



The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on July 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by telecommuting via Zoom. Chair Tom Taylor presided and called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum. Executive Board members were asked to introduce themselves.

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| *Terry Frank | Mayor, Anderson County |
| *Amber Scott | City of Lenoir City, for Mayor Tony Aikens |
| *Billy Pickel | Loudon County for Mayor Rollen “Buddy” Bradshaw |
| *Megan Brooks | City of Alcoa for Mayor Clint Abbott |
| *Mark Watson | City of Oak Ridge for Mayor Warren Gooch |
| *Jeff Harris | Mayor, City of Loudon |
| *Glenn Jacobs | Mayor, Knox County |
| *Indya Kincannon | Mayor, City of Knoxville |
| *Troy Ebbert | State of Tennessee, for Governor Bill Lee |
| *Ed Shouse | Knox County Trustee representing East TN Dev. District |
| *Tom Taylor | Mayor, City of Maryville |
| *Jeff Ownby | Sevier County, for Mayor |
| *Gwen McKenzie | Vice-Mayor, City of Knoxville |
| *Larry Gann | City of Clinton |
| *Hugh Nystrom | Knox County Commission |
| *Don Walker | Blount County, for Mayor Ed Mitchell |
| *Ron Williams | Mayor, Town of Farragut |
| *Melissa Roberson | Knoxville Area Transit, Public Transportation |
| **Pamela Kordenock | Federal Highway Administration |
| TPO Staff | |
| Partner Agency Staff | |
| Members of the Public | |
| *voting members | |
| **non-voting members | |

1 Call to Order

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

2 Motion to Approve April 22, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the April 22, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

A Motion was made by Amber Scott and seconded by Mayor Indya Kincannon to approve the April 22, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes. A roll-call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

3 Motion to Approve a Resolution to Amend the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to Certify that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being followed.

Item Summary: Locally requested amendment for one (1) air quality exempt project.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Discussion: Craig Luebke briefly reviewed the one air quality exempt project in the City of Loudon for the reconstruction of Queener Road to include widening and the reduction of curves. There was a substantial increase in project costs as reflected in this amendment. He further noted staff were requesting that the Technical Committee certify that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being followed. He noted this reaffirmation of the planning process will be included with every TIP amendment going forward as requested by the Federal Highway Administration. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Mayor Indya Kincannon and seconded by Amber Scott to approve a Resolution Amending the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to Certify that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being followed. A roll call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously.

4 Review of Local TIP Project Summary Report /Update of TIP Administrative Modifications

Item Summary: Staff will review the Local FY 2020-2023 TIP projects Summary report prepared for each jurisdiction. Staff will also provide an update on the TIP Administrative Modifications conducted by staff since its adoption.

Discussion: Craig Luebke gave an overview of the local project summaries sent to member jurisdictions for their projects in early June. These identify the number of programmed projects and their funding allocations by source, highlight projects scheduled to obligated funds in FY 2020 and include all local project TIP sheets in addition to TDOT programmed projects by county. He also reviewed TIP Administrative Modifications, formerly identified as Administrative Adjustments. The TPO has had modifications made to 20 local and 8 TDOT projects in the FY 2020-2023 TIP since its adoption approximately 5 months ago. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

5 Presentation on Crashes & COVID-19

Item Summary: Staff will share information about recent local and statewide trends in traffic crashes, and how they differ compared with the time prior to the pandemic.

Discussion: Ellen Zavisca reviewed trends in crashes she has been studying since March 1, 2020 of this year with the onset of the pandemic for Anderson, Blount, Knox and Loudon counties. Overall, there has been a substantial reduction in crashes though April, with a 60% reduction in Knox County alone. However, she noted that we have seen a steady increase in traffic fatalities

across the region, with fatal crashes up as a share of all traffic crashes, again more so in Knox County. She touched on statewide data involving an increasing number of deaths with teen drivers and pedestrians. Jeff Welch shared that since the beginning of this year 35% of the traffic fatalities occurred to unrestrained occupants in vehicles. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

6 Update on Mobility Plan 2045

Item Summary: Staff will provide a brief review on the major planning tasks to update the Mobility Plan 2045 and related elements.

Discussion: Jeff Welch gave an overview on the update which will take us out to 2045. He noted staff are in the process of completing the first round of public engagement, done virtually, however, the response has not been what they had hoped. He touched on the Draft Financial Plan and the Performance Measures which while complying with federal mandates, staff are looking to streamline where possible. The next step will be project submittal and selection along with an update of the ITS and Congestion Management Process. A separate Northshore Drive Corridor Study will be undertaken during this timeframe as well. Mr. Welch stated staff hope to have a draft document by the fall of 2020 with a final document by the spring of 2021. The full presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

7 Update on FTA Section 5307 Funding Formula Review

Item Summary: Staff will provide a brief review on the process to review the formula to distribute FTA Section 5307 funds to KAT, CAC and ETHRA.

Discussion: Doug Burton gave an overview on FTA Section 5307 Funding Formula Review. In April 2020, the Executive Board passed the last round of funding that came from the Federal Funding Administration that's called FTA Section 5307 which is funding that comes to local urbanized areas and is overseen by the City of Knoxville. The Board requested that TPO staff revisit the division of funding between KAT, ETHRA and CAC and see if staff could come up with an improved option and bring forth a recommendation before October 2020. Mr. Burton shared information discussed at those meetings, and facts and figures of Urbanized Area Transit Data. Lastly, Mr. Burton explained the next steps to be taken before providing a recommendation to the Executive Board. The full presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

8 Other Business

- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 9 a.m.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 9 a.m.
- Jeff Welch introduced and welcomed Harold Cannon, Director, City of Knoxville Engineering and Amy Brooks, the Interim Director for Knoxville-Knox County Planning, who are both now sitting members of the Technical Committee.

9 Public Comment

There was no public comment

10 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 A.M.