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**TPO Executive Board
February 25, 2009
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

5 min.

1. Approval of October 22, 2008 Minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Mayor Bill Haslam, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of October 22, 2008, TPO Executive Board minutes.

Background: Attachment #1 – October 22, 2008, Minutes.

5 min.

2. Election of Officers

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Mayor Bill Haslam, Chair

Item Summary: The Bylaws state that the Executive Board shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair from its membership. Such election shall be by a majority vote of that membership. Election of officers shall take place on the first meeting of the calendar year, and the term of office shall be for two years. An officer is eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Background: Attachment #2 – TPO Chairs and Co Chairs from 1993 to present.

3. Approval of a Resolution supporting State Enabling Legislation to allow the Creation of Regional Transportation Authorities in the State

(TPO Technical Committee Recommends Approval of the Resolution)

- Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

- a. **Item Summary:** An effort is underway to amend Tennessee Code, Title 64, Chapter 8- Regional Transportation Authorities, to allow the creation of regional transportation authorities by any combination of two or more adjacent local governments with a combined population of 200,000 or more.
- b. **Background:** **Attachment #3a – Summary of Legislation**
Attachment #3b - Resolution

10 min.

4. Economic Stimulus Update

- Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

- a. **Item Summary:** Staff will discuss the latest information on the economic stimulus package passed by the U. S. Congress. The President signed the bill on February 17, 2009. A summary of the bill and other information will be presented. Also to be discussed is how the TPO may allocate STP stimulus funds that we will receive.
Attachment 4a. – Draft Summary of Stimulus bill
Attachment 4b. – Draft Summary of Reporting Requirements for Stimulus bill
Attachment 4c. – STP Eligibility Summary
Attachment 4d. – Checklist for Stimulus Eligibility
Attachment 4e. – Draft list of TPO Economic Stimulus projects
- b. **Background:** TDOT has 120 days to obligate 50% of their Economic Stimulus funds. The TPO has one year to obligate 50% of our STP Economic Stimulus funds. The TPO has a WEB page set up for economic stimulus information for our area.

10 min.

5. Approval of a Resolution Amending the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

(TPO Technical Committee Recommends Approval of the Resolution)

- Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

- a. **Item Summary:** The proposed amendments to the TIP will be geared to the anticipated Economic Stimulus program. New TIP buckets for TDOT need to be added to the TIP. The Technical Committee has recommended two projects be amended to add economic stimulus funds to them.
Background: Specific details on the amount of funds the TPO will officially receive are not available at this time. There has been amounts as high as \$12.7 million to as low as \$7.9 million that the TPO might receive. It could be two to three weeks before a final number is known.
The following amendments and additions to the 2008-2011 TIP require action:

5. Resolution

5a. Amend TIP Project #2008-064 - TDOT ES Bucket- State Route 3R Improvements – add \$500,000 in Federal Economic Stimulus funds for FY2009. **Attachment #5a.**

5b. Amend TIP Project #2008-071 - TDOT ES Bucket- Interstate 3R Improvements – add \$500,000 in Federal Economic Stimulus funds for FY2009. **Attachment #5b.**

5c. Amend TIP Project #2008-099 - TDOT ES Bucket- Bridge repair/Replacement - add \$500,000 in Federal Economic Stimulus funds for FY2009. **Attachment #5c.**

5d. And new TIP Project #2008-127 - Lovell Road improvements from west of Pellissippi Parkway to Schaeffer Road - \$3,100,000 in Federal Economic Stimulus funds for FY2009. **Attachment #5d.**

5e. Amend TIP Project #2008-012 - Campbell Station Road improvements – to add \$2,355,370 in Federal Economic Stimulus funds in FY2009. **Attachment #5e.**

5 min.

6. Status of Surface Transportation Program (STP) Fund Balance

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

a. Item Summary: The Knoxville TPO is carrying a fund balance of \$27,409,141. This represents almost four years of STP allocation. In the attached letter and a conference call with TDOT on Feb. 13, 2009, TDOT is asking for a plan of action on how we will spend down this balance. There is no immediate threat of losing any of these federal funds.

b. Background: **Attachment #6 - STP Fund Balance Letter from TDOT**

5 min.

7. Annual Listing of Projects for FY08

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Annually the TPO must prepare a listing of projects that funds were obligated to during the past fiscal year. The listing is attached and has been made available to the public.

Background: **Attachment #7 - Annual listing of obligated projects.**

5 min.

8. Unified Planning Work Program

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff must submit a draft 2010 UPWP to TDOT by the end of February. If there are any planning studies that your jurisdiction is interested in please let us know as soon as possible. There will be additional time to add to the UPWP over the next couple of months.

Background: **Attachment #8 – SAFETEA-LU Planning Factors.**

10 min.

9. Long Range Mobility Plan Update

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

- a. **Item Summary:** Staff is preparing a draft long range mobility plan for 2009-2034. The draft will be submitted to TDOT for review by the end of February. Public meetings on the draft plan will begin in late March. Staff in cooperation with the Technical Committee has prepared a draft list of highway projects to be included in the mobility plan.
- b. **Background:** **Attachment #9a- Dates of upcoming public meetings related to the long range mobility plan**
Attachment #9b- List of proposed highway projects to be included in 2009-2034 Mobility Plan

5 min.

10. Other Business

- **Technical Committee Meeting, March 10 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.**
- **Executive Board Meeting, April 22 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.**

5 min.

11. Public Comment

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

12. Adjournment