

TPO Executive Board Minutes
May 25, 2016
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, TN

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on May 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building in Knoxville, TN. Chair Mayor Madeline Rogero chaired the meeting and called it to order. It was determined there was a quorum.

*Kathryn Baldwin	City of Oak Ridge, <i>for Mayor Warren Gooch</i>
*Dawn Distler	Public Transportation Representative
*Terry Frank	Mayor, Anderson County
*John Lamb	Blount County, <i>for Mayor Ed Mitchell</i>
*Don Mull	Mayor, City of Alcoa
*Brenda Palmer	City of Knoxville
*Cindy Pionke	Knox County, <i>for Mayor Tim Burchett</i>
*Jeff Ownby	Sevier County, <i>for Mayor Larry Waters</i>
*Jack Qualls	State of Tennessee, <i>for Governor Bill Haslam</i>
*Madeline Rogero	Mayor, City of Knoxville
*Amber Scott	City of Lenoir City, <i>for Mayor Tony Aikens</i>
*Tom Taylor	Mayor, City of Maryville
**Scott Allen	Federal Highway Administration, TN Division
TPO Staff	
Partner Agency Staff	
Members of the Public	
*voting members	
**non-voting member	

1. Motion to Approve April 27, 2016 TPO Executive Board Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of April 27, 2016 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

A Motion was made by Mayor Taylor and seconded by Mayor Mull to approve the April 27, 2016 TPO Executive Board Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Amend the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Item Summary: The following are proposed Amendments to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program.

Technical Committee recommends approval.

Discussion: Mike Conger reviewed the 3 proposed Amendments for consideration by the Board. The first Amendment, project 2014-032 (South Knoxville Waterfront Roadway Improvements) amends the Project Scope by removing the originally proposed side street improvements leaving only improvements to the main corridor of Sevier Ave. as it was determined that the side roads were not available for federal funding. The Project Description has been modified to remove some of the specific improvement items. The Amended Description consists of streetscape improvements along Sevier Ave. including utility relocations and a roundabout to be constructed at the intersection of Foggy Bottom/Sevier Ave./Island Home Ave.

The second project, 2014-033 (Chapman Highway (SR-71) Improvements), located in the Seymour community of Sevier County, from Macon Lane to Boyd's Creek Highway, adds the funding phase for construction in FY 2017. This project is included in TDOT's 3-Year Multimodal Program recently adopted by the state legislature. The third project 2014-034 (Intersection Improvements – Lenoir City) at the intersection of SR-73 (US-321) and SR-2 (US-11). The cost of the original Project Scope (new interchange) was much higher than expected and the project was scaled down to intersection improvements only. This Amendment reduces the amount of previously programmed funds by \$14 million, reducing the total project cost to \$17,405,000.00 and includes the project length of 0.13 miles.

A Motion was made by Mayor Frank and seconded by Amber Scott to approve a Resolution to Amend the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. The Motion carried unanimously.

3. Presentation on the 2016 Knoxville Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review

Item Summary: Scott Allen will present the results of the 2016 Knoxville TMA Certification Review. The Federal review, done every 4 years, was conducted last December.

Discussion: Scott Allen, Federal Highway Administration, TN Division presented the results of the 2016 Knoxville TMA (Transportation Management Area) Certification Review. Mr. Allen thanked the TPO staff for all of the work they have done and noted the review was a collaborative effort. He touched on the purpose of the review as well as noting the participants involved which consisted of representatives from FTA, FHWA, EPA, TDOT, TPO staff, regional transit agencies and the public and included listening sessions with Mayor Madeline Rogero, Executive Board Chair, and the TPO Technical Committee. He described the review process and what planning products are reviewed and then summarized the final report which states that the Knoxville Regional TPO substantially meets the requirements of 23 CFR 450 and 49 CFR 613, further noting that no corrective actions were found. Mr. Allen then stated that the FHWA and the FTA jointly certify the TPO's metropolitan transportation process. He briefly reviewed several highlighted Commendations and Recommendations. Jeff Welch noted staff have begun to address the Recommendations identified in the report and will keep the Board apprised of the progress. Mayor Rogero congratulated and thanked the TPO staff for their efforts resulting in this very successful certification review. The complete presentation is available online and can be found here: <http://www.knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/exec/may16/certification.pdf>

4. Walkability Action Institute Update

Item Summary: The TPO sent a team to the Walkability Action Institute (WAI) at the end of April in Decatur, GA. The WAI was sponsored by the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, part of the CDC. Our team will be creating recommendations for zoning changes that will enhance walkability. We will be asking local governments to designate staff members to review our recommendations, and to let us know which local governments are planning to work on their zoning codes within the next year.

Discussion: Ellen Zavisca updated Board members on the recent training in Atlanta. The training focused on chronic disease prevention through changes in zoning which would enhance walkability, given that chronic disease is often linked to physical inactivity. She noted it has been acknowledged that built environment is integral to overall health and in order to encourage activity we need to create places where people can be physically active. The walkability team that attended the training is now creating an action plan that they will submit to NACDD by the end of this week. Ms. Zavisca noted the team will continue to reach out to member jurisdictions to identify who may be updating, or plan to update their zoning ordinances. She also noted they are creating an advisory committee of local staff who regularly work with zoning ordinances who can review their recommendations.

5. Long Range Mobility Plan Update

Item Summary: TPO staff will provide an overview of the types and number of projects that have been submitted by TPO participants to be considered for inclusion in the 2040 Mobility Plan Update.

Discussion: Mike Conger gave an overview of the application process for the ongoing Long Range Mobility Plan Update. He began by reviewing the TPO planning area and which communities/areas are eligible to submit applications for projects to be included in the Mobility Plan. He then briefly touched on the project selection criteria and weighting, noting 180 project applications have been received and which staff are now reviewing and scoring based on the previously adopted criteria. Mr. Conger reviewed Plan cost summaries by location, by the 3 project categories (roadway, bike/ped and transit) as well as by Horizon Year. Mr. Conger, after a brief review of projected revenues, noted funding will remain a challenge. He concluded by reviewing the next steps leading up to the Plan Update adoption in April 2017. The complete presentation is available online and can be found here: http://www.knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/exec/may16/mobility_plan_update.pdf

6. Other Business

- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- Jeff Welch introduced Ally Ketron, TPO's new Outreach and Communications Specialist.
- Jack Qualls requested that any Letters of Intent for the CMAQ General Call for Projects be emailed to TDOT no later than May 27th.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.