

Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Main Assembly Room

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on December 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building. 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.

*Dakota Gentry
*Don Walker
*Karen Estes
*Kathryn Baldwin
*Stephanie Hargrove
*Brian Boone
*DeAnna Flinchum
*Jacob Wright
*Harold Cannon
*Don Brown
*Beth Collins
*Jack Qualls
*Larry Gann
*Rich DeGroseilliers
*Troy Ebbert
*Wayne Blasius
*Daryl Smith
*Jeff Ownby
TPO Staff
Partner Agency Staff
Members of the Public

City of Alcoa
Blount County
Knox County CAC Transit
Anderson County
Knox County Engineering
City of Maryville
Knoxville Commuter Pool
Knoxville Area Transit
City of Knoxville Engineering
ETDD
City of Lenoir City
Loudon and Loudon County
City of Clinton
Lakeway MPO
TDOT, Region 1
City of Oak Ridge
Town of Farragut
Sevier County

1 Call to Order

- a. Determination of a Quorum
- b. Introductions
- c. Amendments to the Agenda
- d. List of Commonly Used Acronyms attached as last page

2 Motion to Approve October 12, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the October 12, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Wayne Blasius and seconded by Jack Qualls to approve the October 12, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously 17-0.

Jeff Ownby arrived to the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

3 Motion to Recommend to the Board the Ranking of Projects for TDOT 3-Year (2023-2025) Program of Projects

Item Summary: TDOT annually requests a ranking of project phases that are under consideration for funding in its 3-Year Program. The projects and ranking process were presented at a Technical Committee Workshop in November and each voting member was asked to submit their rankings to staff. TPO Staff compiled the responses into an average ranking for further discussion and determination of a final recommendation to the Executive Board. Multimodal and Other Project Needs will also be presented.

Discussion: Mike Conger briefly summarized the ranking of project phases that are under consideration for funding in its 3-Year Program. TPO Staff shared the ranking sheet for the Technical Committee for further discussion and determination of a final recommendation to the Executive Board. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

A Motion was made by Jack Qualls and seconded by Kathryn Baldwin to Recommend Approval of the Ranking of Projects for TDOT 3-Year (2023-2025) Program of Projects. The Motion carried unanimously 18-0.

A Motion was made by Harold Cannon and seconded by Wayne Blasius to Recommend Approval of the Other Projects Needs on State Routes list unranked to the Executive Board. The Motion failed 7-10-1 (Collins, Smith, Flinchum, Qualls, Wright, Ownby, Hargrove, Estes, Baldwin, Gann no). (TDOT abstained).

A Motion was made by Kathryn Baldwin and seconded by Jeff Ownby to Recommend Approval of the Other Projects Needs on State Routes. The Motion carried 16-1-1 (Blasius no). (TDOT Abstained).

4 Annual Obligation Report

Item Summary: Each year the TPO is required to make available to the public a listing of all transportation related projects in which federal funds were obligated in the past fiscal year.

Discussion: Craig Luebke shared the Annual Obligation Report with Technical Committee Members. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

5 First Reading of Changes to the TPO Technical Committee Bylaws

Item Summary: Staff has proposed several changes to the Technical Committee Bylaws. Any changes to the Bylaws require two readings before adoption.

Discussion: Jeff Welch briefly reviewed the edits made to the TPO Technical Committee Bylaws for First Reading approval. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

There was brief discussion amongst the Technical Committee and suggestions were made to the revise the TPO Technical Committee Bylaws before recommending First Reading Approval.

6 Census Population

Item Summary: The Staff will share information from the 2020 Census regarding population growth patterns in the Knoxville region.

Discussion: Jace Swain-Crowley, AmeriCorps Member, presented on 2020 Census growth patterns in the Knoxville region. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

7 Overview of New Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Item Summary: Staff will provide a broad overview of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act with information provided by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO).

Discussion: Jeff Welch shared an overview of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act with information provided by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO). The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

8 Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, December 21, 2021 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held in-person in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held in-person in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building.

9 Public Comment

There was no public comment

10 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 A.M.