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TPO Asks for Public Input on Upcoming Projects

Knoxville, Tennessee – August 4, 2016 – The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is seeking input on proposed projects for the Draft 2040 Mobility Plan.

Every four years, the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization updates the Mobility Plan, and TPO staff and partners are currently working on the 2017 update. Developing the draft list for transportation projects through 2040 was a crucial first step for preparing this plan for approval. In order to receive federal funding, cities, counties, state and other agencies across the TPO's planning area submitted projects they want to be completed in the next twenty-three years. Staff received 180 projects, which they matched with funding and prioritized based on public input, staff scoring, and financial limitations.

A special online mapping application has been created to show projects that were submitted and allows users to select a project to learn about the details, requested and proposed funding amounts, and project schedule. Users can also submit comments on each project within this application by selecting "submit a comment" under either the project list or on the map. The input is then sent to TPO staff for review.

Following the public comment period, the list will be reviewed by the TPO Board and federal and state partners. The comment period will be open until August 31, and general comments about the draft project list can be emailed to mobility@knoxtrans.org. The list of projects will be finalized at the end of May 2017.

It should be noted that while not all submitted projects will be adopted into the 2040 plan, future funding from additional resources – local or additional federal funding that may become available for the next four-year update to the plan – could help them see completion in this timeframe.

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Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission

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