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**TPO Executive Board
October 22, 2014
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

1. Approval of September 24, 2014 Minutes

Presenter: Mayor Ralph McGill, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of September, 2014 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

[Attachment #1 - September 24, 2014 Minutes](#)

2. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Amend the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Presenter: Bryan Berry, TPO Staff

Item Summary: The following proposed Amendments to the TIP are listed below.

Technical Committee recommends approval.

[Attachment #2 - Resolution](#)

[Attachment #2A - Amendment 2014-073 \(Tennessee River Pedestrian Bridge and Path\)](#) - Amend the project by adding it to the 2014-2017 TIP. Add FY 2017 L-STP funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 total (\$1,200,000 federal and \$300,000 local) to conduct preliminary engineering and design.

[Attachment #2B - Amendment 2014-033 \(Chapman Hwy \(SR-71\) Improvements\)](#) - Amend the project by changing FY 2014 NHPP funding for ROW to FY 2015 and increasing the total funds by \$4,860,150 to \$8,310,150 total (\$6,648,120 federal and \$1,662,030 state). Change FY 2014 HPP funding for ROW to FY 2015 and decreasing funding by \$260,000 to \$789,850 total (\$631,880 federal and \$157,970 state). Remove FY 2014 HPP funds for Preliminary Engineering and Design from the project. Increase the total project cost from \$12,400,000 to \$17,000,150. This amendment is at the request of TDOT.

3. Motion to Amend the TPO Executive Board Bylaws to add a Public Transportation Representative to the TPO Executive Board Membership

Presenter: Jeff Welch, TPO Staff

Item Summary: MAP-21 requires that representation by provider(s) of public transportation be on the Policy Board of MPO's that have a population of greater than 200,000. The Technical Committee has approved a recommendation to add transit representation to the Board.

[Attachment #3 - DRAFT Amended TPO Executive Board By-laws](#)

The Recommendation is:

That the Executive Board public transportation membership on the TPO Board be a representative of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 – Urban Area – Designated Recipient (currently the City of Knoxville), and also that the Executive Board designate a Steering Committee to assist and guide staff in their study of developing a Regional Transit Authority.

4. Overview TDOT Response Letter RE: Transit Funding

Presenter: Doug Burton, TPO Staff

Item Summary: The Executive Board requested staff to correspond with TDOT over concerns about a policy change that could impact the amount of State funds provided to local agencies to help match FTA transit grants. Attached to the Agenda is the response from TDOT. TDOT has committed to finding some one-time matching funds for projects just recently approved by the Executive Board (FY13-14). TDOT stated any future capital projects will continue to be matched at the traditional rate. However, starting in FY 2015, operating projects may be in serious jeopardy of not receiving any TDOT match.

[Attachment #4 - TDOT Response Letter to Knoxville TPO re 5310 and 5307](#)

5. Overview of ETHRA Transit Concerns related to Loss of Call Center Operations

Presenter: Mike Patterson, ETHRA

Item Summary: United Healthcare Community Plan (UHCCP) announced starting January 1, 2015, ETHRA will no longer be the Call Center for East and Middle Tennessee for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation. ETHRA has operated the Call Center since 2009 and the termination was “without cause” as allowed under the contract. Besides providing public demand-response transit, both ETHRA and Knox County CAC Transit are official transportation providers for UHCCP. Revenue received by ETHRA and Knox County CAC Transit through UHCCP, helps match grants and provides additional services to the community. Mike Patterson will discuss how this situation will impact transit services in the urban area.

[Attachment #5– ETHRA Response Letter Concerning Loss of Call Center](#)

6. Update on the 8 Hour Ozone Non-attainment Status for the Urban Area

Presenter: Mike Conger, TPO Staff

Item Summary: The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation has prepared a Knoxville 2008 8-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan that is currently available for public review. This plan, if approved by EPA, will bring Blount, Knox and part of Anderson County into attainment status for the 8-hour ozone standard by late spring of 2015. A local public hearing on this Plan is scheduled for Monday, November 10 at 1:00 PM at the Knox County Health Department.

[Attachment #6 - Knoxville Ozone Redesignation public notice](#)

7. Other Business

- TDOT quarterly status report listing regional highway projects under development/construction.
[Attachment #7](#)
- Technical Committee Meeting **Wednesday, November 12**, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building. *Please note the Wednesday date due to the holiday.*
- Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, **November 19**, 2014 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building. *Please note due to the holiday the Board will meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month.*

8. Public Comment

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

9. Adjournment