

**TPO Executive Board
9 a.m., January 8, 2008
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on January 8 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, Knoxville, TN. Mayor Eddy Ford, presided.

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| *Mark Donaldson | for Mike Hammond, East Tennessee Development District |
| *Eddy Ford | Mayor, Town of Farragut |
| *Brent Johnson | for Mayor Bill Haslam, City of Knoxville |
| *Steve King | for Vice Mayor Mark Brown, City of Knoxville |
| *John Lamb | for Blount County Mayor Jerry Cunningham |
| *Angie Midgett | Tennessee Department of Transportation |
| *Don Mull | Mayor, City of Alcoa |
| *Cindy Pionke | for Knox County Mayor Mike Ragsdale |
| *Scott Poland | for Mayor Joe Swann, City of Maryville |
| *Larry Waters | Sevier County Mayor |
| Jeff Welch | Transportation Planning Organization Director |
| Doug Burton | Transportation Planning Organization Staff |
| Katie Habgood | Transportation Planning Organization Staff |
| Karen Estes | Knox County CAC Transit |
| Kelsey Finch | Tennessee Department of Transportation – Civil Rights |
| Cindy McGinnis | Knoxville Area Transit |
| Jeremy Pearson | City of Alcoa |
| Jim Ullrich | Citizen |
| Charlotte West | Transportation Planning Organization Staff |
| *Voting Member | |

Mayor Eddy Ford called the meeting to order.

Jeff Welch called the roll and determined there was a quorum for the Executive Board.

A motion was made by Mayor Don Mull and seconded by Cindy Pionke for Mayor Ford to be acting chair. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Approval of September 24, 2007, Minutes

Presenter: Mayor Eddy Ford, Acting Chair

Item Summary: Approval of September 24, 2007, TPO Executive Board minutes.

Background: Attachment #1 – September 24, 2007, Minutes.

Mayor Ford asked that in Item 3, Item Summary, the words “very recently funds” be deleted. Also, Deborah Fleming’s name should be added to the attendance list and Cindy Pionke’s name was spelled incorrectly.

A motion was made by Mayor Don Mull and seconded by Steve King to approve the September 24 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Resolution Amending the FY 2008-2011 TIP and Notice of Administrative Adjustments to the FY 2008-2011 TIP. Attachment #2 – Resolution.

The TPO Technical Committee recommends approval.

Presenter: TPO Staff

a. Item Summary: Add Pilot Locomotive Diesel Retrofit Project (2008-106).

Background: This TDOT-CMAQ diesel retrofit project will allow 12 Norfolk Southern locomotives to be fitted with automatic stop-start idle reduction systems. Norfolk Southern will fund the required 20-percent match.

Attachment #2a.

b. Item Summary: Add Pilot Road Construction Diesel Retrofit Project (2008-107).

Background: This TDOT-CMAQ diesel retrofit project will allow five pieces of heavy-duty construction equipment used in road construction projects to be repowered with a cleaner Tier 1 engine. Charles Blalock and Sons will provide the required 20-percent match. **Attachment #2b.**

c. Item Summary: Add Safe Routes to School Project Bucket (2008-108)

Background: The Safe Routes to School Bucket will provide funding for projects that focus on increasing the levels of walking and bicycling to school. Projects that were awarded grants this year include Sam Houston Elementary and Beaumont Elementary Schools. **Attachment #2c.**

d. Item Summary: Amend Funding Source for Cumberland Ave Project (2008-017)

Background: The amendment to this project changes a source of funding from "Local" to "State." This recognizes TDOT's past participation on projects that are part of the state/federal highway system. **Attachment #2d.**

e. Item Summary: Amend Funding Source for Concord Rd Project (2008-015)

Background: The amendment to this project changes a source of funding from "Local" to "State." This recognizes TDOT's past participation on projects that are part of the state/federal highway system. **Attachment #2e.**

Jeff Welch asked that Items a-e be approved as one motion. He discussed each item to be added to the TIP.

A motion was made by Steve King and seconded by Mayor Mull to approve Items A-E. The motion carried unanimously.

f. Item Summary: Administrative Adjustment to Adjust Enhancement Program Projects (2008-067). This item does not require action.

Background: Funds (\$52,947 Enhancement/\$13,237 local) are transferred from the Pinkston Greenway to the French Broad River Greenway. **Attachment #2f.**

g. Item Summary: Administrative Adjustment to Adjust Purchase Vehicles for CAC (2008-085). This item does not require action.

Background: This adjustment corrects the 2008 local and state amounts from \$112,500 to \$22,500. **Attachment #2g.**

Jeff described Items f and g as administrative adjustments that did not require action.

3. Other Business

- **Legislative Luncheon, Friday, February 8 at noon at the Knoxville Convention Center. TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely will make a presentation. Please RSVP to Charlotte West by February 1.**
- **Technical Committee Meeting, February 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.**
- **Executive Board Meeting, February 27 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.**
- **Certification Review of the TPO planning process by FHWA, FTA and EPA staff is scheduled for February 26-27 in Room 453 of the City/County Building.**

Jeff Welch stated that every four years, TPO has a certification review by FHWA, FTA and EPA. This review will be held on February 26-27 in Room 453 of the City/County Building. There will be a public meeting at 6 p.m. on February 26. A member of the reviewing team will be at the Executive Board on February 27. This review is a federal requirement for the transportation planning process to see if the TPO is meeting federal guidelines.

Angie Midgett announced that all applicants wanting to receive funding for the Safe Routes to School Program must attend a training session on the application process. Diana Benedict is the contact person at TDOT for this program.

4. Public Comment

Jim Ullrich, 1003 Luttrell Street, stated that he is concerned about why the TPO is getting involved in the Pilot Locomotive Diesel Retrofit Project which will allow 12 Norfolk Southern locomotives to be fitted with automatic stop-start idle reduction systems, and the Pilot Road Construction Diesel Retrofit Project which will allow five pieces of heavy-duty construction equipment used in road construction projects to be repowered with a cleaner Tier 1 engine. We are getting economics mixed with politics. This does not help us as citizens. Everyone wants air quality, but the best way to get it is not to subsidize businesses. They are set up to make a profit. Government is supposed to take care of the general public. There is a lot better way to spend money than giving to these companies. They have an advantage over their competitors.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.