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**TPO Technical Committee
October 13, 2009
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

5 min.

1. Approval of September 8, 2009, Minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: John Lamb, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of September 8, 2009, TPO Technical Committee minutes.

Attachment #1 – September 8, 2009, minutes.

15 min.

2. Discussion of the Potential Impact the Rescission Will Have on the TPO Area

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

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 at least \$14.5 million of STP funds, and several hundred thousand dollars of CMAQ and MPO planning funds. As it becomes available more information will be distributed at the Technical Committee meeting.

Attachments #2a, b, and c - TDOT's preliminary estimate of the reduction in funding for program areas statewide and for urban areas.

- 5 min** **3. Consideration of Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Regarding Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds (CMAQ) funds**
 Action Possible Action Discussion Information
Presenter: TPO Staff
Item Summary: **Attachment #3 – Staff recommends postponement until the impact of the rescission can be assessed.**
- 10 min.** **4. Recommend Approval of TPO Priority Project List to be submitted to TDOT and Area State Legislators**
 Action Possible Action Discussion Information
Presenter: TPO Staff
 Annually the TPO sponsors a meeting with our State legislators and TDOT Administration to discuss our major transportation issues and projects.
Background: **Attachments #4a and #4b reflect what was approved by the TPO last year and updated to reflect current status in the TIP.**
- 10 min.** **5. Report on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Projects**
 Action Possible Action Discussion Information
Presenter: TPO Staff
Item Summary: The TPO received approximately \$13 million of ARRA funds this past spring. Staff will provide an update on the status of the projects approved by the TPO. Report will be distributed at the meeting.
- 5 min** **6. Presentation of a Proposal to Set Aside a Portion of Annual STP Funds for Complete Streets Projects**
 Action Possible Action Discussion Information
Presenter: TPO Staff
Item Summary: This program will further the work begun with the TPO’s Regional Complete Streets Study by providing a steady funding stream for projects that promote pedestrian and bicycle safety and accessibility.
Attachment # 5 – Draft program
- 5 min.** **7. Other Business**
- **Executive Board Meeting, October 28 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building**
 - **Technical Committee Meeting, November 10 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building**
- 5 min.** **8. Public Comment**
 Members of the public may address the Technical Committee with a five-minute time limitation for each person.
- 9. Adjournment**