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TPO Technical Committee
June 14, 2011
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

1. Approval of April 12, 2011 minutes

- Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Andrew Sonner, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of April 12, 2011, TPO Technical Committee minutes.
Attachment #1.

2. Recommend Approval of Amendments to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Resolution adopting the conformity determination to an amendment to the Long Range Mobility plan and TIP.

- Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The following Amendments to the TIP were requested by our state or local governments and staff recommends approval.

- a. **Add TIP Project #2011-079** (Maynardville Highway from Temple Acres Drive to Union County line) with \$7,311,700 (*\$5,849,360 federal and \$1,462,340 state*) total HPP funds and \$21,688,300 (*\$17,350,640 federal and \$4,337,660 state*) total STP funds for CON work in 2012. Project description is to widen Maynardville Highway (SR-33) to 4/5 lanes from Temple Acres Drive to Union County line.
- b. **Amend TIP Project #2011-048** (Pleasant Ridge Road) by increasing total funding from \$100,000 L-STP funds for OVRRUN work in 2011 to \$1,349,000 (*\$1,079,200 federal and \$269,800 local*) funds for OVRRUN working 2011. This is to cover cost overruns on the project. The total project cost changed from \$100,000 to \$11,500,000.
- c. **Add TIP Project #2011-080** (Communications Study & Signal Timing Optimization) with \$100,000 total CMAQ funds for PE-D. The project is to develop a plan to upgrade signal timing at 11 intersections in Lenoir City and to prepare a Citywide Communications Master Plan.

d. Resolution adopting the conformity determination to an amendment to the Long Range Mobility plan and TIP. **Attachment #2.**

3. Recommend approval of Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects to be submitted to TDOT for possible funding

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The TPO is required to submit applications to TDOT by July 1, 2011, to be considered for CMAQ funding. There is approximately \$20 million of CMAQ funds available statewide. Staff has received 12 applications totaling \$8.4 million for the first fiscal year.

Attachment #3a is a summary of the submitted applications. **Attachment #3b** is a summary of the air quality benefits for each project. **Attachment #3c** is a copy of each application.

4. State 3-Year/TIP Comparison

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: TPO Staff has prepared a comparison of highway related projects that is in the recently approved TDOT 2012-2012 Multimodal Transportation Program and the 2011-2014 Regional TIP.

Attachment #4 - Summary Table Comparison

5. 2012/2013 Unified Planning Work Program Draft – New projects/tasks

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: A preliminary work program has been submitted to TDOT and FHWA for compliance review. Staff is seeking requests for any special planning studies or Transportation Planning Reports that the TPO and TDOT should consider in the upcoming 2012 Work Program. *Requests should be submitted by Friday, July 1, 2011, to staff.*

6. Expansion of the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundaries

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: TPO staff and Technical Committee were directed by the Board to reassess the Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries for consideration of expansion of those boundaries. Staff has used as a starting point for this assessment the entire combined Statistical Area (the Knoxville MSA and adjacent counties). Staff will present preliminary maps and an initial assessment at this meeting.

7. Project Action

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Easter Seals Project Action has selected Knoxville as one of ten cities to participate in the Accessible Transportation Coalitions Initiative (ATCI). An application prepared by the TPO, KAT, City of Knoxville, and Knox County CAC Transit was selected through a competitive process. This group continues to work together with Project Action to plan the event. ATCI will help establish a coalition of advocates which seek to improve accessible transportation options for people with disabilities. Project Action staff will facilitate a two-day event with a group of approximately 25 persons who are interested in accessible

transportation issues. As part of this event, the group will help update the TPO's Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan. The facilitators will also help provide the coalition with tools and strategies to continue working together once the event is over. The two day event is tentatively scheduled for September 21 and 22 of 2011.

8. Regional Transit Corridor Analysis Project Update

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The TPO has received a grant from the TDOT to prepare a Regional Transit Corridor Analysis. The TPO has selected a consultant team to assistance with this effort. The study will look at a variety of corridors in the Region to determine if any can support higher capacity transit in the future. Higher capacity transit could include a variety of options, from very frequent bus service, to Bus Rapid Transit, to possibly passenger rail. The project is officially getting underway and staff will provide an overview of the scope-of-work and update the Technical Committee on recent activities.

9. Update on PlanET Planning Project

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff will give an update on the progress to date that the PlanET Consortium has made over the last 5 months.

10. Other business

- Executive Board Meeting, June 22, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building
- Technical Committee Meeting, July 12, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

11. Public comment

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

12. Adjournment