

# Attachment #1

**TPO Executive Board  
9 a.m., December 1, 2009  
Main Assembly Room  
City/County Building  
Knoxville, Tennessee**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on December 1 at 9 a.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City/County Building, Knoxville, TN. Don Mull, Chair of the Executive Board, presided. It was determined a quorum was present.

*Bill Haslam	Mayor, City of Knoxville
*Joe Hultquist	for Vice Mayor Bob Becker, City of Knoxville
*Dale Hurst	for Mayor Matt Brookshire, Lenoir City
*John Lamb	for Mayor Jerry Cunningham, Blount County Mayor
*Don Mull	Mayor, City of Alcoa
*Darryl Smith	for Ralph McGill, Mayor, Town of Farragut
*Jeanne Stevens	for Angie Midgett, Tennessee Department of Transportation
*Tank Strickland	Knox County Commission Chair
*Tom Taylor	Mayor, City of Maryville
*Bruce Wuethrich	for Mayor Mike Ragsdale, Knox County
Jeff Welch	Transportation Planning Organization Director
Bryan Berry	Metropolitan Planning Commission
Mike Conger	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
Don Jacobs	Knoxville News Sentinel
Steve King	City of Knoxville
Cindy Pionke	Knox County
Kelley Segars	Transportation Planning Organization Staff
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 October 28, 2009, Minutes

**Presenter:** Don Mull, Chair

**Item Summary:** Approval of October 28, 2009, TPO Executive Board minutes.

**Attachment #1 – October 28, 2009, minutes.**

**A motion was made by Tom Taylor and seconded by Joe Hultquist to approve the October 28 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **2. Approval of TPO Priority Project List to be Submitted to TDOT and Area State Legislators Technical Committee Recommends Approval**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** Annually the TPO sponsors a meeting with our State legislators and TDOT administration to discuss our major transportation issues and projects.

**Background: Attachment #2a - List of projects that the Technical Committee has recommended for approval.**

**Attachment #2b – Discussion of mobility issues.**

Jeff Welch stated the purpose of the priority project list is to advise TDOT and state legislators what the region's transportation priorities are. The project list includes both highway projects and public transit capital needs. A companion narrative discusses the mobility needs for non-highway facilities and programs.

**A motion was made by Mayor Bill Haslam and seconded by Joe Hultquist to approve the priority project list to be submitted to TDOT and area State Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Mull states that due to budgetary issues a legislative luncheon will not be held this year.

## **3. Discussion of the Impact the Rescission Will Have on the TPO Area**

**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.

**Attachment #3 - Letter from Paul Degges, TDOT, outlining final rescission amount for the Surface Transportation Program and discussing related issues.**

Jeff Welch stated that the final rescission figures show a reduction in STP funds by \$8.2 million. There is a balance \$19 million for the TPO area. Because of the loss of funds, projects have been put on hold. Other funds have been rescinded including Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and planning program dollars.

Currently federal transportation funds are being distributed under a continuing resolution, so we cannot flex money from the highway fund to the transit fund to assist our transit partners. The Transportation Improvement Program will need to be amended in early 2010 to reflect this loss of CMAQ and STP dollars.

Jeanne Stevens of TDOT stated that Knoxville has done a good job of spending down STP money. She said that TDOT may be able to provide some CMAQ funding and would want to see the funds for the projects obligated by September 2010.

## **4. Letter regarding Chapman Highway (US 441) in Blount, Knox and Sevier Counties**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** The TPO received a copy of a letter from State Sen. Jamie Woodson to TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely requesting improvements to Chapman Highway to ensure the safety of those traveling this state highway. In 2007 a Chapman Highway Corridor Improvement Study was completed by a consultant for TDOT. This study recommended a number of short-term traffic solutions that would improve safety and facilitate traffic flow throughout the corridor.

**Attachment # 4 - Copy of Letter from State Sen. Jamie Woodson**

Jeff Welch stated that State Sen. Woodson sent a letter to Commissioner Nicely regarding the Chapman Highway Corridor Improvement Study. She supports improving safety on Highway 441 (Chapman Highway) in Sevier and Knox County. TPO and local governments needs to identify priority projects along Chapman Highway.

**5. Other Business**

**Attachment #5a - Tour De Lights Holiday Bicycle Ride - Wednesday, December 16, 7 p.m. at Market Square in Downtown Knoxville.**

Jeff Welch announced the tour and invited anyone who wants to participate to join the ride.

**Attachment #5b – 2010 schedule of meetings.**

**6. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.