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**TPO Executive Board
October 28, 2009
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

5 min.

1. Approval of August 26, 2009, Minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Don Mull, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of August 26, 2009, TPO Technical Committee minutes.

Attachment #1 – August 26, 2009, minutes.

15 min.

2. Discussion of the Potential Impact the Rescission Will Have on the TPO Area

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Congress failed to repeal the rescission (required by previous acts of Congress, SAFETEA-LU and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007) that resulted in reducing the federal contract authority to states and urban areas by \$8.7 billion. As a result Tennessee had to return approximately \$190 million of transportation funding. The Knoxville area stands to lose approximately \$8.3 million of STP funds, \$5 million of CMAQ funds and \$700,000 of MPO planning funds. .

Attachments #2a - Memo explaining potential impact to state and TPO program areas. **Attachments #2b-2e** - Tables providing information regarding the rescission.

10 min. 3. Report on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Projects

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The TPO received approximately \$13 million of ARRA funds this past spring. Staff will provide an update on the status of the projects approved by the TPO. The city of Knoxville will ask that their two resurfacing projects be dropped and that new project, traffic signal management study, be funded instead. **Attachment #3 - ARRA Status Report.**

5 min. 4. Approval of Resolution Amending the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Technical Committee Recommends Approval

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: **Attachment #4 – Resolution.**

a. Add TIP Project #2008-147 (Knoxville South Waterfront Riverwalk: Shoals Promenade) with \$534,461 in Federal Transportation Enhancement dollars and \$133,615 in a local match. Attachment #4a – Press Release and TIP project sheet.

b. Amend TIP Project #2008-133 (ARRA Resurfacing projects) to change total programmed funds from \$1,215,406 to \$784,963. Attachment #4b.

c. Add TIP Project #2008-148 (Knoxville-Knox County Traffic Signal Management study) with \$430,443 in TPO-managed ARRA funds. Attachment #4c.

5 min. 5. Approval of a Resolution Adopting List of Roadway Functional Classification Changes in Knoxville Urban Area.

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Technical Committee Recommends Approval

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The TPO staff has reviewed the listing of proposed roadway functional classification changes with TDOT. TDOT concurs with the changes. **Attachment #5 – Resolution and table of reclassification changes.**

10 min. 6. Review of Draft TPO Priority Project List to be Submitted to TDOT and Area State Legislators

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Annually the TPO sponsors a meeting with our State legislators and TDOT Administration to discuss our major transportation issues and projects.

Background: **Attachments #6a** and **#6b** are a preliminary list of projects that the Technical Committee is reviewing and reflect current status in the TIP.

- 5 min.** **7. Overview of RTA Legislation adopted by the TN Legislature**
 Action Possible Action Discussion Information
Presenter: TPO Staff
Item Summary: The state legislature passed and the Governor signed into law legislation related to the creation of regional transportation authorities. A summary of the legislation is attached. **Attachment #7.**
- 15 min.** **8. Status of Two Grant Proposals Submitted to the Tennessee Department of Transportation**
 Action Possible Action Discussion Information
Item Summary: The TPO Board approved the submittal of two grant proposals to TDOT at their August 26th meeting. The first proposal was for funding for a Regional/Urban Transit Corridor Study. The second proposal was for funding for an East Tennessee Quality Growth (ETQG) Toolbox and Plain Talk on Quality Growth Conference. TDOT has approved the first proposal and has for the time being turned down the second proposal.
Attachments #8a & #8b - Letters from TDOT.
- 5 min.** **9. Other Business**
- **Letter from Environmental Protection Agency designating this area nonattainment for 24-hour PM2.5 standard. Attachment #9.**
 - **Technical Committee Meeting, November 10 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building**
 - **There will need to be a special board meeting in November/December to address priority projects and other issues.**
- 5 min.** **10. Public Comment**
Members of the public may address the Executive Board with a five-minute time limitation for each person.
- 11. Adjournment**