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**TPO Technical Committee
August 14, 2007
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

9:00-9:05

1. Approval of July 10, 2007, Minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Darryl Smith, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of July 10, 2007, TPO Technical Committee minutes.

Background: **Attachment #1 – July 10, 2007, Minutes.**

9:05-9:10

2. Recommend Approval of Public Participation Plan

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Federal legislation passed in 2005 (SAFETEA-LU) requires some changes to the public participation process. These mandated changes place an increased emphasis on particular elements such as involving an expanded list of interested parties, increasing interagency consultation and emphasizing visualization techniques and electronically accessible information. TDOT and FHWA have reviewed the draft plan.

Background: **Attachment #2a – Draft Public Participation Plan.**

Attachment #2b – Recommended Language Change.

Attachment #2c – Comments from Public Meetings.

9:10-9:15

3. Recommend Approval of Prospectus

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The prospectus outlines the roles and responsibilities of the participants in the TPO planning process. In addition major issues facing the TPO are briefly discussed. The prospectus will also include the bylaws for the TPO committees and agreements between agencies.

Attachment #3 – Prospectus.

Background: According to SAFETEA-LU legislation, the prospectus can substitute for individual agreements.

9:15-9:20

4. Recommend Approval of Conformity Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Attached is a slightly revised MOA between the TPO, TDOT and LAMTPO that specifies that the Knoxville TPO will be responsible for performing the regional conformity determinations on our Long Range Plans and TIPs. It is updated to reflect the PM2.5 nonattainment area designation and it also removes some of the dates that were included in the previous MOA that were specifically related to completing the first conformity determination during the previous go around. **Attachment #4 – MOA.**

Background: The original MOA was adopted by the Board in the fall of 2004.

9:20-9:25

5. Recommend Approval of Amendments to the 2007 Unified Planning Work Program

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: By the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30, the TPO anticipates cost overruns for two tasks: Public Involvement and Long Range Planning. Staff is recommending moving funds from two other task items, Management Systems and Direct Charges, to cover these anticipated cost overruns. The attached Tables reflect the changes to be made. **Attachment #5 – Memo and Amended Budget Tables**

Background: The contract between the TPO and TDOT stipulates that budget amendments greater than 15% be approved by the TPO Board.

9:25-9:35

6. Status of 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The 2008-2011 TIP documents how federal and state funds will be expended on highway and public transportation projects in the urban area. In response to SAFETEA-LU planning regulations an MPO's long range

transportation plan must be compliant to the planning regulations. Numerous changes were made to the plan to become in compliance. Some adjustments were made to the highway project schedule in recognition of higher construction costs and slower implementation.

Background: SAFETEA-LU requires a four-year TIP that is financially constrained. We have also included TDOT's proposed 2008-2011 list of projects for the regional area. The last update to the LRTP was in March of 2006.

9:35-9:40 **7. TDOT LRTP Update and STIP Availability**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TDOT Staff

Item Summary: The state is updating its LRTP and creating a STIP for FY 2008-2011. Appropriate TDOT staff will be available at the Region 1 office on Tuesday, August 21 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. to answer questions and accept comments on the STIP. **Attachment #6 – TDOT Notice of Public Review**

9:40-9:55 **8. Review of Research on the Effectiveness of In-street Crosswalk Signs**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: TPO staff worked with City of Knoxville Engineering staff to study the impact of an in-street crosswalk sign on driver yielding behavior. The positive results have led to more funding for the signs and plans by the city to install them at other mid-block crosswalks. **Attachment #7 – In-street Crosswalk Signs Study**

Background: The in-street crosswalk signs studied have been used successfully in several other cities, including Atlanta and Madison, Wisconsin.

9:55-10:00 **9. Other Business**

Technical Committee Meeting, September 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.

Executive Board Meeting, August 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building

10:00-10:05 **10. Public Comment**

Members of the public may address the Technical Committee with a five-minute time limitation.

10:05 **11. Adjournment**