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**TPO Executive Board
May 23, 2007
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

9:00-9:05

1. Approval of April 25, 2007, Minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Mayor Bill Haslam, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of April 25, 2007, TPO Technical Committee minutes.

Background: **Attachment #1 – April 25, 2007, Minutes.**

9:05-9:15

2. Approval of Resolutions Adopting Amendments to the FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

A. Approve Resolution Adopting Amendments a – g to the FY 2006-2008 TIP. TPO Technical Committee recommends approval.

a. Add Cumberland Avenue Corridor Plan (2006-129)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add \$720,000 TCSP/\$180,000 local funds for FY 2007.

Background: The City of Knoxville is applying for Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program funds to fund a Streetscape Design and Engineering Plans, Fort Sanders Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan and Comprehensive Parking Study. **Attachment #2a.**

b. Add South Knoxville Waterfront Pedestrian Bridge (2006-130)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add \$1,000,000 TCSP/\$20,000 local funds for FY 2007.

Background: The City of Knoxville is applying for Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program funds to fund design and engineering plans for a pedestrian bridge over the Tennessee River. **Attachment #2b.**

c. Amend Purchase of Six Para-transit Vehicles (2006-038)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Amend FY 2007 to \$125,931 Transit/\$15,749 local/\$15,749 state.

Background: The Knoxville/Knox County Community Action Committee was awarded funds under FTA's Section 5310 Program for 3 para-transit vehicles.

Attachment #2c.

d. Amend Improvements to Kingston Pk/Lovell Rd (2006-029)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Change local match to state match, move \$10,000 to departmental oversight and add \$297,000 CMAQ/74,400 state to the project.

Background: Kingston Pike is a state highway, and TDOT has agreed to provide the match. **Attachment #2d.**

e. Amend Project Contingency Overruns (2006-027)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Transfer \$239,600 CMAQ/\$59,900 local from FY 2007 and \$40,000 CMAQ/10,000 local from FY 2008 to Kingston Pk/Lovell Rd (2006-029)

Background: Funds from this bucket are being transferred to Kingston Pk/Lovell Rd (2006-029) in order to cover the additional cost of construction.

Attachment #2e.

f. Amend Middlebrook Pk, Hardin Valley to Cedar Bluff (2006-030)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Amend FY 2007 to add \$4,300,000 STP-TPO/\$1,075,000 state for Construction overrun, \$80,000 STP-TPO/\$20,000 state for ROW overrun and \$50,000 STP-TPO/\$10,000 state for engineering overrun. Total overrun cost is \$4,420,000 STP-TPO/\$1,105,000 state.

Background: The Tennessee Department of Tennessee and Knox County have requested that funds be added to cover these cost overruns. The funds will come from the STP-TPO balance of unprogrammed funds.

Attachment #2f.

g. Amend Purchase vans for CAC-5309 Funding (2006-040)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Amend FY 2007 to \$170,627 Transit/\$17,474 local/\$17,474 state funds for FY 2007 and \$232,400 Transit/\$23,800 State/\$23,800 local for FY 2008.

Background: The Knoxville/Knox County Community Action Committee is requesting that funds be added to FY 2007 and FY 2008 for the purchase of vans. **Attachment #2g.**

B. Approve Resolution Adopting Amendments h – w to the FY 2006-2008 TIP. TPO Technical Committee recommends approval.

h. Add Blount County Streetscape Improvements (2006-131)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds.

Attachment #2h.

i. Add Pedestrian Bridge in Alcoa (2006-132)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds.

Attachment #2i.

j. Add Cultural & Visitors center in Maryville (2006-133)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds.

Attachment #2j.

k. Add railroad crossing improvements in Knoxville (2006-134)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds.

Attachments #2k.

l. Add improve railroad crossings in Knoxville (2006-135)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds.

Attachment #2l.

m. Add Cessna Rd railroad improvements (2006-136)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds.

Attachment #2m.

n. Add Blount/Sevier Rd corridor improvements (2006-137)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds. [Attachment #2n.](#)

o. Add I-275 Industrial Business Park Improvements (2006-138)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds. [Attachment #2o.](#)

p. Add Transit Center in Knoxville (2006-139)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds. [Attachment #2p.](#)

q. Add National Transportation Research Center (2006-140)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds. [Attachment #2q.](#)

r. Add Railroad crossing improvements in Lenoir City (2006-141)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds. [Attachment #2r.](#)

s. Add Streetscape/pavement repair in Lenoir City (2006-142)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds. [Attachment #2s.](#)

t. Add UT Joint Institute for Advanced Materials (2006-143):

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds. [Attachment #2t.](#)

u. Add Widen and Improve SR-33 (2006-144):

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds. [Attachment #2u.](#)

v. Add SR-35 Improvements (2006-145):

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds. **Attachment #2v.**

w. Amend Campbell Station Rd (2006-004)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Add HPP funds for FY 2007 and 2008.

Background: This project is already included in the TIP and funded with local STP funds. This project was included in SAFETEA-LU list of earmarked projects funded with High Priority Project funds. **Attachment #2w.**

9:15-9:20

3. Approve Resolution Adopting Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

The TPO Technical Committee recommends approval.

Item Summary: SAFETEA-LU requires a Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (HSTCP). The HSTCP identifies gaps in existing services, proposes strategies to help meet the identified gaps, examines ways services can be coordinated and outlines how Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC), New Freedom and Section 5310 (Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities) funds will be distributed. With regard to funding distribution, the regulations call for an open project selection process that allows for all providers to put forth proposed services to be considered for funding. Part of the approval action is to designate the TPO as the designated recipient to receive these funds and manage the project selection process. **Attachment #3a – Resolution.**

Background: Representatives from TPO, KAT, ETHRA, Knox County CAC, UT Commuter Pool, Smart Trips and TDOT began meeting in May 2006 to develop the HSTCP. Two plan-specific public meetings have been held, and surveys and questionnaires have been distributed. **Attachment #3b – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan.**

9:20-9:25

4. Draft Public Participation Plan

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Federal legislation passed in 2005 (SAFETEA-LU) requires some changes to the public participation process. These mandated changes place an increased emphasis on particular elements such as involving an expanded list of interested parties, increasing interagency consultation and emphasizing visualization techniques and electronically accessible information. TDOT is currently reviewing the draft plan. **Attachment #4 – Summary.**

9:25-9:30 **5. SAFETEA-LU Compliance Update**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: A number of plans and processes need to be in place by July 1, 2007, in order for our Long Range Transportation Plan to remain in compliance with the new SAFETEA-LU regulations, released in February 2007. Our schedule will have these processes approved and in place by August/September 2007.

9:30-9:40 **6. Toll Studies for East Tennessee and I-40/81 Corridor Study**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TDOT, Jeanne Stevens

Item Summary: Studies have been completed on the feasibility of creating two new Knoxville area roadways as tollways. The Knoxville Regional Parkway (SR 475) and a corridor connecting I-40 to Gatlinburg were studied. The initial study indicates SR 475 as feasible while the Gatlinburg to I-40 corridor requires additional analysis. TDOT has also begun a corridor study of I-40/81 across the state. **Attachments #5a – SR 475 Conceptual Feasibility Report and #5b – Proposed Intra County Parkway Conceptual Feasibility Report.**

Background: States and communities throughout the country are pursuing options to build and maintain transportation facilities. Allowing toll roads is one option under consideration in Tennessee.

9:40-9:45 **7. TDOT Multi-modal Transportation Improvement Plan for 2008-2010**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The three-year Multi-modal Work Program for 2008-2010 proposed for Tennessee includes 151 transportation projects and programs, including 91 individual highway projects, 27 transit, water, rail and aviation initiatives, and 33 transportation programs across the state. **Attachment #6 – State TIP projects in the TPO area.**

Background: The Program lists projects funded for the various stages of development, including location and environmental studies, preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction, and many operational components in the first year of the plan. It also proposes funding for a portion of the second and third year plans leaving flexibility for additional projects in those years. TDOT will have an estimated budget of \$1.7 billion for the next fiscal year.

9:45-9:55

8. Appalachian Development Highway System - Corridor K

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Denny Mobbs

Item Summary: **Attachment #7a – Map of Study Area.**

Attachment #7b – Letter from Mr. Mobbs.

Background: Corridor K is part of the Appalachian Development Highway System. The proposal is to relocate and construct a 20.4-mile section of four-lane highway from Cleveland in Bradley County, Tenn., through the Cherokee National Forest to the North Carolina line where the roadway continues to Sylva, NC. TDOT completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in 2003. TDOT has now commissioned a Corridor K Economic Development and Transportation Study.

9:55-10:00

9. Other Business

Technical Committee Meeting, June 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.

Executive Board Meeting, August 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building

10:00-10:05

10. Public Comment

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

10:05

11. Adjournment