

TPO Technical Committee Minutes
July 12, 2016
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, TN

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met July 12, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building in Knoxville, TN. Chair Kathryn Baldwin presided and called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum. Committee members were asked to introduce themselves.

*Kathryn Baldwin	City of Oak Ridge
*Terry Bobrowski	ETDD
*Brian Boone	City of Maryville
*Beth Collins	City of Lenoir City
*Rich DesGroseilliers	Lakeway MPO
*Deanna Flinchum	Knoxville Commuter Pool
*Gerald Green	Metropolitan Planning Commission
*Jim Hagerman	City of Knoxville
*Jerome Joiner	TDOT Region 1
*John Lamb	Blount County
*Jeff Ownby	Sevier County
*Mike Patterson	EHTRA, <i>for Gary Holiway</i>
*Cindy Pionke	Knox County
*Jack Qualls	City of Loudon and Loudon County
*Melissa Roberson	Knoxville Area Transit
*Darryl Smith	Town of Farragut
*Andrew Sonner	City of Alcoa
TPO Staff	
Partner Agency Staff	
Members of the Public	
*voting members	

Jeff Welch introduced 2 new staff, Elizabeth Watkins, transportation planner and Ally Ketron, Outreach and Communications Specialist. Kathryn Baldwin introduced David Code with Kimley-Horn Associates in Nashville.

1. Motion to Approve June 14, 2016 Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of June 14, 2016 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Gerald Green and seconded by John Lamb to approve the June 14, 2016 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion to Recommend Adoption of the FY 2016-2017 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Update.

Item Summary: The TPWP outlines a two year transportation planning work program for the activities undertaken by the TPO and its federal, state and local partners, which is updated annually. Staff will review the 2017 updates. Staff are requesting that the Technical Committee recommend approval of the Draft 2017 TPWP Update. The complete Draft document can be found here:
<http://www.knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/tech/jul16/TPO Work Program 2016-17.pdf>

Discussion: Jeff Welch noted staff have been working with member jurisdictions as well as TDOT and the FHWA in gathering information and in review of the Draft Work Program, noting our state and federal partners have formally indicated they are in agreement with the Program. He noted that this document reflects the second year update of a 2 year program. He then noted major activities in the Work Program will involve completion of the Long Range Mobility Plan 2040 Update as well as the development of the Interim and Final 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program.

A Motion was made by John Lamb and seconded by Jim Hagerman to recommend adoption of the FY 2016-2017 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Update. The Motion carried unanimously.

3. Long Range Mobility Plan Update

Item Summary: The TPO staff has completed an initial review and scoring of all project applications that were submitted and have compiled a draft project list for the 2040 Mobility Plan Update. Staff will provide a brief overview of the process to financially constrain projects against projected revenues and provide an update on the preparation of the Mobility Plan.

Discussion: Mike Conger described the process of developing the draft project list noting it is financially constrained as is mandated. He noted that there were some projects where the requested Horizon Year was moved further out in order to remain financially constrained. Unfunded unconstrained projects have been moved to an “Illustrative” list. If funded they can be shifted back to the Project List more easily as they are all air quality exempt projects which means they can be moved back without having to run air quality analyses. Mr. Conger noted staff are available to meet with individual jurisdictions who would like to review the list in further detail. Jeff Welch noted financial constraining can be further complicated based on the type of project vs. eligible funding for that type of project. Mr. Conger demonstrated a new mapping tool, available soon, that will allow for more public engagement in the update process as well as for any interested parties to see where the projects are located. Mr. Conger touched on the process and timeline for final approval of the list by late spring or early summer of 2017.

4. Draft FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Item Summary: The FY 2017-2020 TIP is being updated in two phases. TPO staff has previously presented the draft first phase update of the TIP known as the Interim 2017-2020 TIP, which is currently under review by TDOT. At this meeting staff will provide an overview of the second phase of the TIP update known as the Final 2017-2020 TIP, which is based on the projects included in the 2040 Mobility Plan update. A draft list of federally funded, locally managed projects recommended for funding by TPO staff in the Final 2017-2020 TIP will be presented.

Discussion: In reviewing the adoption processes and timelines, Mike Conger noted the current FY 2014-2017 TIP is consistent with the current Mobility Plan, that the Interim FY 2017-2020 TIP will align with the statewide schedule for the development and adoption of that Program and that the Final FY 2017-2020 TIP will be consistent with, and coincide with the 2017 Mobility Plan Update next spring. He then reviewed how the projects and their funding is carried over to the new Interim and Ultimate (Final) FY 2017-2020 TIP. Jeff Welch reiterated that all of the projects within each of these TIP's need to be financially constrained. Mr. Conger reviewed the draft list noting member jurisdictions are encouraged to contact staff with any comments. The complete presentation is available online and can be found here: http://www.knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/tech/jul16/TIP_Process.pdf

5. Update on Ian Lockwood Visit to Knoxville

Item Summary: At a time when everyone's talking about creating places that are vibrant and successful, how do we make sure that our streets work with, not against, those goals? Ian Lockwood is a transportation engineer who encourages leaders to think differently about how streets interact with the fabric of our cities and towns. Lockwood will be coming to Knoxville for several events in late July. Technical Committee members are encouraged to participate.

Discussion: Ellen Zavisca noted Technical Committee members will be given Mr. Lockwood's full Agenda outlining his visit later this month once it is finalized. Mr. Lockwood was one of the faculty at the Walkability Institute Ms. Zavisca attended with a team from Knoxville in Decatur Georgia earlier this year. Team members were impressed with Mr. Lockwood's take on thinking differently about how transportation impacts our built environment and how transportation investments interact with the vibrancy of our cities and suburban areas. There will be a workshop immediately following the Executive Board meeting on the 27th. Later that afternoon there will be a workshop for design practitioners, engineers, planners and landscape architects. Also, on the evening of the 27th there will be an event at the Health Department to engage the public in this discussion. On the morning of the 28th there will be a small group discussion and walk audit on Chapman Highway for a core group of stakeholders. Mr. Lockwood will then participate in the Mobility Advisory Committee meeting later that afternoon.

6. Presentation on the City of Knoxville's Greenway Feasibility Study

Item Summary: The City of Knoxville is wrapping up its Greenway Feasibility Study. The study results in routing plans and cost estimates for 13 high-priority greenway corridors, and will inform the City's priorities for investing in greenways.

Discussion: Ellen Zavisca introduced Lori Goerlich, Parks and Greenways Coordinator for the City of Knoxville. She reviewed the events leading up to the study which was conducted by Ross/Fowler Landscape Architecture with sub-consultants Cannon & Cannon Engineers and S & ME (Geotechnical – Environmental). The study was funded by local STP funds along with a local match by the City of Knoxville. Ms. Goerlich then reviewed the study in detail noting it involved determining feasible greenway trail routes that would connect the City's major existing greenways. She noted the study ultimately looked at 13 corridors that would warrant at least some preliminary engineering and more detailed work such as the development of budgets and what would Right-of-Way acquisition look like, much more information than a typical planning study would produce. The study also focused on current and future opportunities along each corridor to meet the goal of them all being full use greenways. She noted the study will be on the City of Knoxville's Parks and Recreation website and they are looking to schedule a public meeting the second week of August. Details of the meeting will be announced once

finalized. A brief question and answer period ensued. The presentation is available online and is located here: <http://www.knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/tech/jul16/Greenway Feasibility Study.pdf>

7. Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- The next Mobility Advisory Committee meeting will take place on July 28, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Ijams Nature Center.
- TDOT has a community outreach gathering tonight to discuss proposed safety improvements on a 7.2 mile stretch of Chapman Highway in Sevier County from White School Road to Foothills Road. It is from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Seymour.
- Melissa Roberson noted the City of Knoxville is celebrating Try Transit Week this week. She noted they want to highlight KAT's Google Trip Planner available on their website at www.katbus.com. She noted all KAT fares are free on Friday (July 15th).

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Cindy Pionke and seconded by Brian Boone to adjourn the meeting. The Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.