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**TPO Executive Board  
September 22, 2010**

**9 a.m.**

**Small Assembly Room  
City/County Building  
Knoxville, Tennessee**

**AGENDA**

**Determination of Quorum**

**Welcome New TPO Executive Board Members**

**Presenter:** Don Mull, Chair and Jeff Welch, TPO Director

New TPO Executive Board Members are:

Mayor Tim Burchett, Knox County

Commissioner Mike Hammond, Chair of Knox County Commission  
(previous Board member representing the East Tennessee Development  
District)

Mayor Estelle Herron, Loudon County

Mayor Ed Mitchell, Blount County

Commissioner Ed Shouse, Knox County Commission, representing the East  
Tennessee Development District (letter received September 14)

**5 min.**

**1. Approval of July 28, 2010 Minutes**

Action       Possible Action       Discussion       Information

**Presenter:** Don Mull, Chair

**Item Summary:** Approval of July 28, 2010, TPO Executive Board minutes.

**Attachment #1.**

**10 min.**

**2. Motion to approve a resolution adopting amendments to the 2009-2034  
Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan**

Action       Possible Action       Discussion       Information

**The Technical Committee recommends approval of the resolution.**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** MPOs shall amend the Long Range Transportation Plan  
(called the 2009-2034 Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan) as necessary to meet  
the community's needs and respond to changing federal legislation. In  
development of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP)

for both the Knoxville Regional TPO and the Lakeway Area Metropolitan TPO, it was determined that the overall long range transportation plan would need to be amended to meet the requirement that the projects included in the TIP are a direct subset of the conforming long range transportation plan. The Interagency Consultation Committee consisting of TDOT, FHWA, EPA, and others had no formal comments on these amendments. The amendments to the plan are available on the TPO website ([www.knoxtrans.org](http://www.knoxtrans.org)). **Attachment #2a - Resolution amending the 2009-2034 Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan.** **Attachment #2b - September 2010 Amendments to the 2009-2034 Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan.**

**Background:** The amendments to the plan are scheduled for adoption by the Board on September 22, 2010. The amendments are available for public review and comment until then. A public meeting was held September 9, 2010.

**10 min.**

**3. Motion to approve a resolution adopting the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program**

Action       Possible Action       Discussion       Information

**The Technical Committee recommends approval of the resolution.**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** Every two years a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is prepared by the TPO. The new TIP covers the fiscal years of 2011-2014. Comments from TDOT and FHWA have been addressed in the final draft TIP. The three enhancement projects just announced by the Governor are included in the TIP. **Attachment #3a - Resolution adopting the 2011-2014 TIP.** **Attachment #3b - 2011-2014 TIP background pages.** **Attachment #3c - 2011-2014 TIP project summary pages.** The entire TIP can be viewed on the TPO website ([www.knoxtrans.org](http://www.knoxtrans.org)).

**Background:** The new TIP is scheduled for adoption by the Board on September 22, 2010. The amendments are available for public review and comment until then. A public meeting was held September 9, 2010.

**5 min.**

**4. Motion to approve a resolution finding the 2009-2034 Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan as amended and the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program meet air quality conformity requirements**

Action       Possible Action       Discussion       Information

**The Technical Committee recommends approval of the resolution.**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** The conformity determination addresses the planned transportation improvements included in the 2009-2034 Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan as amended and covers the entire Knoxville Ozone and PM2.5 Nonattainment Areas. In conducting the analysis to determine conformity, the TPO staff used the latest emissions model approved by the EPA, and conformity was demonstrated using the required emissions tests. The 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program is a subset of the regional mobility plan and therefore is part of this conformity determination. **Attachment #4a - Resolution.** **Attachment #4b - Air Quality Conformity Determination Report.**

**Background:** The preparation of the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report was coordinated with stakeholder and regulatory agencies through the

Interagency Consultation process. The report is available on the TPO website ([www.knoxtrans.org](http://www.knoxtrans.org)).

5 min.

**5. Motion for approval of a certification that the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements**

Action       Possible Action       Discussion       Information

**The Technical Committee recommends approval of the resolution.**

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** This self-certification must be done every four years according to the Code of Federal Regulation - 23 CFR 450.334. **Attachment #5 - Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification.**

**Background:** The certification is to be included as part of the Transportation Improvement Program.

5 min.

**6. Discussion of the impact that the recent congressionally mandated \$2.2 billion rescission had on TDOT and the TPO**

Action       Possible Action       Discussion       Information

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** Tennessee was required to return \$45.9 million of unobligated transportation funds to the U.S. government. The sub-allocated Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds that the TPO receives were not subject to this rescission as well as some safety and rail crossing programs. TDOT returned funds from the following programs: Enhancement (\$21.75 million), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) (\$21.75 million), State Planning & Research (SPR) (\$2 million), and various other funding programs (\$400,000).

**Background:** TDOT was required to tell FHWA what program areas and the amount that each program area would be impacted by August 24<sup>th</sup>.

5 min.

**7. Summary of three applications that local jurisdictions submitted to compete for Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and/or US DOT funding programs**

Action       Possible Action       Discussion       Information

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** Three grant applications were submitted by local jurisdictions. Two were for U.S. Housing and Urban Development Community Challenge Grants and one was for a Regional Planning Grant:

- The City of Knoxville submitted a \$500,000 Community Challenge grant request for an I-275 Industrial Corridor Assessment and Planning Study. Funding would be used for planning, zoning changes, and environmental assessments. The City has committed a 20 percent match.
- The City of Oak Ridge submitted a \$750,000 Community Challenge grant request for the development of a multi-phased planning process that will result in a plan that addresses transit, infrastructure, and redevelopment needs and creates a form based code for the City of Oak Ridge. The City and its partners have committed to providing a 28.5 percent match.

- The City of Knoxville and MPC submitted a \$4.3 million grant request for the development of a comprehensive Regional Plan for Sustainable Development for the metropolitan statistical area. Consortium partners have committed to a 57 percent match of in-kind services.

5 min.

### 8. 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Highway Corridor Study (Savannah to Knoxville)

Action       Possible Action       Discussion       Information

**Presenter:** TPO Staff

**Item Summary:** On August 10, 2005, the legislation to study this corridor was signed into law as part of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). SAFETEA-LU does not designate the 3rd Infantry Division Highway as an interstate or future interstate. The legislation does, however, provide funding for a corridor study, "from Savannah, Georgia to Knoxville, Tennessee, by way of Augusta, Georgia." The initial phase of this project includes the study of preliminary corridor alignments and cost/data collection as well as input from the Expert Working Group and the public. Subsequent phases may include development of project impacts as well as long-term operations and maintenance costs if warranted. The TPO staff are participating on the Working Group. Additional information on this project can be found on the following website ([www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/sec1927corridors.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/sec1927corridors.htm)).

**Attachment #6 –Draft Initial Study Area Map of 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Highway.**

**Background:** The study will take approximately one year to complete. The study will then be sent to Congress pursuant to the legislative language. Whether or to what extent to use information will be the decision of State, regional, or local agencies.

5 min.

### 9. Other Business

Neighborhood Bike Ride 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, Saturday, October 2.  
Visit TPO website ([www.knoxtrans.org](http://www.knoxtrans.org))

Tennessee American Planning Association (TAPA) and the Tennessee Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (TSITE) Conference, September 29th-October 1st at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Downtown Knoxville ([www.tnapa.org](http://www.tnapa.org) for more information)

Tennessee Public Transportation Association (TPTA) Annual Conference, October 12th-15th at the Knoxville Downtown Hilton Hotel ([www.tntransit.org](http://www.tntransit.org) for more information)

Technical Committee Meeting, October 12 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

Executive Board Meeting, October 27 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

5 min.

### 10. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Executive Board with a time limitation of five minutes per person.

### 11. Adjournment