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PLEASE NOTE: MEETING LOCATION CHANGE – DIRECTIONS AT END OF AGENDA

TPO Technical Committee

November 9, 2010

9 a.m.

Knoxville Station Transit Center Training Room

301 Church Avenue

Knoxville, Tennessee

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

5 min.

1. Approval of September 14, 2010 minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: John Lamb, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of September 14, 2010 TPO Technical Committee minutes. **Attachment #1.**

5 min.

2. Update on Current and New Congestion Management and Air Quality Projects (CMAQ)

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Updates will be given on both the current and the new CMAQ projects. The new projects were just announced by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). Overview tables are included as attachments. Please review these tables for accuracy and be prepared to discuss any current projects' status. **Attachment #2 - CMAQ Tracking Spreadsheet and Attachment #3 - New Knoxville Area CMAQ Projects.**

Background: CMAQ is a funding source for transportation projects that help improve air quality and congestion. The TPO staff and jurisdictions are charged with monitoring project implementation and overall success. Both staff and TPO Technical Committee members will provide updates on current CMAQ projects. Also, the TDOT just announced a list of new projects in the TPO area to be funded with CMAQ. The TPO staff will review the new list of projects with the Technical Committee.

5 min.

3. Update on Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) Initiatives and Activities

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Cindy McGinnis

Item Summary: KAT has recently undertaken several initiatives and activities. General Manager of KAT, Cindy McGinnis will update the TPO Technical Committee on some of the recent successes and what can be expected from KAT in the future.

Background: KAT receives both Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds from the TPO for capital related projects. Some of the initiatives and activities being discussed were funded through the TPO.

5 min.

4. Overview of the Knoxville Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) New Freedom and Volunteer Assisted Transportation Programs

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Warren Secrest

Item Summary: CAC has implemented several programs including the Volunteer Assisted Transportation (VAT) program. Warren Secrest will give an overview including how successful CAC has been in providing resources for citizens who have no other transportation choices.

Background: Through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5317 New Freedom program, the TPO has awarded CAC funding to help implement these programs.

5 min.

5. Overview of the Knoxville Regional Plan for Sustainable Development

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The City of Knoxville working with the Knoxville Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) and the TPO staff and other local governments has been awarded a \$4.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop a comprehensive plan for a sustainable East Tennessee. The regional plan will address a wide range of issues including air and water quality, economic and workforce development, healthy living, housing issues, land use and transportation. The Plan will focus on getting local governments and key organizations in Knox, Blount, Anderson, Union, and Loudon Counties to develop the region's capacity to work together for a more sustainable future. The TPO staff will seek to utilize the work-efforts, the public participation, and the results as key inputs into shaping the next Mobility Plan update.

Background: MPC prepared the application that the City of Knoxville Community Development Department filed on behalf of a consortium of organizations from across the Knoxville Metropolitan Statistical Area. Besides the cities and county governments within this area the group also includes the University of Tennessee, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, MPC, Knoxville Area Urban League, East Tennessee Community Design Center, East Tennessee Development District, Knoxville's Community Development Corporation,

Maryville College, and the East Tennessee Quality Growth Organization. The grant will be administered by the City of Knoxville Community Development Department and MPC will be the lead planning agency and will oversee the planning process. More information including the grant application can be found on the TPO website at www.knoxtrans.org.

5 min.

6. Other business

Technical Committee Meeting, December 14 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County

Special Called Executive Board Meeting – December (Date/Time TBD)

Please note: There most likely will need to be a special called Executive Board meeting in December to adopt the new CMAQ projects into the Transportation Improvement Program.

5 min.

7. Public comment

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

8. Adjournment

9. Tour of Knoxville Station

Directions to Knoxville Station

Parking Instruction – You can park at the Knoxville Coliseum parking garages. Please inform the attendant you are going to a meeting a KAT and there will be no charge. The training room is to your immediate right as you enter Knoxville Station’s main public entrance off of the Church Avenue Bridge.

KAT is located at 301 Church Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37915. For information or additional directions you can call KAT information services at 865-637-3000 any time of day.

The Knoxville Coliseum Parking garages are located a half-a-block east at 500 Howard Baker Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37915.

I-40 East or West

From I-40 East or West take exit 388 (James White Parkway). Merge onto the James White Parkway and take the next right (Summit Hill Drive Exit). From the Summit Drive Exit take a left onto Summit Hill Drive. Then, take the next right onto Hall-of-Fame Drive. As you descend from the hill on Hall-of-Fame Drive, you will come to the Church Avenue signalized intersection. KAT will be on the right, but the Coliseum and parking garages will be to your left. Take a left onto Church Avenue (Howard Baker Jr. Avenue). The entrance into the garages will be on your left.

I-75 South

Stay on I-75 South as it merges into I-275 South. From I-275, as you approach downtown Knoxville, take I-40 East. Go approximately ½ mile and take exit 388 (James White Parkway). Merge onto the James White Parkway and take the next right (Summit Hill Drive Exit). From the Summit Drive Exit take a left onto Summit Hill Drive. Then, take the next right onto Hall-

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Alcoa Highway

Take the Neyland Drive Exit immediately after crossing the Buck Karns Bridge. Travel Neyland Drive, pass the University of Tennessee, and keep proceeding towards Knoxville's downtown. As you get near the downtown, continue on past Calhoun and as you come around the curve take the Hall-of-Fame Drive exit. Turn left from the exit onto Hall-of-Fame Drive. At the signalized intersection of Hall-of-Fame Drive and Church Avenue (Howard Baker Jr. Boulevard), KAT offices will be across the street to your left and the Knoxville Coliseum and the parking garages will be to your right. Take a right onto Church Avenue (Howard Baker Jr. Boulevard) the parking garages entrance will be on your left.