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TPO Executive Board
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9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

1. Approval of June 27, 2012 Minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Mike Hammond, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of June 27, 2012 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

Attachment #1 – June 27, 2012 Minutes

2. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Amend the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The following Amendment to the TIP was requested by our state or local governments and the Technical Committee recommends approval.

a. Add TIP Project 2011-087 (City of Knoxville greenway corridor feasibility and assessment). Amend the project by adding FY2013 L-STP funds in the amount of \$250,000 (\$200,000 federal and \$50,000 local). The City of Knoxville will use the funding to do assessment and routing studies of several greenway corridors that are in the Knoxville/Knox County Park, Recreation, and Greenway Plan. This will include analysis of existing and needed property or easements, preliminary environmental documentation, and preliminary design work.

Attachment #2a – Resolution

Attachment #2b – TIP Amendment 2011-087

3. Motion to Approve a Resolution Approving the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report for an Amendment to the Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation Organization (LAMTPO) 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The Lakeway Area MTPO is amending its 2011-2014 TIP to add funding for the Construction phase of a roadway project known as SR 66 Relocated from I-81 in Jefferson County to SR-160 in Hamblen County. Since this is an air quality non-exempt project within the Knoxville Ozone Maintenance Area, a transportation conformity determination is required. The TPO staff prepared a “short conformity report” that relies on a previous regional emissions analysis to demonstrate conformity for this project as it was already included in the current conforming Long Range Transportation Plan. Technical Committee recommends approval.

Attachment #3a – Resolution

Attachment #3b – Short Conformity Report

4. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Adopt the FY 2013 & FY 2014 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Technical Committee recommends adoption of the Draft FY 2013 & FY 2014 Transportation Planning Work Program.

Attachment #4a – Resolution

Attachment #4b - FY 2013 & FY 2014 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

5. Regional Greenway Planning Studies and Expenditure of Planning Funds Outside of the Current Metropolitan Planning Area.

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Discussion of request by Great Smoky Mountains Regional Greenway Council (RGC) for TPO planning funds to undertake three regional greenway planning studies over three years. The studies will be overseen by TPO staff, with local match paid by the RGC. Part of one of the greenway corridor studies (Blount County) is not in the Metropolitan Planning Area. Technical Committee approved the request.

Attachment #5 – Regional Greenway Planning Study

6. Regional Mobility Plan Updates

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff has been busy with many items pertaining to the Mobility Plan update, some of this work is reflected below.

- a. Updated Timeline and Outline – The Mobility Plan timeline and Outline has been updated to reflect needs from TDOT. Timeline changes include an earlier release of the Plan to allow 30 business days each for TDOT and FHWA review as well as time for staff changes. Outline changes include replacing the shorter document and technical appendices with a long document with all technical information included and a separate Executive Summary, which will be developed during review periods.

Attachment #6a – Mobility Plan Timeline and Outline

- b. Financial Assumptions – TPO and MPC have gathered data pertaining to project costs in order to develop assumptions for Mobility Plan projects. Based on this, it was decided that a two-phased approach seems most appropriate with both costs and revenues held lower in the first five years to reflect the recession then raised to reflect a business as usual environment.

Attachment #6b – Mobility Plan Financial Projections for Projects and Revenues

- c. Call for Projects – We formally opened the call for projects on July 20th and to allow 60 days to submit, the **call for projects will end on September 20th**. Information is available on the TPO website, was announced in local newspapers, and is available online or at the TPO office.
- d. Horizon Year Change – TPO staff determined that it would be beneficial to change the Mobility Plan update to a 2040 horizon year. This will reduce confusion in discussing population and employment projections, which go to 2040. In addition, a 2034 horizon would have only covered 21 years compared to 25 in our last update. This would have meant a much shorter list of fiscally constrained projects. Finally, with Lakeway MPO using a 2040 horizon, it is desirable to maintain a similar horizon, particularly for air quality conformity purposes. The branding and application and other documents were updated to 2040.
- e. Webpage and Documents Available – TPO staff has been working on putting content on the TPO website as a part of the Mobility Plan collection of products. To date this includes a collection of terms, acronyms, timeline, outreach schedule, vision, principles, and strategies, and project application. Many more products will be posted in the weeks and months to come. Any ideas on products to clarify the process are welcome.

7. Update on PlanET Process and Upcoming Meetings

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The 3rd round of the PlanET Working Groups Meetings occurred August 20th and 21st. The five Working Groups are Healthy Communities, Housing and Neighborhoods, Environment, Transportation and Infrastructure and Economy and Workforce. Additional workshops and a symposium will be scheduled later this fall.

8. Federal Legislation Update

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Congress passed a new 2-year transportation bill called Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). Staff will provide a brief overview of the new legislation.

Attachment # 7– Estimated Tennessee Apportionments for FY 2013 and FY 2114.

9. Other Business

TDOT Update

Commissioner Schroer’s Bus Tour for Region 1 will take place October 15th through the 18th.

Technical Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 11, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, September 26, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

10. Public comment

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

11. Adjournment