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TPO Executive Board

April 27, 2011

9 a.m.

Small Assembly Room

City/County Building

Knoxville, Tennessee

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

1. Approval of February 23, 2011, minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: Mike Hammond, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of February 23, 2011, TPO Executive Board minutes.

Attachment #1.

2. Approval of Resolution to Amend the FY 2011-12 Unified Planning Work Program

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: A consortium of partners representing the Knoxville MSA was successful in receiving funding from HUD to develop regional plan for livability. Staff for the Knoxville Regional TPO and Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission will lead the planning effort. As a result the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program needs to be amended to reflect this effort over the next several years. TPO staff time working on this effort will be used as leveraged resources to match HUD planning funds. No additional funds are coming to the TPO.

Background: **Attachment #2a – Resolution. Attachment #2b. Recommended Text Addition to the Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Transportation Planning Work Program**

3. Approval of a Resolution to Amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: **Attachment #3 – Resolution**

The following Amendments to the TIP were requested by our state or local governments.

- a. Add TIP Project 2011-324 (CMAQ Cost Overruns). This project is to cover cost overruns on project phases. **Attachment #3a.** This amendment is per TDOT's request.
- b. Amend TIP Project 2011-035 (Chapman Highway Improvements). Add a new phase under FY 2011 in the amount of \$1,149,850 for ROW & CONST. This amendment is per TDOT's request. **Attachment #3b.**

4. Approval of a motion to direct TPO staff to reassess the Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries for consideration of expansion of those boundaries and further the staff should use as a starting point for this assessment the entire combined Statistical Area (the Knoxville MSA and adjacent counties).

The TPO Technical Committee recommends approval of this motion.

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The City of Oak Ridge has sought a state law that would require the TPO to have a voting member from Oak Ridge on the TPO Executive Board. The TPO has its authority delegated by the U.S. Congress and federal regulations that define minimum responsibilities and requirements. Membership is more specifically defined by the Bylaws for the Executive Board and Technical Committee.

Federal regulations allow an MPO to expand its planning area boundaries to cover areas that may be urbanized in the next 20 years. In discussion of planning boundaries expansion with TDOT and FHWA it is recommended that the TPO review the overall planning area boundaries for consideration of expansion not just consider the Oak Ridge area. This process would be consistent with federal regulations.

If this motion is approved, staff will work towards bringing a recommendation to the Technical Committee and Executive Board meeting at their respective August meetings.

Attachment #4 – Federal Regulations defining metropolitan planning area boundaries. Specifically see section 450.312 (a) and (i).

5. Federal Funding and Legislation

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff will provide a brief overview of the discussion that is occurring at the federal level regarding federal transportation funding.

6. Other business

Technical Committee Meeting, May 10 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

Executive Board Meeting, May 25 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

7. Public comment

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

8. Adjournment