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**TPO Technical Committee**  
**April 16, 2013**  
**9 a.m.**  
**Small Assembly Room**  
**City/County Building**  
**Knoxville, Tennessee**

**AGENDA**

**Determination of Quorum**

**1. Approval of March 12, 2013 Minutes**

- Action       Possible Action       Discussion

**Presenter: Cindy Pionke, Chair**

**Item Summary:** Approval of March 12, 2013 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

**Attachment #1 - March 12, 2013 Minutes**

**2. Recommended Approval of Amendments to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

- Action       Possible Action       Discussion

**Presenter: TPO Staff**

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

**Attachment #2a - TIP Amendment 2011-020 (Cumberland Ave (US-70/11 and SR-1) Phase I) and TIP Amendment 2011-088 (Cumberland Ave (US-70/11 and SR-1) Phase II)** - Amend the project by splitting it into two phases. The first project phase is 2011-020 and runs from Alcoa Hwy to 22nd Street. The second project phase is new project 2011-088 and runs from 22nd Street to 16th Street. Amend project 2011-020 by moving \$4,200,000 (\$3,360,000 federal and \$840,000 local) in L-STP funds from FY 2011 and 2012 to FY 2013 for utility work (gas, water, sewer, storm water), signal poles, widened sidewalks to University Commons and Tyson Park, and repaving/striping work where the street will maintain its existing cross section; it may also include a westbound right turn lane at the Alcoa Hwy intersection. Move the remaining \$10,400,000 in L-STP funds from project 2011-020 to FY 2014 in project 2011-088, along with an additional \$2,432,831 in L-STP funds for a total project cost of \$12,832,831 (\$10,266,265 federal and \$2,566,566 local). It is to include the road diet and major streetscape work.

**Attachment #2b - Short Conformity Report for April 2013 Knoxville Regional TPO TIP Amendment**

### 3. Recommended Approval of the 2040 Regional Mobility Plan

Action       Possible Action       Discussion

**Presenter: TPO Staff**

**Item Summary:** TPO staff presented an overview of the Draft 2040 Regional Mobility Plan and Air Quality Conformity on March 12, 2013. TPO released a first draft of the Plan on December 6, 2012. On February 27, 2013, a second draft was released that reflected comments from TDOT, and on April 3, 2013 a final draft was released that reflected comments from the public, FHWA, and FTA. From March 1 to April 1, 2013, the Draft Plan was released for public comment.

Public comments indicate that the first chapter was useful in helping the public to better understand the TPO process, however overall half continue to find the Plan difficult to read. To address this, TPO staff is working on an Executive Summary to assist users to catch the high points of the Plan without being bogged down in some of the dense details. In addition, staff received a comment that the Pellissippi Pkwy extension should not be pursued but that we should prioritize fixing existing roads first.

Federal review only brought seven required changes, including minor map changes, additional citations, minor language changes, and changes in funding allocations – none of which required changes to the project lists. FHWA and FTA also included numerous questions, comments, and suggestions. TPO staff responded to each and worked to make as many changes as feasible, however none of the changes were substantive in nature. Additional changes ranged from additional or clarified language to the addition of maps and numerous links to TPO work online. Staff recommends approval of the 2040 Regional Mobility Plan.

**Public Comment:** Prior to action on the Mobility Plan, members of the public may address the Technical Committee with a five-minute time limitation for each person.

### 4. Recommended Approval of the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2040 Regional Mobility Plan

Action       Possible Action       Discussion

**Presenter: TPO Staff**

**Item Summary:** Air quality conformity of new transportation plans is required due to the Knoxville Region's status as an air quality nonattainment area for ozone and PM2.5. The TPO staff has prepared a report that demonstrates that the 2040 Regional Mobility Plan and 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program meet air quality conformity requirements from the EPA Clean Air Act. A regional emissions analysis was conducted which determined that the implementation of projects included in the 2040 Regional Mobility Plan will not cause or contribute to any new violations of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), increase the frequency or severity of NAAQS violations; or delay timely attainment of the NAAQS. Staff recommends approval.

**Attachment #3 - Conformity Determination Executive Summary**

### 5. Summary of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects Submitted

Action       Possible Action       Discussion

**Presenter: TPO Staff**

**Item Summary:** The TPO received a total of 49 project applications for the upcoming FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A list summarizing those preliminary applications will be handed out to the committee for review. Staff will prioritize the projects and make recommendations for funding.

## 6. Summary of Transportation Alternatives Program Projects Submitted

Action       Possible Action       Discussion

**Presenter: TPO Staff**

**Item Summary:** The TPO put out a call for projects for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding, and received eight applications for funding that meet the criteria for the program. Staff will prioritize the projects and make recommendations for funding.

**Attachment #4 - TAP Application Summary**

## 7. Other Business

- The public is invited to attend a retirement reception honoring Barbara Monty, Director of CAC's Office on Aging. The reception is being held this afternoon, April 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue.
- Taxes, Green Vehicles and the Death of Tennessee Transportation Panel Discussion - Wednesday, April 17, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Toyota Auditorium, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy
- PlanET is hosting Chuck Morohn from Strong Towns on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event is scheduled to take place in the Goins Building Auditorium on the Hardin Valley campus of Pellissippi State Community College. This will be the first in a series of speakers hosted by PlanET.

**Attachment #5 – Curbside Chat Flyer**

- Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, April 24, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.
- Technical Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 14, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

## 8. Public comment

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

## 9. Adjournment