

## Attachment #1

**TPO Technical Committee  
May 11, 2010  
9 a.m.  
Small Assembly Room  
City/County Building  
Knoxville, Tennessee**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on May 11 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.

*Perrin Anderson	Sevier County for Greg Patterson
*Kathryn Baldwin	Anderson County
*Brian Boone	City of Maryville
*Rich DesGroseilliers	Lakeway Area TPO
*Mark Donaldson	Knoxville/Knox County MPC
*Leslie Johnson	Lenoir City
*Steve King	City of Knoxville
*Kathy Knight	Loudon County for Pat Phillips
*John Lamb	Blount County
*Jennifer Lehto	East Tennessee Development District for Terry Bobrowski
*Angie Midgett	Tennessee Department of Transportation
*Barbara Monty	Knox County Community Action Committee
*Ted Newsom	Knoxville Commuter Pool
*Jesus Ortega	City of Alcoa for Andrew Sonner
*Mike Patterson	East TN Human Resource Agency for Gary Holiway
*Melissa Roberson	Knoxville Area Transit
*Blake Sartin	Metro Knoxville Airport Authority
*Darryl Smith	Town of Farragut
*Bruce Wuethrich	Knox County Engineering
Jeff Welch	Transportation Planning Organization Director
Nathan Benditz	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Bryan Berry	Metropolitan Planning Commission Staff
Amy Brooks	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Doug Burton	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Terry Gilhula	Metropolitan Planning Commission
Bill Gurley	Knox County Citizen, UT Staff
Katie Habgood	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Kim Henry	Development Corporation of Knox County
John Hunter	City of Knoxville
Brent Johnson	City of Knoxville
Cindy Pionke	Knox County
Kelley Segars	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Jim Ullrich	Citizen
Anne Wallace	City of Knoxville
Charlotte West	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Gary Wynn	Blount County Citizen, UT Staff
Ellen Zavisca	Transportation Planning Organization Staff

**\*voting members**

### **1. Approval of April 13, 2010, Minutes**

**Presenter:** John Lamb, Chair

**Item Summary:** Approval of April 13, 2010, TPO Technical Committee minutes.

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**A motion was made by Bruce Wuethrich and seconded Leslie Johnson to approve the April 13 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **2. Discussion of Draft FY 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** The TPO has submitted a draft 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program to TDOT for review. The document has been forwarded to FHWA and FTA for their review.

**Attachment #2.**

**Background:** This is the first time that we have submitted a multi-year work program. The proposed work program covers both FY 2011 and 2012. TDOT and FHWA are encouraging the development of a two-year work program.

Jeff Welch stated that we have a combined work program for 2011 and 2012 and a separate budget for each. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) are encouraging MPOs to combine work programs for 2011 and 2012. It can be amended at any time. No action will be taken today. TDOT and FHWA will review the work program, the Technical Committee will recommend approval, and the Executive Board will approve it in August. The dollar amounts are the same as before the Federal money was rescinded. Jeff asked that any comments be sent to him. Bruce Wuethrich stated he has a change or modification on the Watt Road project.

### **3. 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** The TPO staff will review the projects submitted for STP funding. Revisions have been made since the last Technical Committee meeting. Project phases and time frames will be verified. **Attachment #3.**

**Background:** A draft 2011-2014 TIP will be submitted to TDOT in late May.

Jeff Welch discussed the attachment regarding the TIP projects. Staff will make a recommendation to move the Pleasant Ridge project to FY2015, which would prevent a deficit budget in 2014. We will amend the 2034 Regional Mobility Plan to match the TIP. We are trying to minimize the adjustments. Jeff asked the committee to look at the projects and give comments back to the staff by May 18. Steve King asked why the buckets were listed. Jeff responded they are trying to spend down the STP funds. He thinks this would get the money obligated quicker. Angie Midgett stated that TDOT encourages all MPOs to have cost overrun buckets.

### **4. 2011-2013 TDOT Program of Projects Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** TDOT has submitted to the state legislature the proposed Comprehensive Multimodal Program for Fiscal Years 2011-2013.

**Background:** **Attachment #4a** - Summary Memo and **Attachment #4b** - Listing of Program of Projects.

Jeff Welch stated that the state legislature has not approved a budget for TDOT. We will get TIP pages from the office of local programming to submit to TDOT and FHWA for review in June. The Executive Board meeting is May 26, and TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely will be here to answer questions about these projects.

## **5. American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Project Updates**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** Staff is tracking the ARRA funded projects to monitor the progress towards obligation and implementation. Also any ARRA funds not obligated by the TPO will be turned back to TDOT. **Attachment #5.**

**Background:** Not all projects have been let for construction, but it appears that we may have a balance of \$500,000 in ARRA funds to reprogram to other projects or return to TDOT.

Jeff Welch stated that the projects listed in Attachment #5 received funding through ARRA, and we do not want to give the money back to TDOT for the federal government to give to other states. We have until August 1 to decide which additional projects will receive the funding. Some projects are over budget and there is \$532,000 left. Jeff stated that he has asked TDOT for money for the ITS architecture study. He told the committee if they have any projects to be added to let staff know by May 21.

## **6. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Project (CMAQ) Update**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** TPO Staff would like to discuss the status of the recently approved CMAQ projects. **Attachment #6.**

**Background:** TDOT announced the CMAQ funded projects for our area in February. Contracts were to be completed between TDOT and the local governments by April 15, 2010.

Jeff Welch stated that we are tracking CMAQ funds. The projects were submitted in January, and the ones listed are the ones approved by TDOT.

## **7. Tennessee Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Process**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** TDOT is administering the FY 2010 CMAQ program. Although we are waiting for project submittal guidance, TPO members should be compiling a list of projects for consideration by the TPO and TDOT.

Jeff Welch stated that TDOT is going to manage the project, but we have not seen the application for this. He will send the committee the information when he gets it. MPOs have 60 days to return the applications to TDOT, and they will rank the projects. TDOT is considering having MPOs attend a workshop in Nashville with TDOT, and they will decide which projects to accept and fund. When we get the applications, we will ask that projects be submitted to the staff. Mike Conger will prepare an air quality assessment, ranking the projects by emissions and will have them ready for the June Technical meeting.

## **8. Review of Proposed TIGER II Program**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** U.S. DOT announced a TIGER II program on April 26, 2010. Approximately \$600 million is available through a competitive application process. Pre applications are due July 16, and final applications are due August 23, 2010

**Background:** Attachment #7 - TIGER II Fact Sheet.

Jeff Welch stated that on April 26 the Department of Transportation (DOT) solicited applications for the TIGER II discretionary grant program for surface transportation projects. Pre-applications are due on July 16 and final applications are due on August 23. The pre-application will include basic information on projects and will be used by DOT to determine eligibility, the presence of the appropriate match and whether NEPA has been initiated.

## **9. Other Business**

Jeff Welch discussed an addendum to the agenda for the KAT 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program.

**A motion was made by Angie Midgett and seconded by Kathryn Baldwin to recommend to the TPO Board an amendment to the 2008-2010 TIP to add the attached list of FY 2010 FTA 5307 projects for the City of Knoxville. The motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Bruce Wuethrich and seconded by Leslie Johnson to recommend to the TPO Board an amendment to the TIP increasing the budget amount to \$105,000 total CMAQ funds. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The month of May is Smart Trips Month**

**Executive Board Meeting May 26 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building**

**Technical Committee Meeting, June 8 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building**

There is a TDOT public meeting regarding Pellissippi Parkway Extension and its Draft EIS that will be held on July 21 at Heritage High School in Blount County from 5 to 7 p.m.

## **10. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.