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**TPO Technical Committee
February 13, 2007
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

9:00-9:05

1. Approval of November 14 , 2006 Minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Scott Poland, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of November 14, 2006 TPO Technical Committee minutes.

Background: **Attachment #1 – November Minutes.**

9:05-9:10

2. Draft FY 2008 TPO Work Program

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The TPO staff will be submitting an early draft of the FY2008 Work Program for TDOT's review in mid February. We are asking for your assistance in identifying any special studies or Transportation Planning Reports you would like to see undertaken in your jurisdiction next year.

Background: The TPO must prepare an annual work program that outlines planning projects and studies to be undertaken.

9:10-9:20

3. Amendments to the FY2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

a. Modifying Tazewell Pike/Beverly Rd. Intersection Improvements (2006-073)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Change funding source from 20% local to 20% state and add PE and ROW phase to the TIP. **Attachments #2a1, 2a2.**

Background: This project includes a state highway and TDOT will assume the 20% match. The total project cost at this time remains the same.

b. Add \$398,000 to Concord Rd./Northshore Dr. Roundabout for Construction (2006-076)

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Estimates for construction of roundabout continue to increase. The latest local estimate is approximately \$800,000 and TDOT estimate is \$1 million. Staff is recommending a construction estimate of \$900,000. To accomplish this, funds from the CMAQ overrun bucket will need to be transferred to this project. Staff recommends moving a total of \$348,750 from FY 2006 and \$49,250 from FY 2007 CMAQ cost overruns buckets. Total transfer is \$398,000. **Attachments #2b1, 2b2, 2b3 & 2b4.**

Background: Total project cost is now estimated at \$900,000 (\$720,000 (CMAQ), \$180,000 (state)).

9:20-9:30

4. Endorsement of Commuter Transportation Assistance Program (CTAP) Application

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The TDOT Office of Public Transportation is taking applications for CTAP funds. CTAP is used to fund Travel Demand Management (TDM) strategies or programs. The TPO is submitting an application to help fund support activities for the Smart Trips program. Endorsement of application by the TPO Technical Committee is required.

Background: The TDOT Office of Public Transportation is making CTAP grants available statewide for each MPO area. The amount of funding available for each MPO area is up to \$50,000 a year for 2007 and 2008 for a maximum of \$100,000. CTAP has a very strict list of eligible activities and funds are to be used for TDM strategies or programs to help support local carpool, vanpool, or ridesharing efforts. TPO staff met with staff of KAT, Knox County CAC Transit, UT Commuter Pool/Tennessee Vans, and Smart Trips to brainstorm a list of possible projects to be funded with CTAP. The local CTAP application submitted will fund support activities for the Smart Trips program.

Attachment #3 - CTAP Application.

9:30-9:35

5. Knoxville Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Regional Architecture Update

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The Knoxville Regional TPO is charged with maintaining the Knoxville ITS Regional Architecture and must make updates every three years. This update includes all ITS measures that have been introduced since the Regional Architecture was developed and given to the TPO.

Background: The Knoxville ITS Regional Architecture was adopted by the TPO Executive Board on Oct. 26, 2005.

Attachment #4 – Knoxville ITS Regional Architecture Update Resolution.

9:35-9:40

6. Election of Officers

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Technical Committee Chair

Item Summary: The Bylaws of the Technical Committee require an annual election of officers: Chair and Vice Chair. The terms of office are for one year and an officer is eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. The bylaws require an election to be held at the first meeting of the year.

Background: Chair Scott Poland and Vice Chair Darryl Smith have served two one-year terms already.

9:40-9:55

7. Pedestrians and Bicyclists: Challenges and Opportunities

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: John Z Wetmore, Producer of "Perils for Pedestrians"

Item Summary: Mr. Wetmore will talk about "the three things pedestrians need."

Background: John Z Wetmore travels the world talking to planners and safety advocates about the obstacles pedestrians and bicyclists face and how those obstacles can be overcome. He produces the satellite, cable, and Internet series "Perils for Pedestrians." He's in Knoxville today to produce an episode about pedestrians and bicycle issues here. An archive of his shows can be found online at:

<http://video.google.com/videosearch?q=%22Perils+For+Pedestrians%22>.

More information about his work can be found on his website:

<http://www.pedestrians.org>.

Safe Routes to School Application Deadline is now March 15, 2007

www.tdot.state.tn.us/bikeped/saferoutes.htm

9:55-10:00 **8. Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation Workshop/Training**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Kelley Segars

Item Summary: TDOT and the TPO are holding a training workshop March 19-20 - "Designing Streets for Bicyclists and Pedestrians" - in Knoxville. The purpose is to train engineers on road design that complies with the TDOT and TPO policies on bicycle and pedestrian accommodation, meets ADA requirements, and increases the safety of all transportation modes.

Background: As walking and bicycling activity increases, our street system must safely accommodate these modes of transportation

10:00-10:10 **9. SAFETEA-LU Compliant Process**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO and TDOT Staff

Item Summary: Bringing our transportation planning process and plans into compliance with SAFETEA-LU continues to be a moving target. Staff will discuss our best estimate of when this will occur.

Background: On August 10, 2005 SAFETEA-LU was signed by the President. There have been several guides published and draft regulations but no final planning regulations have been issued. This leads to varying interpretations on what needs to be done and in what order etc.

10:10-10:15 **10. Public Comment**

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

10:15 **11. Adjournment**