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TPO Technical Committee

October 13, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, TN

AGENDA

Determination of a Quorum

1. Motion to Approve September 8, 2015 Minutes

Presenter: Cindy Pionke, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of September 8, 2015 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

[Attachment #1 - Draft September 8, 2015 Minutes](#)

2. Update on Section 5307 - Urban Area Transit Funding

Presenter: Doug Burton

Item Summary: Update on Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding

Staff will update the Technical Committee about the final funding being distributed to KAT, Knox County CAC Transit, and ETHRA. Section 5307 funding comes through the FTA to the urban area and can be used for operations or capital projects. The FTA recently released the final FY15 appropriation amount. This is a very late date as FY15 ended on September 30th. In May, the Executive Board endorsed the City of Knoxville's distribution plan, which included the possibility that funding could be adjusted once the final amount was known. The final appropriation was slightly more than forecasted. Mayor Rogero has approved dividing the extra funding and the remaining reserve dollars between all three transit agencies based on the approved distribution formula. However, these additional funds should be applied to the start of FY16 (October 1st) and should not be considered extra. Once the final FY16 appropriation is known, a decision can be made on whether this funding can be considered extra or not. An official TIP amendment does not need to occur as the Executive Board previously approved TIP sheets based on the original distribution plan. The new funding is within the range set by TDOT and FTA and will be done by staff as a TIP adjustment.

[Attachment #2A - Memorandum from TPO Staff on Final FTA Section 5307 Distribution](#)

[Attachment #2B - Updated Section 5307 Program of Projects Funding Table](#)

3. Update on Section 5339 - Bus & Bus Facilities Funding and Motion to Recommend Approval of Amendments to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Presenter: Doug Burton

Item Summary: Update on Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding

Section 5339 is funding that comes through the FTA to be used for the purchase of buses or capital improvements related to bus facilities. The FTA recently released the final FY15 appropriation, which was slightly higher than projected. In May, the Executive Board endorsed the City of Knoxville's distribution plan that awarded funds to KAT and ETHRA. Unfortunately, FTA notified ETHRA that it was not eligible. FTA said this determination was based on a technicality in the federal law. As KAT is the only agency currently eligible, Mayor Rogero, based on staff's input, is recommending all of the funds be allocated to KAT. ETHRA has submitted an official letter asking to return the funding to the City of Knoxville. TIP amendments must be approved to return ETHRA's funding and to re-appropriate it with any extra funding to KAT. Staff recommends Approval.

[Attachment #3A - Memorandum from TPO Staff on Final FTA Section 5339 Distribution](#)

[Attachment #3B - Letter from ETHRA Requesting Return of Section 5339 Funds](#)

[Attachment #3C - Updated Section 5339 Program of Projects Funding Table](#)

[Attachment #3D - Amendment 2014-223 \(KAT - Section 5339 Funds\)](#) - Amend the project by adding Section 5339 funds from project 2014-224 in the amount of \$150,000 in federal funds for FY 2014 and \$101,760 in federal funds for FY 2015. The new FY 2014 total is \$1,486,369 (\$1,189,095 federal, \$148,637 state, and \$148,637 local) and for FY 2015 the new total is \$870,131 (\$696,105 federal, \$87,013 state, and \$87,013 local). An additional \$954 in federal funds were added to FY 2015 based on the amount allocated in the federal register. The total project cost increased from \$2,040,607 to \$2,356,500.

[Attachment #3E - Amendment 2014-224 \(ETHRA – Section 5339 Funds\)](#) – Amend the project by deleting it from the TIP and transferring Section 5339 federal funds for FY 2014 in the amount of \$150,000 and FY 2015 in the amount of \$101,760 to project 2014-223 (KAT – Section 5339 Funds) in the TIP.

4. Motion to Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Presenter: Bryan Berry, TPO staff

Item Summary: Staff recommends approval.

[Attachment #4A - Amendment 2014-032 \(South Knoxville Waterfront Roadway Improvements\)](#) -

Amend the project by changing the project description to "The project consists of various roadway streetscape improvements to Sevier Avenue and adjacent side streets including Davenport Rd., Barber St., Phillips Ave. and Foggy Bottom St. to enhance connectivity with a new city park (Suttree Landing Park). The streetscape improvements consist of new/improved curbs and sidewalks, bike lanes, planters, pavement markings for on-street parallel parking and handicap access improvements. No additional lanes will be constructed. A roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of Foggy Bottom St. / Sevier Ave. / Island Home Ave." Amend the termini to read "Sevier Ave. from Davenport Rd. to new roundabout at Island Home Ave. (0.32 miles); Davenport Rd. / Phillips Ave. from Sevier Ave. to Barber St. (0.13 miles); Barber St. from Sevier Ave. to Waterfront Dr. (0.16 miles); Foggy Bottom St. / Phillips Ave. from Sevier Ave. to Langford Ave. (0.15 mile)". Amend the project length from 1.8 miles to 0.8 miles.

[Attachment #4B - Amendment 2014-238 \(Knox County CAC – Vehicle Camera Installation\)](#) -

Amend the project by adding it the TIP. Add \$160,000 in L-STP funds for FY 2016 to install cameras on at least 40 existing vehicles that provide demand response transportation within Knox County.

[Attachment #4C - Knox County CAC Letter of Request](#)

5. Presentation on the TPO Website's Updated Traffic Count Page

Presenter: Alex Zendel, TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff will demonstrate the TPO's recently updated Traffic Count page, located here: <http://knoxtrans.org/traffic-counts>.

6. Presentation on Public Rights of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)

Presenter: Eric Wilson, TDOT Region 1

Item Summary: An update on the standard the TDOT has adopted for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

7. Other Business

- The EPA announced a revision to the 8-hour ozone standard on October 1, 2015. The new standard will be set at 70 parts-per-billion (ppb).
[Attachment #5 - Revised Ozone Standard October 2015](#)
- Representatives from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will be in Knoxville December 7-9, 2015 for the 2016 Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review for the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 9:00 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