby	City of Alcoa
*Curtis Henry	Sevier County
*Steve King	City of Knoxville Engineering
*John Lamb	Blount County
*Angie Midgett	Tennessee Department of Transportation
*Barbara Monty	Knox County Community Action Committee
*Russ Newman	Loudon County
*Ted Newsom	Knoxville Commuter Pool
*Cindy Pionke	Knox County Engineering for Bruce Wuethrich
*Scott Poland	City of Maryville
*Blake Sartin	Metro Knoxville Airport Authority
*Darryl Smith	Town of Farragut
*Melissa Trevathan	Knoxville Area Transit
Jeff Welch	Transportation Planning Organization Director
Arran Addington	Tennessee Department of Transportation
Monica Austin	City of Oak Ridge
Doug Burton	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Mike Conger	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Karen Estes	Knox County Community Action Committee
Katie Habgood	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
James Norris	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Kelley Segars	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Shannon Tolliver	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Jim Ullrich	Citizen
Charlotte West	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Kenny Wiggins	City of Alcoa
Jill Wolverton	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Ellen Zavisca	Transportation Planning Organization Staff

\*voting members

**Determination of Quorum**

A quorum was declared by Chair Darryl Smith.

## **1. Approval of February 13, 2007 Minutes**

**Presenter:** Darryl Smith, Chair

**Item Summary:** Approval of February 13, 2007 TPO Technical Committee minutes.

**Background:** Attachment #1 – February Minutes.

**A motion was made by Russ Newman and seconded by Cindy Pionke to approve the February 13 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **2. Amendments to the FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

### **a. Amend Section 5309 Bus Purchase/Technology (2006-042)**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** Amend FY 2007 funds to add \$5,600,000 Federal/\$700,000 State/\$700,000 local for purchase of buses. **Attachments #2a.**

### **b. Amend Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) Section 5307 Transit Funds (2006-043)**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** Delete FY 2007 funds. **Attachments #2b.**

**Background:** These funds serve as a place holder for KAT's section 5307 funds. KAT is programming specific projects for 5307 which will replace the deleted funds.

### **c. Amend Transit Enhancements (2006-086)**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** Add \$40,000 Transit/\$5,000 State/\$5,000 Local funds into FY 2007. **Attachment #2c.**

### **d. Amend Preventative Maintenance (2006-089)**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** Add \$2,250,725 Transit/\$281,341 State/\$281,341 Local funds into FY 2007. **Attachment #2d.**

### **e. Amend ADA Non-Fixed Route (2006-090)**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** Add \$376,588 Transit/\$47,073 State/\$47,073 Local funds into FY 2007. **Attachment #2e.**

### **f. Amend Transit Planning Activities (2006-097)**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** Add \$211,200 Transit/\$26,400 State/\$26,400 Local funds into FY 2007. **Attachments #2f.**

### **g. Add Transit Planning: TDP(KAT share) (2006-128)**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** Add \$80,000 Transit/\$10,000 State/\$10,000 Local funds into FY 2007. **Attachment #2g.**

### **h. Add Miscellaneous Capital Projects-KAT (2006-127)**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** Add \$807,365 Transit/\$100,921 State/\$100,921 Local funds into FY 2007. **Attachment #2h.**

Shannon Tolliver of the TPO staff explained that these are KAT's annual listing of 5309 and 5307 projects. Funds for project number 2006-043 (KAT Section 5307 Transit funds) will be zeroed out for FY 2007; the funds served as a placeholder for financial constraint, and KAT now is programming their specific 5307 projects.

**A motion was made by John Lamb and seconded by Mark Donaldson to recommend approval of these amendments to the TIP to the Executive Board. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **3. SAFETEA-LU High Priority Projects.**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** The TPO staff is considering amending the FY 2006-2008 TIP to include the SAFETEA-LU High Priority Projects. All of these projects are included in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and the staff will be requesting that the local jurisdictions indicate whether work will begin on the projects before October 1, 2007. If work will begin on these projects before October 1, then the projects will need to be amended into the TIP at the April or May Technical Committee meeting or April or May Executive Board meeting.

**Background:** The SAFETEA-LU High Priority Projects were amended into the LRTP in 2006 and in order to begin work and receive funding for these projects each project must be included in the TIP. SAFETEA-LU requires that all plans be compliant to the new regulations by July 1, 2007. The existing FY 2006-2008 will not be SAFETEA-LU compliant by July 1, 2007; and therefore, any amendments to the plan must be made sufficiently prior to July 1, 2007. The TPO would like to make any final amendments to the TIP during its April and May Board meetings.

**Attachment #3 – Knoxville Urbanized Area SAFETEA-LU Earmarked Demonstration Projects.**

Jeff Welch stated that under new SAFETEA-LU legislation, no amendments can be made to the TIP after July 1 until the LRTP is approved. He asked that the members look at the attachment that includes the SAFETEA-LU earmarked demonstration projects. Some are already in the TIP. HPP dollars are to be distributed over a five-year period, from 2005 to 2009. The Executive Board will meet in April and May, and all TIP amendments will have to be approved by July 1. He asked that members turn in the projects to be approved by the Technical Committee and the Executive Board in May.

**A motion was made by John Lamb and seconded by Melissa Trevathan to recommend approval of the high priority projects to the Executive Board and that local jurisdictions are to contact the TPO staff concerning their projects to be heard at the May 8 Technical Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **4. FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funds application submittals.**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** The TPO received four new CMAQ applications totaling approximately \$3.5 million and 16 STP applications totaling approximately \$50 million for 4 years. The TPO expects the CMAQ yearly allocation to be approximately \$1.9 million and the STP yearly allocation to be \$6.5 million. CMAQ projects programmed in the current TIP that are not expected to be obligated by August 2007 will be included in the 2008-2011 TIP.

**Background:** In January the TPO submitted a call for projects for STP and CMAQ funding for the FY 2008-2011 TIP.

**Attachment #4a – Existing CMAQ Project List.**

**Attachment #4b – Proposed 2008 CMAQ Projects.**

**Attachment #4c – Proposed 2008-2011 STP Projects.**

Shannon Tolliver of the TPO staff stated that the TPO sent out a call for projects in January with a late February deadline. Attachment 4a is a list of projects that are in the current TIP and have not had funds obligated. If these funds are not obligated by August then the TPO will roll these projects into the new TIP. Attachment 4b includes all the proposed CMAQ projects that were received from the call for projects. These projects are continuations of projects in the current TIP. The total request is approximately \$3 million. Within the next few months the list will have to be scaled back since the TPO only expects to have \$1-2 million available for new projects. Attachment 4c contains the STP project proposals from the call for projects. Most of these projects are also existing TIP projects. There are several new projects including Virtue Road in Farragut and Cumberland Avenue improvements. This list will also have to be financially constrained within the next few months since the project requests exceed the anticipated revenue by \$5 million.

Over the next few months, staff will rank the projects and propose different project funding scenarios in order to financially constrain the plan. Additionally staff will have to review the overrun policy since most of the projects incur overrun costs, and it would be beneficial to try to get more accurate cost estimates.

Arran Addington of TDOT stated that TDOT estimates increases in costs at 9-10 percent a year. Angie Midgett of TDOT stated that, as required by SAFETEA-LU, when developing their TIPs each jurisdiction needs to annually inflate their project cost to more accurately reflect what the project would actually cost in future years.

## **5. Transportation Planning Report (TPR) Requests for FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** TPO staff and membership have identified four study requests to be included in the FY 2008 Work Program. They include:

- a. Hardin Valley Road Interchange with Pellissippi Parkway in Knox County
- b. US 411/SR35 – Washington Avenue to Pellissippi Parkway in Maryville
- c. Intersection of US Highway 11 and US Highway 70 (Dixie Lee Junction) in Loudon County
- d. US 129 Bypass from Hunt Road to West Broadway (Maryville and Alcoa)

**Background:** TDOT has requested that requests for TPRs be included in UPWP. Inclusion does not necessarily mean TDOT will be able to complete the study.

Jeff Welch stated that a draft work program has been prepared for distribution today. If there are any special planning studies that a committee member wants the TPO to participate in, they should let staff know as soon as possible. TDOT asked that any TPR be included in the UPWP. He wants to have the UPWP finalized and reviewed by TDOT and the Federal Highway Administration within the next 60 days. TPO will also be spending money on the travel demand forecasting model.

## **6. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

John Lamb stated that after the successful Quality Growth Conference, a steering committee will be formed. The Transportation Secretary was the keynote speaker, and the attendance was more than expected. There is a DVD available for anyone who would like to have one.

Melissa Trevathan stated that citizens can ride the KAT buses free today as part of Smart Trips' Transit Week.

Kelley Segars of the TPO staff stated that as part of Smart Trips month, this week has been designated as transit week, next week is bike week, and the following week is walking week. The second annual Mayor's Cup Racewalk will be held on April 19 at 1:30 p.m. on Market Square.

## **7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.