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TPO Executive Board
May 27, 2009
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

5 min.

1. Approval of April 22, 2009, Minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Don Mull, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of April 22, 2009, TPO Executive Board minutes.

Background: **Attachment #1 – April 22, 2009, Minutes**

10 min.

2. Approval of two Resolutions, one Adopting the 2009-2034 Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan Update and the second finding the 2009-2034 Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan and 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program meet air quality conformity requirements.

Staff and TPO Technical Committee recommend approval of both resolutions subject to any additional comments from FHWA and FTA.

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

a. Item Summary: MPOs must update the guiding long range transportation plan every four years as directed by SAFETEA-LU. This full update has gone through extensive public involvement over the last year including three rounds of public workshops. TDOT and FHWA/FTA have completed reviewing the Draft 2009-2034 Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan. Additionally, the Conformity Determination Report has been reviewed by the Interagency Consultation group. The Draft Plan is available

on the TPO's website (www.knoxtrans.org) and through a document-sharing site that can be accessed from the TPO website.

b. Background: The Draft Plan has been open for public review and comment for more than 30 days.

Attachment #2a – Comments from TDOT and disposition of these comments.

Attachment #2b - Comments from FHWA and disposition of these comments.

Attachment #2c – Resolution adopting the 2009-2034 Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan.

Attachment #2d - Resolution finding the 2009-2034 Knoxville Regional Mobility Plan and 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program meet air quality conformity requirements.

5 min.

3. Approval of a Resolution Amending the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

TPO Technical Committee recommends approval of the resolution.

Attachment #3 – Resolution.

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

a) Add TIP Project #2008-134 (add off ramp from southbound I-140 to Northshore Town Center) at no public expense.

Item Summary: TDOT and FHWA have approved the addition of a slip ramp requested by a private developer. The construction of this new off ramp will be at the developer's expense. FHWA is requiring that this project be in our TIP.

Background: **Attachment #3a - TIP Project #2008-134**

b) Adjust and amend the following TIP projects to add Section 5307 (Urbanized Area Formula Transit Grant Program) FY2009 Allocation

Adjust TIP Project #2008-074 (KAT Section 5307 Transit Funds) – delete FY2009 placeholder amount (\$4,000,000 Federal, \$500,000 state, \$500,000 local). Funds were amended into the following projects:

- Amend TIP Project #2008-110 (KAT - Transit Enhancements) – add FY2009 5307 funds (\$43,740 Federal, \$5,468 state, \$5,468 local). **Attachment #3b.**
- Amend TIP Project #2008-111 (KAT – Preventative Maintenance) – add FY2009 5307 funds (\$3,245,662 Federal, \$405,708 state, \$405,708 local). **Attachment #3c.**
- Amend TIP Project #2008-112 (KAT – ADA Non-Fixed Route) – add FY2009 5307 funds (\$437,400 Federal, \$54,675 state, \$54,675 local). **Attachment #3d.**

- Amend TIP Project #2008-113 (KAT – Transit Planning Activities) – add FY2009 5307 funds (\$227,200 Federal, \$28,400 state, \$28,400 local). [Attachment #3e.](#)
- Amend TIP Project #2008-115 (KAT – Farebox System Upgrade) – add FY2009 5307 funds (\$256,000 Federal, \$32,000 state, \$32,000 local). [Attachment #3f.](#)
- Amend TIP Project #2008-118 (KAT – System Security Cost (E911 Fees)) – add FY2009 5307 funds (\$52,000 Federal, \$6,500 state, \$6,500 local). [Attachment #3g.](#)
- Amend TIP Project #2008-122 (KAT – Closed Radio System) – add FY2009 5307 funds (\$100,000 Federal, \$12,500 state, \$12,500 local). [Attachment #3h.](#)
- Add TIP Project #2008-135 (KAT – Upgrade customer service phone system) – add FY2009 5307 funds (\$12,000 Federal, \$1,500 state, \$1,500 local). [Attachment #3i.](#)

c) Amend the following TIP project to add Section 5309 FY2009 Allocation of High Priority Project (HPP) funds.

Add TIP Project #2008-136 (KAT - Knoxville Station Automated Vehicle Locator System) – add FY2009 5309 funds (\$237,500 Federal). [Attachment #3j.](#)

5 min.

4. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the TPO, Knoxville Area Transit (KAT), and the Knoxville Transportation Authority (KTA)

TPO Technical Committee recommends approval of the Memorandum of Agreement.

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Federal transportation regulations (23 CFR 450.314 (a)) require a MOA between the local MPO (TPO) and the urban area public transit operator (KAT). The MOA specifies cooperation procedures for carrying out planning and programming, including agreeing to work together to maintain a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process. The KTA, the policy board that oversees KAT is part of this agreement. The KTA will consider the MOA at their Board meeting on May 28, 2009.

Background: [Attachment #4 – Memorandum of Agreement](#)

10 min.

5. Approval of a Resolution Requesting Tennessee’s Federal Representatives to sponsor legislation to fund a comprehensive study of a proposed “Steel Interstate” rail system pilot project between Knoxville, TN, and Harrisburg, PA, as a part of a National Steel Interstate System that would bring fast rail freight and passenger service to the nation.

TPO Technical Committee recommends approval of the resolution.

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The five-state I-81/I-40 Corridor between Harrisburg, PA, and Knoxville, TN, is one of the densest truck freight highways in the nation. A multi-state study is necessary in order to identify the feasibility of implementing high speed rail in this corridor for both freight and passenger trips.

Background: [Attachment #5a - Resolution and Attachment #5b - Background paper](#)

6. Approval of a Resolution Honoring the Achievements of W. Edward “Eddy” Ford III, former Mayor Town of Farragut

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: At the last meeting Board members requested a resolution be prepared and presented recognizing the achievements of Mayor Eddy Ford.

[Attachment #6 - Resolution](#)

5 min.

7. Discussion of \$1.5 billion ARRA Discretionary Grant Program

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: [Attachment #7 - Summary of Draft Program Guidelines](#)

Background: The U.S. Department of Transportation has released proposed guidelines to implement the \$1.5 Billion ARRA Discretionary Grant Program. Comments on the guidelines are due June 1, 2009 with applications for funding due September 15, 2009.

15 min.

8. Presentation of Complete Streets Study

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff and consultants from Gresham, Smith & Partners

Item Summary: Gresham, Smith is wrapping up work on the Complete Streets Study, which includes recommendations for two regional corridors and a set of guidelines for transforming other corridors into Complete Streets that are safe and accessible for all users.

5 min.

9. Other Business

- **Technical Committee Meeting, June 9 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building (may be cancelled)**
- **Transit Oriented Trip to Charlotte, NC, May 28-29 – [Attachment #8 – Flyer](#)**

- **Executive Board Meeting August 26 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building**

5 min.

11. Public Comment

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

12. Adjournment