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EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH, 11:00 O'CLOCK AM, 2nd FLOOR COUNCIL MEETING ROOM,
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 190 CHURCH STREET NE, CLEVELAND, TN

MINUTES

1. Call to order by Mayor Tom Rowland and roll call of members

Governor of Tennessee (or representative) - present

Director of South East Tennessee Human Resources Agency - present

County Mayor of Bradley County - not present

Mayor of Cleveland - present

Vice-Mayor of Cleveland - present

2. Approval of the April 6th, 2010 meeting minutes

Chairman Tom Rowland introduced the item and asked if there were any comments or discussion on the minutes. There were no comments or discussion and Chairman Rowland asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Avery Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Ray Evans seconded the motion

Chairman Rowland called for a vote. "All those in favor of approving these minutes, signify by saying "I"".

Ray Evans, "I"

Deborah Fleming, "I"

Tom Rowland, "I"

Avery Johnson, "I"

Chairman Rowland said, "Anyone opposed to the approval of these minutes, signify by saying "I"".

No response was made.

Chairman Rowland said, "Hearing no opposition to the approval of these minutes, the motion carries."

3. New Business

a. TIP amendments #2010-07 thru #2010-11

Chairman Tom Rowland introduced the item. Lindsay Smart said, "These five amendments were distributed to the Executive Board in early April, and released for public review and comment on April 12th. To date, no comments have been received. Amend # 2010-07 adds FTA-5316 Grant funds for CUATS to the TIP. Amend# 2010-08: Exit 20 project will change funding type for PE-D phase in 2010 from HPP to IMD. Amend #2010-09 adds FTA-5307 funds estimated FY2010 funding. Amend #2010-10 will create a 3-R bucket project in the TIP. Amend #2010-11 adds the 20th Street improvements project to TIP. With your review and approval, these amendments can be adopted and submitted to TDOT, FHWA and FTA."

Deborah Fleming made the motion, "to approve the adoption of the draft TIP amendments."

Avery Johnson seconded the motion.

Chairman Rowland called for a vote. "All those in favor of approving these TIP amendments, signify by saying "I"."

Ray Evans, "I"

Deborah Fleming, "I"

Tom Rowland, "I"

Avery Johnson, "I"

Chairman Rowland said, "Anyone opposed to the approval of these minutes, signify by saying "I"."

No response was made.

Chairman Rowland said, "Hearing no opposition to the approval of these TIP amendments, the motion carries."

b. Proposed MPO Boundary Expansion Plan

Chairman Tom Rowland introduced the item.

Greg Thomas said, "You will see maps in your packet and the proposed map has been revised as shown by the pen on the map. The TCC discussed the revised boundary line, and this proposal is to amend the MPO boundary, the area that we work in, and the addition that is proposed by the TCC, will draw the boundary line from the existing MPO area along South Lee Highway, straight across to I-75. This area will include the City's Urban Growth Boundary and will incorporate land area that is included in both LIC projects. With the LIC projects and the new APD-40 interchange, it is very likely that within the next 20 years, this area will be urbanized, so it makes sense to update the boundary in this area."

Chairman Rowland asked if any members of the Executive Board had any questions for Greg.

AveryJohnson made a motion "to approve the revised proposed MPO Boundary expansion plan as presented."

Deborah Fleming seconded the motion.

Chairman Rowland called for a vote. "All those in favor of approving the revised proposed MPO boundary plan, signify by saying "I"".

Ray Evans, "I"

Deborah Fleming, "I"

Tom Rowland, "I"

Avery Johnson, "I"

Chairman Rowland said, "Anyone opposed to the approval this plan, signify by saying "I"".

No response was made.

Chairman Rowland said, "Hearing no opposition to the approval of the revised proposed MPO boundary plan, the motion carries."

4. Old Business

a. MPO Public Participation Plan amendment

Chairman Tom Rowland introduced the item.

Lindsay Smart said, "This amendment was reviewed by the Executive Board at the March 2, 1010 MPO meeting. The amendment was out for public review and comment for 45 days. To date, no comments have been received. With your review and approval, this amendment can be adopted and submitted to TDOT. The amendment changes the number of days that are required to advertise for a special called meeting of the MPO, from three days, to two days."

Chairman Rowland asked if any members of the Executive Board had any questions for Lindsay on this amendment.

Avery Johnson made a motion "to approve the revised proposed MPO Boundary expansion plan as presented."

Deborah Fleming seconded the motion.

Chairman Rowland called for a vote. "All those in favor of approving the revised proposed MPO boundary plan, signify by saying "I"".

Ray Evans, "I"

Deborah Fleming, "I"

Tom Rowland, "I"

Avery Johnson, "I"

Chairman Rowland said, "Anyone opposed to the approval this plan, signify by saying "I"".

No response was made.

Chairman Rowland said, "Hearing no opposition to the approval of the revised proposed MPO boundary plan, the motion carries."

b. Update on U-STP projects for FY2011-FY2014 TIP

Chairman Tom Rowland introduced the item.

Lindsay Smart said, "In you meeting packet, there is a table on page 37, this is the finalized table of U-STP projects for inclusion in the FY2011-FY1014 TIP. The TCC has held public meetings and collaborated to develop a fiscally constrained project programming scenario for the next TIP. All of the projects are located within the MPO area. There will be other projects in the TIP that are funded from different revenue sources, but this table only pertains to the programming of U-STP funds. Behind the programming table, on the next page of your meeting packet is the scoring criteria that were used to prioritize and select these projects for inclusion in the TIP."

Chairman Rowland asked, "Does this need approval, or is this just for our information?"

Lindsay Smart said, "The Board can make a motion to approve these projects and include them in the next TIP."

Greg Thomas said, "We should share the cost estimate information that the MPO received from TDOT."

Lindsay Smart said, "The MPO submitted these project to TDOT for cost estimates and the MPO received cost estimates back from TDOT that were enormously different than the original cost estimates that had been prepared. Mouse Creek Road in the last TIP, was estimated to be an 8.9million dollar project for the termini between Paul Huff Parkway and Lauderdale Memorial Highway. The TDOT cost estimate was 50 million dollars. From Paul Huff Parkway to the City Limits, the TDOT cost estimate is 23 million dollars. The MPO had programmed about 3 million dollars for the Mouse Creek Road Project. The MPO has received the contract for the TPR for Mouse Creek Road and the TPR will identify different design alternatives for the improvements to the road. Once the MPO has received the TPR, the MPO will identify the highest priority areas within the city limits, and determine what improvements can be made within a 3million dollar budget. The improvements could possibly be one or two of the curves, or a particular segment of the road. Until the TPR has been received, the MPO will not have a design concept for the project.

Chairman Rowland asked, if there were any questions.

Ray Evans made the motion to approve the projects and include them in the next TIP.

Avery Johnson seconded the motion.

Chairman Rowland called for a vote. "All those in favor of approving this list of projects, signify by saying "I" ".

Ray Evans, "I"

Deborah Fleming, "I"

Tom Rowland, "I"

Avery Johnson, "I"

Chairman Rowland said, "Anyone opposed to approving this list of projects, signify by saying "I" ".

No response was made.

Chairman Rowland said, "Hearing no opposition to the list of projects, the motion carries."

c. TDOT JMSA TIP amendments #2010-03 – #2010-06

Chairman Rowland introduced the item.

Lindsay Smart said, "The Board has also seen these amendments several times before and this agenda item has only been included as a place holder. The MPO has not received correspondence from TDOT indicating that these amendments should be adopted. If Congress passes the Jobs for Main Street Act, then the MPO will adopt these amendments. No action is necessary at this time."

Chairman Rowland asked if there were any questions. There were none.

5. Update on 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan process

Chairman Rowland introduced the item.

Greg Thomas said, "In general we are moving ahead with information coming out of the Strategic plan process. A few things have occurred recently. The allocation of the population and employment base year data has been done to the Travel Analysis Zones. The new traffic zone boundaries are something that have been revised by the consultants and the modelers are working with. These are very important to the traffic model for the new LRTP. A freight forum was held in April and we had 6 – 8 local industry representatives attend the forum and they described to us and the consultant in great detail, what their needs are for the system and that is extremely valuable information. To sit down with the representatives who handle truck routes and traffic for whirlpool and other major industries was a great asset to the development of the 2035 LRTP."

Lindsay Smart said, "As part of the LRTP process, the MPO has worked with PB America to create a new logo and new "branding" for the MPO. PB America approached the MPO as part of the development of the LRTP document and said, "the MPO doesn't have a logo."

MPO staff worked with PB America to develop the new font, color palette and logo. The overlapping circles idea comes from the City of Cleveland's seal, and symbolizes the collaborative coordination of different agencies that serve on the MPO. The color palette allows for a broad range of colors to be used on various reports, letter head, plans, etc. The TCC looked at the new logo and letterhead and recommends it to the Board for your review and approval. If you would like to see any changes to it, it can be changed, if not, we can adopt it as our new logo.

Chairman Rowland asked for a motion to approve the new logo for the MPO.

Ray Evans made the motion to approve the logo.

Avery Johnson seconded the motion to approve the logo.

Chairman Rowland called for a vote. "All those in favor of approving the logo, signify by saying "I"".

Ray Evans, "I"

Deborah Fleming, "I"

Tom Rowland, "I"

Avery Johnson, "I"

Chairman Rowland said, "Anyone opposed to the new logo, signify by saying "I"".

No response was made.

Chairman Rowland said, "Hearing no opposition to the new logo, the motion carries."

Lindsay Smart, said, "PB America will be providing a status update and an updated project schedule to the MPO in early May. The 2035 LRTP is still on schedule to be in final draft form by November, and ready to be submitted to TDOT, FHWA and FTA."

6. Update on FY2011-FY2014 Transportation Improvement Program development

Chairman Rowland introduced the item.

Lindsay Smart said, "The new TIP has been and revised several times. Deborah Fleming informed the TCC that TDOT will be sending out the state led projects that are located in the MPO area in the next week or so. Once the MPO receives those projects, they will be incorporated into the document. The MPO will be sending out the draft TIP to TDOT in mid-May. I can send a draft of the TIP to the Board for your review."

Chairman Rowland said, "Yes, please send us a draft of the TIP."

Lindsay Smart said, "okay, I will send it out."

7. Next Meeting Date: 11am – Wednesday, June 2nd, 2010

8. Public Comments

9. MPO Coordinator Comments

1. Greg Thomas said, "The MPO has received the revised Transportation Planning Contract for FY2010. The amendment reflected the post-rescission apportionment of PL funds. The amended contract is consistent with the FY2010 UPWP. With the approval of the Executive Board, the Chairman can sign it and we can return it to TDOT."

Chairman Rowland asked for a motion to approve transportation planning contract amendment.

Ray Evans made the motion to approve the amended contract.

Avery Johnson seconded the motion to approve the amended contract.

Chairman Rowland called for a vote. "All those in favor of approving contract as presented, signify by saying "I"".

Ray Evans, "I"

Deborah Fleming, "I"

Tom Rowland, "I"

Avery Johnson, "I"

Chairman Rowland said, "Anyone opposed to the approval of the contract, signify by saying "I"".

No response was made.

Chairman Rowland said, "Hearing no opposition to the approval of the contract, the motion carries."

2. Greg Thomas said that the MPO had received an email from Terry Gladden regarding the final draft and final comments on the I-75 Corridor Study. Greg Thomas described some of the major points in the I-75 Corridor Study that affect Bradley County. The Executive Board discussed the MPO's comments that were previously submitted to TDOT regarding the study.

Chairman Rowland asked for a vote on this item.

Avery Johnson made the motion to that the MPO submit a letter to TDOT to request that TDOT consider 6-lanes on I-75 and to state that the MPO supports the widening of South Lee Highway, and to request that TDOT change the draft maps of the proposed by-pass on I-75 to show that the by-pass is located within the southern portion of Bradley County."

Ray Evans seconded the motion to add those comments and submit a letter to TDOT.

Chairman Rowland called for a vote. "All those in favor of submitting a letter to TDOT that states these comments, signify by saying "I"".

Ray Evans, "I"

Deborah Fleming, "I"

Tom Rowland, "I"

Avery Johnson, "I"

Chairman Rowland said, "Anyone opposed to the submittal of the letter, signify by saying "I"".

No response was made.

Chairman Rowland said, "Hearing no opposition to the submittal of the letter, the motion carries."

10. Comments by Federal and State agencies

11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.