



April 22, 2020

9:00 A.M. | Telemeeting via Zoom
City County Building, Knoxville, TN

1 Call to Order

- a. Determination of a Quorum
- b. Introductions
- c. Amendments to the Agenda

2 Motion to Approve March 25, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes

Presenter: Mayor Tom Taylor, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the March 25, 2020, TPO Executive Board Minutes.

Attachment #1 – Draft March 25, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes

3A Public Hearing on the FTA Section 5307/5339 FY20-Program of Projects.

Presenter: Doug Burton, TPO Staff

Item Summary: As a requirement of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) a Public Hearing will be held during the Executive Board meeting to allow for input on the proposed Program of Projects (POP). The Executive Board has been holding the POP Public Hearing annually since 2013. The POP is a list of transit projects, for each agency, to be funded with the Section 5307 and 5339 funding. Staff will present the annual Appropriation amounts, the local distribution of funds methodology, and a summary of the projects listed in the POP. Staff will read into the record any public comments received and allow comments by any of the public participating on the zoom telemeeting. Once comments, if any, are made the Public Hearing will be closed. Executive Board action will occur under Agenda Item #3B.

Attachment #2A – Mayor Kincannon Memorandum on Distribution of FTA Section 5307/5339 Urban Area Funding

Attachment #2B – FY 2020 Program of Projects (POP) Table

Attachment #2C – ETHRA letter

3B Motion to approve the FTA Section 5307-5339 FY-20 Program of Projects adding a condition that all groups work together and revisit the method of dividing the Section 5307 funding to see if there is an improved option, and that a recommendation be completed within 6 months, by October of 2020, and before the distribution of the FY21 funding. (Technical Committee Motion)

Presenter: Doug Burton, TPO Staff

Item Summary: After the close of the Public Hearing the Executive Board will consider any and all public comments made and vote on approval of the Program of Projects (POP). The POP is a list of transit projects, for each agency, to be funded with the Section 5307 and 5339 funding. Because the TIP already has both the Section 5307 and 5339 funding pages approved, the additional funds and projects will be added through internal adjustments. Staff recommends approval of the FY20 – POP.

4 Overview of CARES Act –Funding to Support Public Transit

Presenter: Doug Burton, TPO Staff

Item Summary: On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law. The CARES Act provides emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. FTA is allocating \$25 billion to recipients of transit urbanized area and rural area formula funds. Funding will be provided at a 100-percent federal share, with no local match required, and will be available to support capital, operating, and other expenses generally eligible under those programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Attachment #3 – Information Sheet and FAQ and responses from FTA

5 Motion to Approve a Resolution to Amend the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Presenter: Craig Luebke, and Mike Conger, TPO Staff

Item Summary: Locally requested amendments for two (2) air quality non-exempt projects.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Attachment #4A – Draft Resolution

Attachment #4B – Draft Metropolitan Planning Process Self-Certification

Attachment #4C – Amendment 20-2014-003 (Alcoa Highway) - Amend TIP to revise the project terminus description, project length and increase the ROW cost. The project description includes reconstructing from a 4-lane to a 6-lane facility, including a frontage road system with two (2) new interchanges (SR-115 at Singleton Station Road and SR-115 at Topside Road (SR-333)); modifying the existing SR-115 and SR-162 interchange, and constructing a multi-use path. The project length is 2.71 miles, and the entire project is in Blount County. The ROW cost increased from \$32,200,000 to \$57,000,000 in FY 2020. The total project cost increased from \$82,350,000 to \$107,150,000.

Attachment #4D – Amendment 20-2014-007 (Foothills Mall Drive Extension) - Amend TIP to add this project for construction in FY 2020. Construction is estimated at \$4,021,800 (\$3,217,440 federal L-STBG/\$804,360 local). \$1,252,000 in federal funds have been previously obligated for this project. Of which, \$504,800 will be de-obligated and applied to CN phase. The total project cost is \$4,955,800.

Attachment #4E – Draft Short Conformity Report

6 Presentation on the Results of the Planning Certification Review

Presenter: Pamela Kordenbrock, Administrator, TN Division of FHWA

Item Summary: A certification review of the transportation planning process was conducted by our Federal Partners over the past several months. Ms. Kordenbrock will present the results of that review.

7 Overview of the Phase 1 Outreach Plan for the 2045 Mobility Plan

Presenter: Jeff Welch, TPO Staff

Item Summary: In this unique time our strategy to engage the public in the Mobility Plan Update needed to drastically change for our first phase of engagement. We are proposing a virtual online process to engage stakeholders and the general public. Please review the Outreach plan attached.

Attachment #5 – Phase 1 Outreach Plan

8 Other Business

- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, May 27 2020, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.
- TDOT has announced that Preston Elliott, AICP, has been named the Deputy Commissioner and Chief of the TDOT Environment and Planning Bureau. Having worked with TDOT early on in his career, Preston has over 25 years of successful and impactful community and transportation planning experience with the State of Tennessee. Preston officially assumes his position April 20.

9 Public Comment

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

10 Adjournment