

Attachment #1

**TPO Technical Committee
November 10, 2009
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

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

*Kathryn Baldwin	Anderson County
*Brian Boone	City of Maryville
*Mark Donaldson	Knoxville/Knox County MPC
*Chris Jenkins	for Darryl Smith, Town of Farragut
*Leslie Johnson	Lenoir City
*Steve King	City of Knoxville
*John Lamb	Blount County
*Barbara Monty	Knox County Community Action Committee
*Angie Midgett	Tennessee Department of Transportation
*Ted Newsom	Knoxville Commuter Pool
*Melissa Roberson	Knoxville Area Transit
*Blake Sartin	Metro Knoxville Airport Authority
*Andrew Sonner	City of Alcoa
*Bruce Wuethrich	Knox County Engineering
Jeff Welch	Transportation Planning Organization Director
Brian Berry	Metropolitan Planning Commission Staff
Becky Bottoms	Cannon & Cannon
Amy Brooks	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Doug Burton	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Katie Habgood	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Cindy Pionke	Knox County Engineering
Jim Ullrich	Citizen
Anne Wallace	City of Knoxville
Charlotte West	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Ellen Zavisca	Transportation Planning Organization Staff

*voting members

It was determined there was a quorum.

1. Approval of October 13, 2009, Minutes

Presenter: John Lamb, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of October 13, 2009, TPO Technical Committee minutes.

Attachment #1 – October 13, 2009, minutes.

A motion was made by Brian Boone and seconded by Bruce Wuethrich to approve the October 13 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommend Approval of TPO Priority Project List to be Submitted to TDOT and Area State Legislators

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Annually the TPO sponsors a meeting with our state legislators and TDOT administration to discuss our major transportation issues and projects.

Background: Attachments #2a and #2b reflect comments made at the last Technical Committee meeting. Additional information was added on the status of each of the projects where available. Also an estimated cost for each of the projects as identified in the Long Range Mobility plan is presented.

Jeff Welch stated that projects have been added that were requested to be added. Staff is looking for any projects that should be removed or added. Northshore Drive, Item H, is being removed. These projects will be forwarded to the Executive Board. We want progress to be made on these projects. Steve King asked why a project would be on the list if it is not on the TIP. Jeff stated that the needs over the next four years are being shown. TDOT submits these to the Legislature.

Brian Boone asked about estimating the cost of a project. Jeff stated that project costs are from the Long Range Transportation Plan and inflated by 3.6 % percent a year. Brian asked about just leaving the cost off. John Lamb stated that a legislator would ask how much it would cost even if we left the amount off. Jeff stated that this will go to the Executive Board, and they could decide whether or not to include the amounts.

A motion was made by Bruce Wuethrich and seconded by Leslie Johnson to approve the Project Priority list and to remove Item H. The motion carried unanimously.

3. List of Obligated Projects for Fiscal Year 2009

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: TDOT has provided to the TPO a list of obligated projects for fiscal year 2009. Staff is asking local jurisdictions to review this list for accuracy. **Attachment #3 - List of Obligated Projects for Fiscal Year 2009**

Jeff Welch stated that he received the list of obligated projects that were federally funded in our urban area.

Cindy Pionke stated that the Maynardville Highway and Andersonville Pike and Watt Road and I-40 projects have been completed. Jeff responded that the money has been turned back in, and it takes awhile to close projects out.

4. Updates on ARRA Projects

Presenter: TPO Staff and member jurisdictions

Item Summary: Recipients of ARRA funds will be asked to provide updates to the ARRA funded projects.

Attachment #4 - ARRA approved projects.

Jeff Welch stated that there are updates to Attachment #4. He asked the committee to let Amy Brooks know if projects are moving forward. Barbara Monty and Leslie Johnson had updates to the list. Steve King stated that the board approval date for the signal management study needs to be changed to Oct. 29, 2009.

5. Update on Rescission impacts and FY 2010 Federal Transportation Legislation

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff will provide the latest information on the rescission and FY 2010 federal appropriations. Due to the rescission, further amendments to the TIP will not be allowed until we have a fiscally constrained TIP.

Jeff Welch stated that the rescission of federal funds is final. The STP allocation has yet to be determined but will most likely be about \$3 million less than anticipated.

Katie Habgood and Angie Midgett participated in a conference call with Paul Degges from TDOT and other MPO representatives. As a result of the rescission our TIP is not financially constrained. Projects funded with CMAQ and STP funds will need to be evaluated and the TIP amended to come into financial constraint. Angie stated that no TIP amendments can be made until the TIP is financially constrained. Further guidance will be provided by TDOT over the next 30 to 45 days.

6. Other Business

• Technical Committee Meeting, December 8 at 9 a.m. in the Small

Jeff Welch stated there will be a special Executive Board meeting, but the date has not been set.

Jeff discussed a letter that TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely received from Senator Jamie Woodson which references the Chapman Highway Corridor Improvement Study. She supports improving the safety of Highway 441 (Chapman Highway) in Sevier and Knox County because the road poses numerous dangers to those who drive upon it.

Jeff announced that the south RPO meeting is Friday at 1 p.m. The north RPO meeting is at 10:00 a.m.

Cindy Pionke asked if Jeff Welch had heard from TDOT regarding the Concord Road letter that was signed by both mayors and sent to Paul Degges in June. Jeff had not, but Angie Midgett said she would look into the matter.

Ellen Zavisca stated that she and our complete streets consultant met with Jeanne Stevens and Jessica Wilson of TDOT to discuss the results of the TPO's complete streets study for our area. In addition a set of guidelines developed as part of our study was provided to TDOT to be distributed to other MPO's in the state.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.