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TPO Executive Board
December 16, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, TN

AGENDA

Determination of a Quorum

1. Motion to Approve October 28, 2015 Minutes

Presenter: Mayor Madeline Rogero, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of October 28, 2015 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

[Attachment #1 - Draft October 28, 2015 Minutes](#)

2. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Amend the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program and the accompanying Air Quality Conformity Report

Presenter: Mike Conger, TPO staff

Item Summary: A short conformity report was prepared since this amendment involves an air quality non-exempt project.

Technical Committee recommends approval.

[Attachment #2 - Resolution](#)

Attachment #2A - Amendment 2014-002 (Lovell Rd. SR-131 Widening) - Amend the project by adding FY 2016 L-STP funds for PE-N/PE-D/RW/CN in the amount of \$48,600 total (\$38,880 federal and \$9,720 local). This brings the total programmed amount for this project to \$98,600.

[Attachment #2B - Short Conformity Report for December 2015 Knoxville Regional TPO TIP Amendment](#)

3. Presentation of the Annual Listing of Projects Report

Presenter: Bryan Berry, TPO staff

Item Summary: Each year the TPO is required to make available to the public a listing of all transportation related projects in which federal funds were obligated in the past fiscal year.

[Attachment #3 - List of Obligated Projects for FY 2015](#)

4. Overview of Multimodal Access Grants received by the TPO Staff

Presenter: Ellen Zavisca, TPO staff

Item Summary: TDOT has a call for projects for its Multimodal Access Grants, which fund infrastructure for people walking and bicycling. The TPO has been asked to submit two projects from the region. Project applications were due to the TPO by December 8th. A review committee will make recommendations to the Technical Committee, to be voted on at the January meeting.

[Attachment #4 - TPO Timeline for Multimodal Grants 2015](#)

5. Overview of the Federal Certification Review Conducted Last Week

Presenter: Jeff Welch, TPO Staff

Item Summary: Federal regulations require the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration to jointly review and evaluate the metropolitan transportation planning process no less than every four years. Staff will provide a brief overview of the certification process which took place with the TPO last week.

6. Presentation on the University of Tennessee's Smart Communities Initiative

Presenter: Kelly Ellenburg, Director of Service Learning, University of Tennessee

Item Summary: The University of Tennessee's Smart Communities Initiative (SCI) was developed in 2013 in collaboration with the Transportation Planning Office and Plan East Tennessee, and has since become a primary focus of the University's Quality Enhancement Plan. The program engages courses across campus with one partner community each year to address projects tied to economic viability, environmental sustainability, and social integrity. Past and current SCI community partners have included the City of Cleveland, TN and the Southeast Tennessee Development District. The program invites TPO Executive Board communities to apply to host the SCI in 2016-17 or future years.

7. Update on the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST)

Presenter: Jeff Welch, TPO Staff

Item Summary: Congress finally passed a 5 year transportation act that should provide a reasonable expectation of funding of transportation programs for the next several years.

[Attachment #5 - Highway Bill Summary](#)

8. Presentation and Discussion on Regional Transportation Projects

Presenter: TDOT Commissioner John Schroer

Item Summary: Commissioner Schroer will discuss the Governor's Project initiatives and in particular, transportation projects in our region.

9. Other Business

- 2016 TPO Executive Board meeting schedule. [Attachment #6](#)
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 9:00 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