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TPO Executive Board
March 23, 2016
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, TN

AGENDA

Determination of a Quorum

- 1. Motion to Approve February 24, 2016 TPO Executive Board Minutes**
Presenter: Mayor Madeline Rogero, Chair
Item Summary: Approval of February 24, 2016 TPO Executive Board Minutes.
[Attachment #1 - Draft February 24, 2016 TPO Executive Board Minutes](#)
- 2. Presentation on the Results of a Survey Conducted by the University Tennessee Related to our Regions Transportation System**
Presenter: Linda Daugherty, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Item Summary: The TPO contracted with the University of Tennessee's College of Social Work Center for Applied Research and Evaluation to conduct a survey to measure current attitudes, spending priorities, and preferences for funding future transportation projects. The survey was conducted between December, 2015 and January, 2016 with residents in Anderson, Blount, Knox, Loudon, Roane and Sevier counties.
- 3. Motion to Approve Proposed Selection Criteria by Geographic Scale and Weights (Attachment #2B).**
Presenter: TPO Staff
Item Summary: Staff will provide a summary of the input that we have received on the proposed project selection criteria from various sources. Recommendation for weighting of these factors will also be presented.
Technical Committee recommends approval of Proposed Selection Criteria and Option 1 for both "Within Community" and "Community to Region" (Attachment #2B).
[Attachment #2A - Planning Factors, Goals, Draft Selection Criteria and Performance Measures](#)
[Attachment #2B - Proposed Selection Criteria](#)

4. Transportation Legislation Update

Presenter: Jeff Welch, TPO staff

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on current state legislation that could impact planning and implementation of transportation projects.

5. Other Business

- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- East Tennessee Quality Growth is hosting a conference “Plain Talk 2016 Connecting Competitive Communities” which will be held on April 28, 2016 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Hilton Hotel - Airport, Alcoa, TN. For more information contact Julie Graham at julie.graham@etqualitygrowth.org or visit their website at <http://etqualitygrowth.org/newsite/plaintalk2016conference/>
- Federal Grant Opportunities
 - U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx has announced \$500 million will be made available for transportation projects across the country under an eighth round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program. The 2016 TIGER grant program will focus on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities, both urban and rural. Instructions on how to apply can be found here: <https://www.transportation.gov/tiger/apply>.
 - The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced that it is now soliciting applications for the Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grant program. The FASTLANE program is a new program in the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act to fund critical freight and highway projects across the country. The FAST Act authorizes \$800 million in funding for the FASTLANE program for fiscal year 2016, with 25 percent reserved for rural projects, and 10 percent for smaller projects. Instructions on how to apply can be found here: <https://www.transportation.gov/fastlanegrants/how-apply>.

6. Public Comment

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

7. Adjournment