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**TPO Executive Board
August 26, 2009
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

5 min.

1. Approval of July 2009, Minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Chair Mayor Don Mull

Item Summary: Approval of July

Attachment #1 – July 22, 2009, minutes.

5 min.

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

Technical Committee Recommends Approval

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: **Attachment # 2 Resolution**

- a.** Amend TIP Project #2008-055 (Old Stage Road/Watt Road Extension) to add \$320,000 L-STP/\$80,000 local in FY2010 funding for ROW and to increase the FY2011 Construction funding from \$1,809,000 to \$2,720,000 L-STP/\$680,000 local. The total project cost is now \$3,825,000.

Attachment #2a.

- b.** Add TIP Project #2008-140 (Kingston Pike Greenway in Farragut) allowing construction of a greenway along Kingston Pike from Old Stage Road to Virtue Road, approximately 2,050 linear feet along the frontage of Willow Creek Golf Course. PE (\$80,000 L-STP/\$20,000 local) and ROW (\$240,000 L-STP/\$60,000 local) will be funded in FY2010, and Construction will be funded in FY2011 (\$480,000 L-STP/\$120,000 local). Total project cost is \$1,000,000. **Attachment #2b.**

Attachment #2b.1 – Letter from Town of Farragut.

- c. Add TIP Project #2008-141 (Bridge Bond Bucket). This is a new state funding source for bridge replacement. Rehabilitation, systematic repair and preservation projects in the TPO urbanized area. There is \$100,000 funding for each FY2009, FY2010 and FY2011. This amendment is at TDOT's request. **Attachment #2c.**
- d. Add TIP Project #2008-142 (I-40 Auxiliary lane). This new project includes Interstate Maintenance funding for PE-N in FY2010 (\$90,000 Federal/\$10,000 state) and Interstate Maintenance funding for PE-D in FY2010 (\$90,000 Federal/\$10,000 state). The total project cost is \$1,800,000. This amendment is at TDOT's request. **Attachment #2d.**
- e. Add TIP Project #2008-143 (I-140 weigh station ramp extension). This new project includes Interstate Maintenance funding for PE-N in FY2010 (\$90,000 Federal/\$10,000 state) and Interstate Maintenance funding for PE-D in FY2010 (\$90,000 Federal/\$10,000 state). The total project cost is \$1,300,000. This amendment is at TDOT's request. **Attachment #2e.**
- f. Add TIP Project #2008-144 (SR62 widening).). This new project widens SR62 to five lanes from w of Schaad Rd to w of I-75/I-640, for a length of 3.9 miles. This includes state funding for Construction in FY2010 (\$18,400,000 state). The total project cost is \$22,500,000. This amendment is at TDOT's request. **Attachment #2f.**
- g. Drop TIP Project #2008-032 (Millertown Pike). This amendment is at the City of Knoxville's request. **Attachment #2g.**
- h. Drop TIP Project #2008-033 (Millertown Pike). This amendment is at the City of Knoxville's request. **Attachment #2h.**
- i. Drop TIP Project #2008-052 (Washington Pike). This amendment is at the City of Knoxville's request. **Attachment #2i.**
- j. Amend TIP Project #2008-053 (Washington Pike) to change project termini to "N of I-640 to Murphy Road." Also amend STP funding in FY2009 to \$750,000 for PE and in FY2011 to \$2,596,000 for ROW. This amendment is at the City of Knoxville's request. **Attachment #2j.**

10 min.

**3. Approval of a Resolution Amending the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) distributing the remaining ARRA funds
Technical Committee Recommends Approval**

- Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: There remains \$364,951 of ARRA funds to be programmed. Staff has attached a recommendation from the Technical Committee for allocating this remaining balance. **Attachment #3- Resolution.**

Attachment #3a – Technical Committee proposal for ARRA funds distribution. Attachment #3b - Staff memo regarding ITS Architecture and Arterial Management System study. Attachment #3c - Proposal for a regional/urban transit corridor study.

- 5 min.** **4. Motion to approve Submittal of a Proposal to TDOT for funding for a Regional/Urban Transit Corridor Study**
Technical Committee Recommends Approval
 Action Possible Action Discussion Information
Presenter: TPO Staff
Item Summary: Staff has prepared a brief proposal to be submitted to TDOT for funding. In part, this proposal seeks to capitalize on the Regional Transportation Alternatives Plan conducted in 2002 and most recently the Transit Development Plan conducted for KAT that identified several corridors for intensive transit opportunities. This study proposes to quickly narrow the corridors/areas to three for detailed analysis. See **Attachment #3c.**
- 10 min.** **5. Motion to approve Submittal of a Proposal to TDOT for funding for an East Tennessee Quality Growth (ETQG) Toolbox and Plain Talk on Quality Growth Conference**
Technical Committee Recommends Approval
 Action Possible Action Discussion Information
Presenter: TPO Staff and ETQG Board members
Item Summary: ETQG proposes to the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to contract for the development and dissemination/ implementation of a toolbox (Toolbox) that will make available to local governments and other stakeholder groups various tools that will allow them to implement quality growth principals in their communities, the result of which will be future growth that is sustainable, healthy and results in vibrant and desirable communities. Also, ETQG proposes to the TDOT a second regional conference on quality growth to introduce and showcase the Toolbox to the region, highlight specific tools from the Toolbox in conference proceedings and presentations, and continue the regional dialog on quality growth.
Attachment #5 - ETQG Proposal.
- 5 min.** **6. Motion to Approve an Interlocal Agreement Creating the Great Smoky Mountains Regional Greenway Council**
Technical Committee Recommends Approval
 Action Possible Action Discussion Information
Presenter: TPO Staff
Item Summary: Cities, counties and other organizations in east Tennessee have joined together in an effort to create a regional system of greenways and blueways. This agreement authorizes the TPO to be a voting member of the council and pay appropriate dues. **Attachment #6 – Agreement.**

5 min. 7. Motion to approve submittal of a letter to our Congressional Delegation explaining the potential impacts that a proposed rescission of federal funds from TDOT will have on our urban area
Technical Committee Recommends Approval

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: On September 30, 2009, by law, the Federal Highway Administration will reduce the federal contract authority the states use to build-multi-year projects by \$8.7 Billion. If this law is not repealed when congress returns in September, Tennessee will lose approximately \$190 million. This cut will include all highway programs except the safety program and STP funds sub allocated to MPOs. Many projects in our urban area could be impacted by this rescission.

Attachment #7 - AASHTO press release.

5 min. 8. Motion endorsing Loudon County’s submittal of a TIGER application to the US DOT for funds to build a new bridge over the Tennessee River on US Hwy. 321

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Loudon County is seeking a portion of the available \$1.5 billion TIGER funds to build a new bridge over the Tennessee River. This project is in the TPO’s Long Range Transportation Plan and is on TDOT’s bridge replacement program list. No other TPO jurisdiction has advised the staff of their submittal of a TIGER application.

15 min. 9. Bearden Greenway Research Results

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Gene Fitzhugh, Ph.D., University of Tennessee Department of Exercise, Sport and Leisure Studies

Item Summary: Dr. Fitzhugh is studying greenway usage in Knoxville and the impact of the Bearden Village Greenway on the surrounding neighborhood.

5 min. 10. Other Business

- **Technical Committee Meeting, September 8 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building**
- **Executive Board Meeting, October 28 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