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TPO Executive Board
April 24, 2013
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

1. Approval of March 27, 2013 Minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: Mayor Ralph McGill, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of March 27, 2013 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

Attachment #1 - March 27, 2013 Minutes

2. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Adopt the 2040 Regional Mobility Plan

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: TPO staff presented an overview of the Draft 2040 Regional Mobility Plan and Air Quality Conformity on March 27, 2013. TPO released a first draft of the Plan on December 6, 2012. On February 27, 2013, a second draft was released that reflected comments from TDOT. From March 1 to April 1, 2013, the Draft Plan was released for public comment. On April 3, 2013 a final draft was released that reflected comments from the public, FHWA, and FTA. This final draft is available at www.knoxtrans.org/mobilityplan.

Public comments indicate that the first chapter was useful in helping the public to better understand the TPO process, however overall half continue to find the Plan difficult to read. To address this, TPO staff is working on an Executive Summary to assist users to catch the high points of the Plan without being bogged down in some of the dense details. In addition, staff received a comment that the Pellissippi Pkwy extension should not be pursued but that we should prioritize fixing existing roads first.

Federal review only brought seven required changes, including minor map changes, additional citations, minor language changes, and changes in funding allocations – none of which required changes to the project lists. FHWA and FTA also included numerous questions, comments, and suggestions. TPO staff responded to each and worked to make as many changes as feasible, however none of the changes were substantive in nature. Additional changes ranged from additional or clarified language to the addition of maps and numerous links to TPO work online. Technical Committee recommends approval of the 2040 Regional Mobility Plan.

Attachment #2 – 2040 Regional Mobility Plan Resolution

Handout #2a – Mobility Plan Highlights

Public Comment: Prior to action on the Mobility Plan, members of the public may address the Executive Board with a five-minute time limitation for each person.

3. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Adopt the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2040 Regional Mobility Plan

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Air quality conformity of new transportation plans is required due to the Knoxville Region's status as an air quality nonattainment area for ozone and PM2.5. The TPO staff has prepared a report that demonstrates that the 2040 Regional Mobility Plan and 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program meet air quality conformity requirements from the EPA Clean Air Act. A regional emissions analysis was conducted which determined that the implementation of projects included in the 2040 Regional Mobility Plan will not cause or contribute to any new violations of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), increase the frequency or severity of NAAQS violations; or delay timely attainment of the NAAQS. Technical Committee recommends approval of the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2040 Regional Mobility Plan.

Attachment #3 – Air Quality Conformity Determination Resolution

Attachment #3a – Conformity Determination Executive Summary

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

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: TPO Staff

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

Attachment #4 – TIP Resolution

Attachment #4a – TIP Amendment 2011-020 (Cumberland Ave (US-70/11 and SR-1) Phase I) and TIP Amendment 2011-088 (Cumberland Ave (US-70/11 and SR-1) Phase II) – Amend the project by splitting it into two phases. The first project phase is 2011-020 and runs from Alcoa Hwy to 22nd Street. The second project phase is new project 2011-088 and runs from 22nd Street to 16th Street. Amend project 2011-020 by moving \$4,200,000 (\$3,360,000 federal and \$840,000 local) in L-STP funds from FY 2011 and 2012 to FY 2013 for utility work (gas, water, sewer, storm water), signal poles, widened sidewalks to University Commons and Tyson Park, and repaving/stripping work where the street will maintain its existing cross section; it may also include a westbound right turn lane at the Alcoa Hwy intersection. Move the remaining \$10,400,000 in L-STP funds from project 2011-020 to FY 2014 in project 2011-088, along with an additional \$2,432,831 in L-STP funds for a total project cost of \$12,832,831 (\$10,266,265 federal and \$2,566,566 local). It is to include the road diet and major streetscape work.

Attachment #4b - Short Conformity Report for April 2013 Knoxville Regional TPO TIP Amendment

5. Summary of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects Submitted

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The TPO received a total of 49 project applications for the upcoming FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A list summarizing those preliminary applications will be handed out to the committee for review. Staff will prioritize the projects and make recommendations for funding. TDOT also released their three year program of projects. The years covered are 2014-2016.

Attachment #5a – Summary of TIP Applications, by Funding and Agency

Attachment #5b – Summary of TIP Applications, by Project

Attachment #5c – TDOT Three Year Program of Projects for the Knoxville Area

6. Summary of Transportation Alternatives Program Projects Submitted

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The TPO put out a call for projects for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding, and received eight applications for funding that meet the criteria for the program. Staff will prioritize the projects and make recommendations for funding.

Attachment #6 – Summary of TAP Applications Submitted

7. Other Business

- PlanET is hosting Chuck Marohn from Strong Towns on Tuesday, April 30th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event is scheduled to take place in the Goins Building Auditorium on the Hardin Valley campus of Pellissippi State Community College. This will be the first in a series of speakers hosted by PlanET.
Attachment #7– Curbside Chat Flyer
- Technical Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 14, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.
- Executive Board Meeting Wednesday May 22, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.
- The Baker Center welcomes former US Secretary of Energy and New Mexico Governor, Bill Richardson, to the Baker Center. Gov. Richardson, a long-time environmental advocate, will give the Baker Distinguished Lecture on Energy and the Environment on April 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Toyota Auditorium. His topic is Policies America Should Follow to Protect the Environment!

8. Public comment

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

9. Adjournment