



The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on August 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by telecommuting via Zoom. Chair Brian Boone presided and called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum. Committee members were asked to introduce themselves.

- *Nathalie Schmittt
- *Chico Messer
- *Amy Brooks
- *Megan Brooks
- *Karen Estes
- *Mike Patterson
- *Brian Boone
- *Terry Bobrowski
- *Kathryn Baldwin
- *Rich DesGroseilliers
- *Deanna Flinchum
- *Jim Snowden
- *Jacob Wright
- *Blake Sartin
- *Harold Cannon
- *Sean Santalla
- *Daryl Smith
- *Michelle Christian
- Troy Ebbert
- TPO Staff
- Partner Agency Staff
- Members of the Public
- *voting members**
- *non-voting members**

- City of Oak Ridge, *for Wayne Blasius*
- Blount County
- Knoxville Knox County Planning
- City of Alcoa
- Knox County CAC Transit
- ETHRA, for Gary Holliday
- City of Maryville
- ETDD
- Anderson County
- Lakeway MPO
- Knoxville Commuter Pool
- Knox County Engineering
- Knoxville Area Transit
- Metro Knoxville Airport Authority
- City of Knoxville Engineering
- FHWA
- Town of Farragut
- TDOT, Region 1
- TDOT, Region 1

1 Call to Order

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

2 Motion to Approve July 14, 2020 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the July 14, 2020 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Terry Bobrowski and seconded by Megan Brooks to approve the July 14, 2020 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. A roll call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item Summary: Local and TDOT requested amendments for four (4) air quality exempt projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Discussion: Craig Luebke briefly reviewed the local and TDOT requested amendments for four (4) air quality exempt projects. Mr. Luebke explained that two amendments remove current TIP projects, and two amendments add new TIP projects. The overall impact of these amendments totals out to \$4.88 million of funding removed. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Harold Cannon and seconded by Chico Messer to recommend approval of a Resolution to Amend the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to Certify that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being followed to the Executive Board. A roll call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously.

4 SUMMARY OF ROUND 1 PUBLIC INPUT RECEIVED FOR MOBILITY PLAN 2045

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the comments received from the first round of public input via the online tools.

Discussion: Jeff Welch shared that the Mobility Plan 2045 is scheduled to be finished in spring of 2021. Mr. Welch explained that Knoxville TPO has had a consultant assisting staff with this effort. Mr. Welch went on to say that staff put together an outreach plan before the pandemic hit, and since had to revise that strategy to go all virtual. Mr. Welch briefly shared an overview of the results received from the first round of the public input via the online tools. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

5 MOBILITY PLAN 2045 PROJECT APPLICATIONS

Item Summary: The 2045 Mobility Plan “Call for Projects” is now open through Friday, September 4th and an online project application form link has been provided to all TPO jurisdictions. The TPO staff will provide an overview of how to use the online form and answer any initial questions about the project application process.

Discussion: Mike Conger explained that Technical Committee voting members were recently sent an e-mail “Call for Projects” with an attached online application form. Mr. Conger explained that

this step is one of the most critical pieces of the Mobility Plan, which is identifying and determining the projects that go into it the plan and will be funded. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, September 4, 2020. Since this was a new process this year and being done all virtually, Mr. Conger gave a virtual presentation on the steps to submit a “Call for Projects” application electronically. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

6 SURVEY RESULTS FOR THE HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLAN 2020 UPDATE

Item Summary: Staff is in the process of updating the Knoxville Regional Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (HSTC Plan). A HSTC Plan identifies the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, seniors, and people with low incomes; provides strategies for meeting those local needs; prioritizes transportation services and projects for funding, and will be an input into the Mobility Plan 2045. As part of the input process a survey was conducted. Staff will present highlights of the survey results.

Discussion: Doug Burton briefly explained what the Human Service Transportation Plan covers and its role in the Mobility Plan 2045. Mr. Burton presented the Technical Committee with survey results from the recent public input process and the agency’s next steps. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

7 Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held electronically.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.
- TDOT is now accepting 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications through October 2, 2020. Applications submitted after that date will not be considered for funding in the 2021 program cycle. TDOT does not automatically roll-over previously submitted applications and the Department will only accept applications through TDOT’s eGrants system. This electronic submission must still include the appropriate budget template, as well as any maps, photographs, conceptual sketches and support letters. Information about the TAP program and how to apply can be found here: <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/program-development-and-administration-home/local-programs/tap.html>

8 Public Comment

There was no public comment

9 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 A.M.