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TPO Technical Committee
September 13, 2011
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

1. Approval of August 9, 2011 minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Andrew Sonner, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of August 9, 2011, TPO Technical Committee minutes.

Attachment #1.

2. Recommend Approval of Amendments to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (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. Amend TIP Project #2011-016 (I-40 Auxiliary Lane). Added \$1,200,000 total funds (\$1,080,000 federal and \$120,000 state) to FY 2012 for CON. **Attachment #2a.**
- b. Amend TIP Project #2011-017 (I-40 Weigh Station Ramp Extension). Added \$1,200,000 total funds (\$1,080,000 federal and \$120,000 state) to FY 2012 for CON.
Attachment #2b.
- c. Delete TIP Project #2011-039 (SR-336 Montvale Rd). The widening of Montvale Rd from 2 lanes to 3 for a center turn lane is being replaced with project #2011-082 and therefore deleted from the FY 2011-2014 TIP. **Attachment #2c.**
- d. Add TIP Project #2011-082 (Montvale Station Rd. to Lamar Alexander Pkwy.) Add total funds of \$250,000 (\$200,000 federal and \$50,000 state) to FY 2012 for PE-D and total funds of \$750,000 (\$600,000 federal and \$150,000 state) to FY 2012 for PE-N for the widening of this 0.6 mile section to 3-lanes. **Attachment #2d.**
- e. Add TIP Project #2011-081 (Tazewell Pk. and Emory Rd. Intersection Improvements). Add total funds of \$600,000 (\$480,000 federal and \$120,000 state) to FY 2012 for ROW work for intersection improvements. **Attachment #2e.**

3. Prioritization of TPO Area Highway Projects Requested by TDOT

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO and TDOT Staff

Item Summary: TDOT has requested that MPOs and TPOs provide additional input on what the priorities for phases of major highway projects, funded and managed by TDOT, should be over the next three years. These are the types of projects that are submitted each year for legislative approval. This does not include urban area STP, bridge or safety related funded projects. TDOT provided TPO staff with a list of what they perceive to be the next phases of major projects to be funded. There are two sets of projects that need to be prioritized. The first are those projects phases identified for FY 2013 and the second is for those projects phases identified for FY 2014 and 2015. For information purposes only TDOT included information on major projects that are totally funded. TDOT will provide project cost data. TPO staff is gathering further information on the projects to assist in the decision making process. The TPO is asked to return our priority list to TDOT by mid-January. **Attachment #3a: Draft Candidates for 3-Year TDOT Major Highway Program. Attachment #3b: December 2010 TPO Priority Projects Request**

4. Expansion of Metropolitan Planning Area Boundaries to Include the City of Oak Ridge

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: At the August 24th TPO Executive Board meeting the following motion was passed: “Request TPO Staff and Technical Committee to initiate the process to expand the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundaries to include the City of Oak Ridge, and to postpone further analysis or discussion on MPA boundary expansion until new Census Urbanized Areas are released in 2012, and further, to integrate analysis of MPA boundary expansion in relation to the MSA as part of the PlanET process with release of new MSA designations based on the 2010 Census.”

Staff has not had time to prepare a technical report supporting the inclusion of Oak Ridge in the MPA boundaries or the proposed Bylaw amendments that would formally include the City of Oak Ridge on the Technical Committee and Executive Board. This will be done for the October meeting.

There are still some outstanding issues that the TPO needs to address including whether urban area STP funds can be spent outside of the Knoxville Urban Area.

5. Planning Study Updates

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Intelligent Transportation System Architecture

Overview of Freight Performance Measures Workshop

Performance Measures Incorporated into the Planning and Programming Process

Results of Incident Management Self Assessment

6. Other Business

U.S. Department of Transportation proposes to eliminate most deadlines for Replacing Traffic Signs-Proposed rule simplifies requirements and reduces burden on local governments. **See Attachment #4.**

The President has directed the EPA to withdraw the draft Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards at this time. Work is already underway to update a 2006 review of the science that will result in the reconsideration of the ozone standard in 2013.

- Executive Board Meeting, September 28, at 9 a.m. in the **MAIN** Assembly Room of the City County Building
- Technical Committee Meeting, October 11, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building
- TDOT Project Tour Region 1 – September 27-30. More detailed information to follow.
- PlanET Kickoff Event, Tuesday, October 11, 2011. The event will be held on Market Square in Downtown Knoxville. More information to follow.

7. Public comment

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

8. Adjournment