

Attachment #1

**TPO Executive Board
9 a.m., August 27, 2008
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on August 27 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, Knoxville, TN. Mayor Bill Haslam, Chair of the Executive Board, presided.

*Doyle Arp	Mayor, Loudon County
*Eddy Ford	Mayor, Town of Farragut
*Mike Hammond	East Tennessee Development District
*Bill Haslam	Mayor, City of Knoxville
*Dale Hurst	for Mayor Matt Brookshire, Lenoir City
*John Lamb	for Mayor Jerry Cunningham, Blount County
*Angie Midgett	Tennessee Department of Transportation
*Don Mull	Mayor, City of Alcoa
*Cindy Pionke	for Mayor Mike Ragsdale, Knox County
*Tom Strickland	Knox County Commission Chair
*Larry Waters	Mayor, Sevier County
Jeff Welch	Transportation Planning Organization Director
Nathan Benditz	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Jason Brady	Gresham Smith and Partners
Amy Brooks	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Doug Burton	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Marshall Elizer	Gresham Smith and Partners
John Fairstein	Citizens Against Beltway Orange Location
Katie Habgood	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Chris Hamby	City of Alcoa
Steve King	City of Knoxville
Barbara Monty	Knox County Community Action Committee
Anne Wallace	City of Knoxville
Charlotte West	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Ellen Zavisca	Transportation Planning Organization Staff

*Voting Member

Determination of Quorum

1. Approval of May 28, 2008 Minutes

Presenter: Mayor Bill Haslam, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of May 28, 2008, TPO Executive Board minutes.

Background: Attachment #1 – May 28, 2008, Minutes.

A motion was made by John Lamb and seconded by Don Mull to approve the May 28 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of a Resolution Adopting an Amendment to the FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff is recommending moving approximately \$55,000 among 6 work program task items to reflect actual work to date and anticipated work for the last quarter. The overall budget remains the same.

Background: Attachments #2a - Resolution, #2b - Memo & Revised Tables 1 and 2.

Jeff Welch stated that we are required to stay within the budget for our task items. We are over budget on some line items, and this requires a budget amendment. The Technical Committee recommends approval.

A motion was made by Mayor Don Mull and seconded by Mayor Eddy Ford to approve the amendments to the FY2008 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of a Resolution Adopting the FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff has prepared a draft 2009 UPWP for the upcoming fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008. The document has been reviewed at the last two Technical Committee meetings and was reviewed by the Board at their May meeting. Staff recommends approval.

Background: Attachment #3a - Resolution, #3b - FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program.

Jeff Welch stated that the TPO is required to produce a work program every year. It was approved by the Technical Committee at their August 12 meeting. Jeff reviewed some of the categories and the total amounts. TDOT asked that the transportation planning reports be included. Dale Hurst stated that the Mayor of Lenoir City wants to add the corridor study for US Highway 321 from US Highway 11 including the I-75 interchange in Lenoir City to the work program. The city has requested a transportation planning report for US 321 Highway 11 to I-75. TDOT would have to look at the study.

A motion was made by Mayor Eddy Ford and seconded by Cindy Pionke to add the Lenoir City project to the FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Strickland and seconded by Mayor Don Mull to approve the FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of a Resolution Adopting Amendments to the FY 2008- 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The attached TIP amendments reflect adding one new project to the TIP, removing an existing project from the TIP and amending an existing TIP project with additional funds. Additionally, the TPO received eight applications requesting almost \$3.5 million in CMAQ funds. Staff reviewed the projects and presented a funding possibility to the TPO Technical Committee.

Background: CMAQ funds are used for projects that can be shown to reduce emissions and therefore improve the region's air quality. The TPO region received \$1.1 million to distribute in FY 2009. **Attachment #4 – Resolution.**

The TPO Technical Committee recommends approval.

Jeff Welch discussed each TIP amendment.

a. Drop TIP Project #2008-031: Middlebrook Pike/Old Cedar Bluff intersection. \$80,000 in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds will be returned to the TPO's CMAQ bucket. Attachment #4a.

- b. Add TIP Project #2008-125 – SR-33, Henley Street Bridge widening over Tennessee River. This project uses Federal HPP funds (\$1,920,000) and State funds (\$480,000) for FY2008 ROW. Attachment #4b.**
- c. Amend TIP Project #2008-047 (Lenoir City Highway 321 and Highway 11 interchange) to add funds (\$7,600,000 in NHS funds, \$1,900,000 in state funds) for ROW in FY 2009. Attachment #4c.**

The following FY 2008-2011TIP amendments are FY 2009 CMAQ funded projects:

- d. Amend TIP Project #2008-088 (Smart Trips Program) to add \$130,000 in CMAQ funds for FY 2009. Attachment #4d.**
- e. Amend TIP Project #2008-082 (Purchase propane vehicles for CAC) to add \$160,000 (\$128,000 in CMAQ funds, \$32,000 in local funds) to FY 2009. These are replacement vehicles. Attachment #4e.**
- f. Amend TIP Project #2008-080 (Purchase KAT vehicles) to add \$700,000 (\$560,000 in CMAQ funds, \$140,000 in local funds) to FY 2009. These are replacement vehicles. Attachment #4f.**
- g. Amend TIP Project #2008-005 (Alcoa/Maryville signal timing) to add \$350,666 in CMAQ funds to FY 2009. This project is continuation of a previously funded design and construction project. The construction funds will be spread over a three-year phasing. Attachment #4g.**
- h. Amend TIP Project #2008-026 (Kingston Pike/Lovell Road intersection) to add \$100,000 in CMAQ funds due to cost increases. These funds come from the CMAQ Cost Overrun bucket. Attachment #4h.**
- i. Amend TIP Project #2008-035 (Northshore Dr/Westland intersection) to add \$200,000 in CMAQ funds due to cost increases. These funds come from the CMAQ Cost Overrun bucket. Attachment #4i.**

Mayor Haslam asked how the decrease in available CMAQ funds compares to other areas. Angie Midgett stated that everyone is equally decreased. TDOT is having a conference call to discuss the CMAQ funding, and Jeanne Stevens will discuss this later. Jeff Welch stated that the Knoxville area is nonattainment for ozone and PM2.5. The CMAQ funding is based only on the ozone nonattainment levels not the PM2.5. He stated there is limited money for new projects. If these projects are approved, TPO still has about \$1 million left in the cost overrun bucket.

The City of Knoxville wants to amend the Cumberland Avenue improvements (TIP Project #2008-017), attachment 4j., because engineering costs have increased. FY2008 Engineering funds were increased from \$500,000 L-STP and \$125,000 state funds to \$1,200,000 L-STP and \$300,000 state funds. The additional funds come from the FY2009 Construction funds, and the overall cost of the project is unchanged. (The previous paragraph was clarified in November 2008).

A motion was made by Dale Hurst and seconded by Tom Strickland to adopt the amendments (Attachments 4a – 4j) to the 2008-2011 TIP. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Update on Long Range Mobility Plan

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The first round of public workshops was successful. Staff will share the results of the workshops and other public participation opportunities and then discuss the necessary next steps as the Mobility Plan develops. **Attachment #5.**

Background: The Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan is scheduled to be adopted by the TPO Board in April 2009.

Katie Habgood, TPO staff, stated that we are moving forward updating the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Nine public meetings were held in five counties with 100 people attending. There were 500 people who responded to the survey. Attachment #5 is the Public Involvement Report, which includes responses from the public on how they would like to see transportation money spent. The report can be viewed on the TPO website. The issues were ranked and the results compared to what was done in 2005. The responses were similar. People would like to see more funding for transportation and bicycles. We are coming up with principles to guide the region. On September 8, 10 and 11 public meetings will be held to discuss strategies and actions. Workshops will be included in the next three Technical Committee meetings to use their expertise and knowledge to help us move forward. A draft of the plan will be finished in January, with adoption in May.

Jeff Welch stated that the surveys were informal, and people were looking for transportation choices. Fifty percent of the budget is going for operations and maintenance and not much for new projects. Congress has said there is not going to be money for infrastructure and will expect local governments to pick up the tab. We will have to look at developing the LRTP and make assumptions on funding availability.

John Fairstein, 11205 Sam Lee Road, thanked Katie and TPO for the innovative study and enthusiasm in collecting these numbers. The numbers were the same for 2005 and 2009, which means we did not improve in these areas. He suggested that the Executive Board become more knowledgeable about sidewalks, transit and bike lanes. The Executive Board should also look at how much they cost and see if we can move forward with ideas to help with these projects.

6. Update on Complete Streets Study

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on the Complete Streets Study that will kick off later this month. Consultants have been selected to undertake the study, which will make recommendations for converting two auto-oriented corridors into places that are safe and convenient for all users and modes of transportation. **Attachment #6.**

Ellen Zavisca, TPO staff, stated that the Complete Streets Study was funded by a \$75,000 grant from TDOT to look at corridors two auto-oriented corridors, Broadway through Fountain City and Washington Street/South Hall Road in Maryville and Alcoa. Gresham, Smith and Partners was contracted to do the study. Study teams will be meeting in September to determine how to make the streets safer for walkers and bikers.

John Lamb stated that Blount County is going to receive a grant for greenway planning and asked if the study could be coordinated with this. Ellen stated that the studies are looking at two different things, but that there may be some overlap. The Complete Streets Study is looking at the road network, while the greenway study will be looking at rights of way for greenway linkages. John stated he would like to see coordination between the two. Jeff Welch stated that as TDOT moves forward with an environmental study for Pellissippi Parkway, opportunities for greenways would be part of what they will evaluate. Jeff stated that we will have an orientation lunch/workshop inviting city engineers to give a broad overview of what Complete Streets means on the national level. The Technical Committee and city engineers will be included. We will know a date within the next month.

7. Other Business

- **Technical Committee Meeting, September 9 at 9 a.m. at the City of Alcoa Public Works Service Center, 725 Universal Street, Alcoa.**
- **Executive Board Meeting, October 22 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.**

8. Public Comment

John Fairstein asked about the two-lane section of Dutchtown Road from Cedar Bluff. Cindy Pionke stated that the project is complete. Phase 2 is on hold for now for lack of funding.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.