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**TPO Technical Committee
January 13, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, TN**

AGENDA

Determination of a Quorum

1. Approval of November 12, 2014 Minutes

Presenter: Cindy Pionke, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of November 12, 2014 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

[Attachment #1 - November 12, 2014 Minutes](#)

2. Recommend Approval of Amendments to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Presenter: Bryan Berry, TPO staff

Item Summary: Staff recommends approval.

[Attachment #2A - Amendment 2014-304 \(HELP Truck Expansion Program\)](#) – Amend the following project by adding it to the 2014-2017 TIP to expand the existing TDOT Freeway Service Patrol Program by acquiring three new HELP trucks, three operators, and expanding routes to provide coverage and services during peak hours in the Knoxville air quality nonattainment and maintenance area. The amount to add is CMAQ funds totaling \$945,720 for FY 2015 Purchasing (\$252,381) and Operations for FY 2015 (\$231,113), FY 2016 (\$231,113), and 2017 (\$231,113). This is a TDOT project.

[Attachment #2B - Amendment 2014-070 \(Lenoir City CBD Pedestrian Improvements\)](#) - Amend the project by removing the FY 2014 TAP funds. Add FY 2015 L-STP funds for Preliminary Engineering and Design (PE-D) in the amount of \$200,000 (\$160,000 federal and \$40,000 local). Add FY 2016 L-STP funds for Construction (CON) in the amount of \$800,000 (\$640,000 federal and \$160,000 local). Change the total project cost from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000.

3. Recommend Approval of the Ranking of Proposed TDOT Highway Projects

Presenter: Mike Conger, TPO Staff

Item Summary: TDOT has asked the TPO to rank a proposed list of transportation improvement projects in the attached project list (Attachment #3A). Staff recommends the ranking of projects as shown on Attachment #3A.

[Attachment #3A - Knoxville Project Recommendations 3 - Year Work Program Fall 2014](#)

[Attachment #3B - Project Map](#)

4. Election of Officers

Presenter: Cindy Pionke, Chair

Item Summary: The Bylaws state that the Technical Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from its membership. Such election shall be by a majority vote of that membership. Election of officers shall take place on the first meeting of the calendar year and term of office shall be for one year. An officer is eligible to serve a maximum of 2 consecutive terms. The TPO Director shall serve as permanent Secretary to the Technical Committee.

[Attachment #4 - TPO Technical Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs from 1993 to Present](#)

5. Call For Transit Projects

Presenter: Doug Burton, TPO Staff

Item Summary: The TPO began holding a Call For Transit Projects on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. There are three different FTA funding sources available for distribution. Section 5307 Urban Area funds, Section 5339 Bus & Bus Facilities funds and Section 5310-Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funds. Applications are due on Friday, January 30, 2015. Applications and other pertinent information can be found on the TPO website at www.knoxtrans.org.

6. Presentation on TPO Traffic Camera

Presenter: Kelley Segars, TPO Staff

Item Summary: The TPO conducts bicycle and pedestrian counts twice a year at several intersections. In order to increase the efficiency of these counts, the agency recently purchased a video camera and DVR system that can be placed at intersections, allowing counts to be conducted while viewing the video footage on a computer screen at any time. Staff will demonstrate the system, which can be used throughout the TPO planning area, for any kind of counts, including turning movements and vehicles.

7. Other Business

- The Blount County SMiles Program (Senior SMiles: Neighbors Driving Neighbors) volunteer team has been awarded \$4000.00 from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) and the Aging Network Volunteer Resource Center. This stemmed from a national competition that recognizes and supports the work that trained volunteer teams are doing in their communities and their efforts to support older adults with transportation and other needs.
- Knox County CAC Transit and the University of Tennessee Industrial and Systems Engineering Department received Round 3 funding from the U.S. Administration for Community Living - a program administered by the Community Transportation Association of America in partnership with N4A, Easter Seals, and Westat, under the banner *Transportation Planning for All*. CAC & UT have developed a tablet-based application that facilitates communication between riders and drivers of public transportation. The Round 3 funding will allow for extensive field testing and refinement of the application's functionality.
- The City of Knoxville and the TPO have each been awarded a free technical assistance workshop, 2 of 14 awarded for 2015 by Smart Growth America, a national nonprofit that advocates for better cities, towns, and neighborhoods. Through the program, the City and the TPO will receive hands-on assistance from national experts on how to cultivate investments that will spur quality growth and transit-oriented development.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.

7. Public Comment

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

8. Adjournment