



The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on October 28, 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. Board members were asked to introduce themselves.

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| *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                                  |
| *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                               |
| *Larsen Jay           | Knox County Commission                                 |
| *Isaac Thorne         | Knoxville Area Transit, Public Transportation          |
| *Don Walker           | Blount County, for Mayor Ed Mitchell                   |
| *Ron Williams         | Mayor, Town of Farragut                                |
| **Louise Povlin       | Vice-Mayor, Town of Farragut                           |
| **Pamela Kordenock    | Federal Highway Administration                         |
| **Matt Meservy        | TDOT, Long Range Planning                              |
| **Preston Elliott     | TDOT, Deputy Commissioner                              |
| **Kwabena Aboagye     | TDOT Assistant Director                                |
| **Stacy Morrison      | TDOT, Office of Community Transportation               |
| **Sean Santalla       | 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. ***A motion was made by Amber Scott and seconded by Mayor Indya Kincannon stating that the Executive Board indicates that conducting this meeting by electronic means is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. A roll-call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously.***
- c. Introductions
- c. Amendments to the Agenda.  
***A motion was made by Mayor Ron Williams and seconded by Amber Scott amending the Agenda to hear Agenda Item #9 after Agenda Item #4 due to the Presenter having time conflicts. A roll-call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously.***

## 2 Motion to Approve August 26, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the August 26, 2020 TPO Executive Minutes.

*A Motion was made by Amber Scott and seconded by Mayor Ron Williams to approve the August 26, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes. A roll call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously.*

## 3 Motion to Approve a Resolution to Amending 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.

### STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke briefly reviewed the local and TDOT requested amendments for one (1) air quality exempt project. The air quality exempt project is the Magnolia Avenue Streetscape - Phase 3 and 4. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

*A Motion was made by Mayor Indya Kincannon and seconded by Mayor Ron Williams 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 OVERVIEW OF TIP MODIFICATIONS AND COST OVERRUNS, L-STBG FUNDING UPDATE AND ANNUAL ADA TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE REQUIREMENTS

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on recent TIP Administrative Modifications, project cost overrun funding approvals and an overview of the Local-Surface Transportation Block Grant program balance. Staff will also discuss the next steps in maintaining local Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan information.

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke provided an update on recent TIP Administrative Modifications, cost overruns, L-STBG funding, and annual ADA Transition Plan requirements. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

## 5 UPDATE ON MOBILITY PLAN 2045

Item Summary: The Mobility Plan 2045 is under development by staff and KCI consultants. Staff will provide an overview of the major milestones in the next 8 months for completion of the Mobility Plan 2045. Staff will also provide an initial assessment of the financial impact that the

“candidate projects” submitted by our TPO partners will have on the mobility plan anticipated revenues.

**Discussion:** Jeff Welch stated that the Mobility Plan 2045 is still set to be completed in the Spring of 2021. Mr. Welch shared that staff has just completed the second round of Public Input which ended on October 18, 2020. Mr. Welch provided the Executive Board with results of recent public input. Mr. Welch explained that TPO staff will put together a summary of public input received and share that with the Executive Board at the November meeting. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

## **6 NEW BIKE/PEDESTRIAN CRASH DATA FOR REGION AND KNOX COUNTY**

**Item Summary:** TPO staff have updated the public map of regional traffic crashes involving people walking and bicycling, and have produced reports analyzing patterns in crashes for the region, and for the City of Knoxville, the Town of Farragut, and unincorporated Knox County, and will share the key findings.

**Discussion:** Ellen Zavisca shared information on regional traffic crashes, specifically incidents of walking and bicycling crashes. TPO staff also updated this information on the public map and shared the tools for communities to share with their local jurisdictions. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

## **7 UPDATE ON FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5307 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FUNDS DISTRIBUTION**

**Item Summary:** The Executive Board, at their April meeting, directed the TPO staff to convene all parties involved who receive FTA Section 5307 Urban Area grant funds and discuss the current allocation formula and report back to the Board by October. Staff will provide an update on the meetings and progress made to date.

**Discussion:** Doug Burton explained that the Executive Board requested a committee be formed to revisit the division of Section 5307 Funding and to report back within 6 months at the October 2020 Meeting. Therefore, Mr. Burton shared the outcome of the Committee Meetings and the recommendation of funding amongst KAT, Knox County CAC and ETHRA. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

## **8 FEDERAL BUDGET UPDATE: CONTINUING RESOLUTION AND FAST ACT EXTENSION**

**Item Summary:** Congress passed and the President signed a Bill to keep the government funded through December 11, 2020 and to extend the FAST Act for one more year. Specifically, Division B of the bill provides a one-year extension of surface transportation law (FAST Act) at authorized levels equal to 2020. Division B extends expenditures from the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) until October 1, 2021 and transfers \$10,400,000,000 to the Highway Account of the HTF and \$3,200,000,000 to the Mass Transit Account of the HTF to meet obligations and keep the HTF solvent till Congress can provide a longer-term solvency solution.

**Discussion:** Jeff Welch shared that Congress passed and the President signed a Bill to keep the government funded through December 11, 2020 and to extend the FAST Act for one more year. Mr. Welch stated that Pamela Kordenock provided detailed information on the FAST Act during the Federal and Legislative updates earlier in the meeting.

## 9. UPDATES FROM FHWA AND TDOT PARTNERS

**Item Summary:** TN Division office of the Federal Highway Administration and TDOT staff will provide updates on federal and state activities/legislation.

**Discussion:** Pamela Kordenock provided updates on Federal and State activities and legislation. Ms. Kordenock explained that the Fast Act has been passed by Congress for one year, running from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Pamela went on to share information about the FHWA Resource Center, which is holding their annual “Call for Service.” The Call for Service is where FHWA provides technical assistance and specialized training to local agencies, and PO’s to the States.

Preston Elliott, TDOT Deputy Commissioner was present and provided updates to the Executive Board. Mr. Elliott shared a few announcements beginning with the introduction of Matt Meservy with Long Range Planning. Mr. Elliott also shared a new planning opportunity made available to smaller communities in Rural Planning Communities, an Urban Transportation Planning Grant to assist in transportation planning needs.

Troy Ebbert, TDOT Region 1, was present and provided updates to the Executive Board. Mr. Ebbert shared that I-40/81 study is close to completion. The Strategic Highway Safety Plan is officially published, which is the agreement between FTHP and TDOT on how they plan to work on safety plans moving forward. The Tennessee Sustainable Transportation Form, a webinar series will host webinars from October through November and is a great resource for local TPO’s. Lastly, the TDOT has sent out the Project Ranking updates for the year, the projects have been reviewed, and edits have been made. TDOT plans to share this information with TPO’s before the end of the year.

## 10. Other Business

- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building or electronically.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 9 a.m. in Small Assembly Room of the City County Building or electronically.
- The draft update and executive summary to the Human Services Transportation Plan is now available for public review on the TPO website at:

**Full Plan:** <https://knoxtpo.org/home/resources/plans/hstcp/plan.pdf>

**Executive Summary:** <https://knoxtpo.org/home/resources/plans/hstcp/summary.pdf>

## 11. Public Comment

There was no public comment

## **12. Adjournment.**

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 A.M.