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TPO Executive Board
March 27, 2013
9 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

AGENDA

Determination of Quorum

1. Approval of January 23, 2013 Minutes

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: Mayor Ralph Magill, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of January 23, 2013 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

Attachment #1 – January 23, 2013 Minutes

2. Regional Mobility Plan Update

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: TPO staff will present an overview of the Draft 2040 Regional Mobility Plan. An updated Draft Mobility Plan, that reflects comments from TDOT, is available on the TPO website. The public comment period on the Draft Mobility Plan will end on April 01, 2013. Print copies were distributed to 25 area libraries for review. Comments can be submitted to TPO staff by email (alan.huff@knoxtrans.org), by phone (865-215-2500), by fax (865-215-2068), in person at TPO offices, during March or April Technical Committee or Executive Board meetings, via online survey (www.knoxtrans.org/mobilityplan), via paper survey, or by inviting TPO staff to present and hear comments at meetings of community organizations. FHWA and FTA have submitted comments to TPO, which are currently being reviewed by staff, and will be presented as a summary during the April Technical Committee and Executive Board meeting.

Attachment #2 – Updates to Three Mobility Plan Projects

3. Air Quality Conformity Determination

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: An air quality conformity determination is required for the 2040 Mobility Plan due to the Knoxville Region being classified as an air quality nonattainment area. The TPO staff has completed a draft conformity determination report that demonstrates that the 2040 Mobility Plan meets air quality conformity requirements. Results from the analysis demonstrating air quality conformity of the draft Plan will be presented.

4. Transportation Improvement Plan Schedule and Applications

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Development and approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will take several months. The attached time line indicates the major milestones that need to be met in order to have an approved TIP by the end of this year. The TIP identifies transportation projects that will be undertaken by state and local governments in our area over the next 3-5 years.

Attachment #3 - 2014-2017 TIP Timeline

5. Transportation Planning Work Program FY 2014

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: Preparation of the 2014/2015 Transportation Planning Work Program must begin now in order to complete it by September 2013. The Work Program establishes major tasks and studies that the TPO and its partner agencies will undertake in the next 2 years.

Attachment #4 – Transportation Emphasis – Focus Areas

6. Overview of the New Knoxville Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has released the new MSA boundaries for regions across the country. Knoxville’s MSA area has grown from five counties to nine counties. The nine Knoxville MSA counties are: Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Grainger, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, Roane, and Union.

7. Regional Greenways Update

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: In concert with PlanET and the Great Smoky Mountains Regional Greenway Council, the TPO is assisting local governments with a regional conceptual greenway plan. Meetings were held with the public and stakeholders in four counties (Anderson, Blount, Loudon, and Union) in November and December, and maps are being revised on consultation with the local governments.

8. Overview of TDOT’s Office of Community Transportation

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: TDOT Staff

Item Summary: TDOT has created Community Planner positions in each of the TDOT Regions. TDOT staff will provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of these positions will have in the TPO process.

9. PlanET Update

Action Possible Action Discussion

Presenter: TPO Staff

Item Summary: An overview of where PlanET is at and where it is heading will be presented. The fifth round of Working Groups was held at the Cansler YMCA March 18th and 19th. Four groups met: Transportation and Infrastructure, Healthy Communities, Environment, and Housing and Neighborhoods. PlanET has launched its third round of Community Involvement with small-group meetings and is also utilizing a new online input tool, Metroquest. Additional information as well as the link to this new online tool can be found by accessing the following link:

<http://www.planeasttn.org/Newsroom/NewsArchive/ArticleView/ArticleId/47/How-We-Grow-Matters.aspx>

10. Other Business

- Smart Trips has earned the Gold Award in the National Center for Transit Research's 2012 Race for Excellence. Smart Trips was also named "Best Of" in the supporting agency category. One of only 4 agencies nationwide to be awarded gold in the race, Smart Trips received the honor via a video awards ceremony January 31st
- Taxes, Green Vehicles and the Death of Tennessee Transportation Panel Discussion - Wednesday, April 17, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Toyota Auditorium, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy
Attachment #5 – Baker Center Forum Flyer
- Technical Committee Meeting Tuesday, April 16, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.
- Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, April 24, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

11. Public comment

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

12. Adjournment