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**TPO Executive Board
October 25, 2006
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

9:00-9:05

1. Approval of July 26, 2006 Minutes

■ Action □ Possible Action □ Discussion □ Information

Presenter: Eddy Ford, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of July 26, 2006 TPO Executive Board minutes.

Background: [Attachment #1 – July 26 Minutes.](#)

9:05-9:10

2. Approval of a Resolution Adopting an Amendment to the 2006 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

■ Action □ Possible Action □ Discussion □ Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: [Attachment #2a – Resolution.](#) The TPO Technical Committee recommends adoption of the resolution. There have been cost overruns in four task items in the FY06 UPWP. No increase in funds is required. The attached memo and tables reflect the proposed budget amendments. [Attachment #2b – Memo.](#)

[Attachment #2c - Table 1: Funding Sources by Task.](#)

[Attachment #2d – Table 2: Agency Participation.](#)

Background: Contractual terms between TDOT and the TPO (MPC) require a budget amendment if any task exceeds the budget amount by 10 percent.

9:10-9:15

3. Approval of a Resolution to Amend the FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Attachment #3a – Resolution. The TPO Technical Committee recommends approval of the resolution to amend the TIP as described below.

- a. **Item Summary:** Washington Pk/Millertown Pk/Murphy Rd Area: Planning analysis, environmental assessment and preliminary engineering.
Background: In the year 2000 preliminary engineering funds were obligated but were not spent. The City of Knoxville is requesting that these funds be reprogrammed and spent on a planning study/environmental assessment and preliminary engineering for a broader study area to include Washington Pk/Millertown Pk and Murphy Rd Corridors. **Attachment #3b.**
- b. **Item Summary:** Kingston Pk/Northshore Dr Planning Study.
Background: This project was previously in the 2002-2004 TIP for preliminary engineering. The funds were obligated, but work on preliminary engineering did not occur. The City of Knoxville has requested that the project be placed back in the TIP as a preliminary engineering/feasibility study and that the project scope be expanded to cover a broader area. **Attachment #3c.**
- c. **Item Summary:** Ten Mile Creek Greenway.
Background: The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and the City of Knoxville are requesting that \$120,000 enhancement/\$30,000 local funds be added to this existing project. **Attachment #3d.**
- d. **Item Summary:** Northwest Middle School/Badgett Field Greenway.
Background: The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and the City of Knoxville are requesting that this project be added into the TIP for \$80,000 enhancement/\$20,000 local. **Attachment #3e.**

9:15-9:20

4. Approval of a Request to TDOT to Fund Transportation Corridor Studies/Transportation Planning Reports

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The TPO Technical Committee recommends submittal of this request to TDOT. Following discussions with officials from the cities of Knoxville, Alcoa and Maryville, the TPO has been asked to submit three requests to TDOT for corridor studies. The corridors include Broadway Ave. (US 441, SR 33) in Knoxville, Broadway Ave. (SR 33) in Maryville and S. Hall Rd./Washington St. in Alcoa and Maryville.

Background: The scope of the Broadway Ave. corridor in Knoxville and S. Hall Rd./Washington St. would be to explore ways to improve the cross section for all modes of transportation. The Broadway Ave. corridor in Maryville will be a more traditional planning study looking at ways to increase capacity and safety of the roadway. TDOT is currently conducting a study of a small segment of this corridor.

9:20-9:30 **5. Submittal of a Letter Regarding Overlay District Designation along Proposed SR-475 (Knoxville Parkway)**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The Technical Committee asks that the Executive Board submit a letter to local governments seeking local government support to prohibit billboards along the proposed SR-475 (Knoxville Parkway). If locally the intent is to prohibit billboards in the corridor of the proposed parkway, then local governments and citizens should work with state legislators to get that specific designating legislation, according to TDOT's Ed Cole.

Attachment #4 – Letter.

Background: The Knoxville Parkway Resource Team recommendation, which TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely accepted, included the seeking of scenic or Tennessee parkway designation to prohibit billboards.

9:30-9:40 **6. Alcoa Highway Bypass, Pellissippi Parkway and Alcoa Highway Project Update**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Mike Russell, TDOT

Item Summary: An update on these projects will be provided by TDOT.

Background: TDOT last provided a status report on these projects at the March 23, 2006 Executive Board meeting.

9:40-9:50 **7. Air Quality Update**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff and Knox County Air Quality Management Staff

Item Summary: The results of the 2006 ozone season and new PM2.5 standards.

Background: Preliminary data from the 2006 ozone season will be presented for the nonattainment area. The new PM2.5 standard will become official in about 90 days. State recommendation of nonattainment areas will occur by November 2007, and EPA will make designation of non-attaining counties in November 2009.

9:50-9:55 **8. Amendments and Updates to the 2005-2030 Knoxville Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The recently adopted SAFETEA-LU requires that all transportation plans and TIPs be in compliance with SAFETEA-LU by July 1, 2007. The staff is reviewing the proposed planning regulations to determine the level of effort that will be required.

Background: Since the original 2005-2030 LRTP was adopted in March of 2005, staff has prepared one update and two plan amendments. If there are changes or additions to the list of highway projects, it requires an update to the conformity analysis also.

9:55-10:00 **9. 2006 Legislative Luncheon**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The Annual Legislative Luncheon began as a way for the Knoxville Region to communicate its transportation priorities to the local legislators.

10:00-10:05 **10. Other Business**

Technical Committee Meeting, November 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.

10:05-10:10 **11. Public Comment**

Members of the public may address the Executive Board with a five-minute time limitation.

10:10 **12. Adjournment**