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TPO Technical Committee
April 14, 2009
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

5 min.

1. Approval of March 10, 2009, Minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: John Lamb, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of March 10, 2009, TPO Technical Committee minutes.

Background: **Attachment #1, March 10, 2009, Minutes**

5 min.

2. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff has submitted a draft 2010 UPWP to TDOT and FHWA. If there are any planning studies that your jurisdiction is interested in please let us know as soon as possible. There will be additional time to add to the UPWP over the next couple of months.

Background: **Attachment #2: TDOT TPR Flowchart**

10 min.

3. Complete Streets

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The Regional Complete Streets Study is winding down, with draft plans for both corridors completed, and the generic guidelines in progress. In other complete streets news, the Complete Streets Act of 2009 has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Background: Draft Complete Streets corridor plans are available at www.knoxtrans.org. **Attachment #3a - Summary of Complete Streets Act.**
Attachment #3b - full text of Complete Streets Act.

10 min.

4. Long Range Mobility Plan Update and Draft Conformity Analysis

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

a. Item Summary: TDOT has completed their review of the Draft 2009-2034 Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan. Staff has responded to the comments and resubmitted the draft plan to TDOT. The plan should be submitted to FHWA shortly. Staff has also completed the final round of public meetings. The Draft is available on the TPO's website and through a document-sharing site. A brief presentation will also be made on the draft conformity analysis.

Attachment #4: Executive Summary Draft Conformity Analysis

b. Background: The Plan is updated every four years and is scheduled for approval by the Technical Committee on May 12 and adoption by the Board on May 27. The Draft Plan is open for public review and comment until May 27, 2009.

10 min.

5. Economic Stimulus Program

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff will discuss the latest information on the Economic Stimulus program or American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Background: The TPO Board has approved the Technical Committee recommended list of projects to be funded with ARRA dollars.

10 min.

6. Discussion of Surface Transportation Program (STP) Fund Balance

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The Knoxville TPO is carrying a fund balance of \$27,409,141. This represents almost 4 years of STP allocation. In the attached letter and a conference call with TDOT on Feb. 13, 2009, TDOT is asking for a plan of action on how we will spend down this balance. There is no immediate threat of losing any of these federal funds.

Background: Staff will present a proposal to the Technical Committee at the meeting.

10 min.

7. Challenges Implementing Greenway and Sidewalk Projects

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: At the Great Smoky Mountains Regional Greenway Council, representatives of several local governments have raised concerns about the many hoops to be jumped through to construct greenway and sidewalks with federal funding. The Council would like to start a dialogue among TDOT, local governments and the TPO concerning this issue.

5 min.

8. U.S. House of Representatives High Priority Transportation Projects Application

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

a. Item Summary: The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) is developing a process whereby all Representatives will be able to submit new "high priority projects" for the next surface transportation act. These are taking the place of "earmarks". The attachment explains how the process will work. Each proposed project must have a fairly detailed submittal to get into the system. Note that requests must be received between April 27 and May 8.

Attachment #5: U.S. House T&I Committee letter/guidance.

5 min.

9. Other Business

- **Technical Committee Meeting, May 12 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.**
- **Executive Board Meeting, May 27 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.**

5 min.

10. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Technical Committee with a five minute time limitation for each person.

11. Adjournment