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**TPO Executive Board
July 26, 2006
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee**

AGENDA

9:00-9:05 **1. Approval of June 19, 2006 Minutes**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: Eddy Ford, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of June 19, 2006 TPO Executive Board minutes.

Background: **Attachment #1 – June 19 Minutes.**

9:05-9:15 **2. Approval of a Resolution Adopting the 2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Certifying that the Transportation Planning Process Addresses all Federal Requirements**

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Annually the TPO must prepare and submit to our state and federal partners a UPWP. The UPWP identifies the transportation and air quality-related planning activities anticipated to be undertaken during fiscal year 2007 (October 1, 2006-September 30, 2007). Changes to the May version include the description of model improvements and other consulting services the TPO may enter into this coming year. Section V outlines these studies and costs. The TPO will use approximately \$93,000 from its fund balance to help pay for the consultant work. Tables 1 and 2 present the budget tables for this upcoming year. **Attachment #2 – Resolution, Certification and Work Program. The TPO Technical Committee recommends adoption of the resolution.**

Background: The UPWP must be prepared in cooperation with our state and federal partners. TDOT, FHWA and FTA have provided comments to the draft work program. TPO staff has made the changes to the work program to address their concerns. Drafts of the work program were reviewed at public meetings in May and July.

9:15- 9:25

3. Approval of Resolution Adopting an Amendment to the 2005-2030 Knoxville Regional Long Range Transportation Plan and Reaffirming the Air Quality Conformity Determination – Project Description: Add Additional Lane Capacity and Interchange Improvements to I-275 and I-640

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: This amendment consists of adding two projects to the 2005-2030 Knoxville Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as part of the Smartfix 40 project. The projects are: 1.) Modification of interchanges and conversion of existing auxiliary lanes and shoulders to one additional through lane in each direction on I-275 between I-40 and I-640 and, 2.) Widen I-640 from west of Clinton Highway to east of Bruhin Road to three through lanes in each direction. **Attachment #3a - Resolution. The TPO Technical Committee recommends adoption of the resolution.**

Background: These projects resulted from a traffic impact analysis on the likely routes that will be used as a detour by through traffic once I-40 in downtown Knoxville is closed as part of the Smartfix 40 project in early 2008. These projects are being constructed in advance of the closure to alleviate potential areas of congestion that may result from the higher traffic volumes.

Attachment #3b – Plan Amendment Summary.
Attachment #3c - Conformity Report.

9:25-9:35

4. Approval of a Resolution to fund Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects and to add these projects to the FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Action Possible Action Discussion Information

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Knoxville TPO FY 2006 CMAQ applications.

Background: The FY 2006 CMAQ call for projects was released on March 16, 2005, and applications were due to the TPO by April 25, 2005. The TPO received 24 CMAQ applications totaling \$5.3 million. The current CMAQ balance is \$2.5 million. The TPO staff ranked the projects according to the evaluation criteria, and funding scenarios were presented at the June Technical Committee Workshop.

Attachment #4a – Resolution. The TPO Technical Committee recommends approval of the resolution approving 18 projects for CMAQ funding. Attachment #4b – Listing of projects to be funded and not funded. Attachment #4c – CMAQ Project Evaluation Spreadsheet.

5. Approval of a Resolution to Amend the FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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Presenter: TPO Staff

Attachment #5 – Resolution. The TPO Technical Committee recommends approval of the resolution to amend the TIP as described below.

- a. **Item Summary:** Add Second Creek Greenway in Knoxville.
Background: The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and the City of Knoxville are requesting that a total of \$407,827 federal/\$101,956 local be added for the construction phase. **Attachment #5a.**
- b. **Item Summary:** Add Boyd Station, Harvey and McFee Roads underpass.
Background: Knox County has requested that a total of \$293,990 federal/\$73,447 local be added for the preliminary engineering phase. **Attachment #5b.**
- c. **Item Summary:** Transfer funds from Will Skelton Greenway to Ten Mile Creek Greenway.
Background: The City of Knoxville is requesting that \$62,515.81 federal/\$15,629 local funds be transferred from Will Skelton Greenway to the Ten Mile Creek Greenway for the construction phase. The Will Skelton Greenway was previously in the 2004-2006 TIP and will need to be added into the current TIP then the funds can be transferred. **Attachment #5c.**
- d. **Item Summary:** Amend I-40 Papermill/Weisgarber Interchange (Landscaping, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities).
Background: The Tennessee Department of Transportation has requested that \$320,000 federal/\$80,000 state funds be added to this project for the construction phase. **Attachment #5d.**
- e. **Item Summary:** Amend I-40/75, I-640 Smart Fix interchange improvements.
Background: This project will be separated into three distinct projects for air quality conformity determination. The existing project will include I-640 interchange at Broadway and at Western Avenue and I-75 auxiliary lane from I-640 to Merchants Drive. The funds will be decreased to \$4,995,000 IM/\$555,000 state. **Attachment #5e.**
- f. **Item Summary:** Add SmartFix 40, adding through lanes on I-640.
Background: The Tennessee Department of Transportation has requested that \$4,500,000 Interstate Maintenance/\$500,000 State funds be added for the construction phase. **Attachment #5f.**
- g. **Item Summary:** Add SmartFix 40, I-275 Interchange improvements.
Background: The Tennessee Department of Transportation has requested that \$14,400,000 Interstate Maintenance/\$1,600,000 State funds be added for the construction phase. **Attachment #5g.**

- h. **Item Summary:** Amend I-40, I-275 to Broadway connector at Cherry Street.
Background: The Tennessee Department of Transportation has requested that \$27,057,335 state funds be added for the construction phase. **Attachment #5h.**
- i. **Item Summary:** Add Henley Street Bridge over TN River and SR-158.
Background: The Tennessee Department of Transportation has requested that \$4,000,000 federal/\$1,000,000 state funds be added for the right-of-way phase. **Attachment #5i.**
- j. **Item Summary:** Amend Knoxville Parkway; I-40/75 west in Loudon County to I-75 north in Anderson County.
Background: The Tennessee Department of Transportation has requested that \$2,320,000 federal/\$580,000 state funds be added for the Environmental Study phase. **Attachment #5j.**

9:45-9:55

6. Approval of Resolutions Related to Proposed SR-475 (Knoxville Parkway)

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Presenter: TPO Staff

- a. **Item Summary:** TDOT has requested that proposed SR-475, Knoxville Regional Parkway, from I-75 to I-40/75, be added to the National Highway System. This link is in the TPO's Long Range Transportation Plan.
Background: On April 5, 2006, the Knoxville Parkway Design Resource Team developed a recommendation on the alignment and design of the Knoxville Regional Parkway and forwarded it to TDOT.
Attachment #6a – Resolution. The TPO Technical Committee recommends adoption of the resolution.
Attachment #6b – Map.
Attachment #6c – Correspondence and Request for Modifications to the National Highway System Application (draft)
- b. **Item Summary:** Approve resolution to include language expressing the TPO's expectations that TDOT will conduct fair and adequate analysis during the environmental study phase of the Knoxville Regional parkway.
Attachment #6d – Resolution. The TPO Technical Committee recommends adoption of the resolution.
- c. **Item Summary:** Approve resolution to express the TPO's support of efforts to seek scenic designation through legislative action for the Knoxville Regional Parkway. **Attachment #6e – Resolution. The TPO Technical Committee recommends adoption of the resolution.**

- 9:55-10:00 **7. Update on the Knoxville Regional Freight Advisory Committee**
- Action Possible Action Discussion Information
- Presenter:** TPO Staff
- Item Summary:** As part of developing a Knoxville Regional Freight Movement Plan, the TPO, in coordination with the Lakeway Area Metropolitan TPO hosted the first meeting of the Knoxville Regional Freight Advisory Committee (FAC) on Tuesday, July 25, 2006. The FAC consists of members from both the public and private sector that are involved in the planning and movement of freight.
- 10:00-10:05 **8. Other Business**
- Executive Board Meeting, October 25 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.**
- Technical Committee Meeting, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.**
- 10:05-10:10 **9. Public Comment**
- Members of the public may address the Technical Committee with a five-minute time limitation.
- 10:10 **10. Adjournment**