



# Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on June 8, 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.

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| *Beth Collins         | City of Lenoir City               |
| *Megan Brooks         | City of Alcoa                     |
| *Don Walker           | Blount County                     |
| *Karen Estes          | Knox County CAC Transit           |
| *Kathryn Baldwin      | Anderson County                   |
| *Catherine Olsen      | Knox County Engineering           |
| *Brian Boone          | City of Maryville                 |
| *DeAnna Flinchum      | Knoxville Commuter Pool           |
| *Amy Brooks           | Knoxville-Knox County Planning    |
| *Blake Sartin         | Metro Knoxville Airport Authority |
| *Jacob Wright         | Knoxville Area Transit            |
| *Harold Cannon        | City of Knoxville Engineering     |
| *Don Brown            | ETDD                              |
| *Jack Qualls          | City of Loudon & Loudon County    |
| *Rich DeGroseilliers  | Lakeway MPO                       |
| *Michelle Christian   | TDOT, Region 1                    |
| **Troy Ebbert         | TDOT, Region 1                    |
| TPO Staff             |                                   |
| Partner Agency Staff  |                                   |
| Members of the Public |                                   |

## 1 Call to Order

- a. Determination of a Quorum
- b. Introductions, Recognition of Cindy Pionke's Retirement
- c. Amendments to the Agenda.

## 2 Motion to Approve April 13, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

**Item Summary:** Approval of the April 13, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

*A Motion was made by Kathryn Baldwin and seconded by Blake Sartin to approve the April 13, 2021, TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously 16-0.*

## 3 Motion to Approve on First Reading an Amendment to the TPO Technical Committee Bylaws

**Item Summary:** Add Section VII. 5, allowing for the use of Virtual meetings for the Technical Committee.

**Discussion:** Jeff Welch shared a proposed Amendment to the TPO Executive Board Bylaws, adding Section VI.5 allowing the use of Virtual meetings. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

**STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL**

*A Motion was made by Harold Cannon and seconded by Beth Collins to approve on First Reading an Amendment to the TPO Technical Committee Bylaws. The Motion carried unanimously 16-0.*

#### **4 Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and Certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is Being Followed**

**Item Summary:** Locally requested amendments for three (3) air quality exempt projects. Five (5) of the proposed amendments are to bring the TIP into alignment with the project descriptions and funded list of projects contained in the Draft Mobility Plan 2045.

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke shared locally requested amendments for three (3) air quality exempt projects. The projects consist of the Woodland Avenue Complete Street, Liberty Street Multimodal Project, and the First Creek Greenway- Broadway Streetscape. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

**STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL**

*A Motion was made by Jack Qualls and seconded by Cathy Olsen to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and Certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is Being Followed. The Motion carried unanimously 16-0.*

#### **5 Motion to Recommend Approval of Section 5310 Program of Projects to the Executive Board**

**Item Summary:** The TPO is the designated recipient of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funds. Section 5310 funds can be used for both operating and capital funding for projects that support seniors and persons with disabilities. Often non-profits utilize this funding to buy vans to provide transportation for their clients. The TPO held an open and publicly advertised Call-for-Projects. A sub-committee of the Technical Committee reviewed the applications and developed a slate of draft projects for funding consideration. The attached table and draft Program-of-Projects show the recommendations for funding. Staff recommends approval. Project applications can be viewed at this: [Project Applications](#)

**Discussion:** Doug Burton specified that the TPO is the designated recipient of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funds. Mr. Burton went on to explain that the TPO held an open and publicly advertised Call-for-Projects, then shared the draft Program of Projects and staff's recommendation for the funding of the submitted projects. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

## STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

*A Motion was made by Harold Cannon and seconded by Kathryn Baldwin to recommend Approval of Section 5310 Program of Projects to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously 16-0.*

## 6 Presentation of TDOT Multi Modal

**Item Summary:** Staff from TDOT's Long Range Planning Division will give a presentation on their Pedestrian Road Safety Initiative (PRSI) and Multimodal Priority Tool (MPT) analytics. They will discuss the data and GIS analysis behind the results, and exhibit a corridor in Sevier County identified by the MPT for potential improvements.

**Discussion:** Will Brewer, Chris McPhilamy and Marshall Wilson with TDOT gave a presentation on their Pedestrian Road Safety Initiative (PRSI) and Multimodal Priority Tool (MPT) analytics. Mr. Wilson shared that they would like to make these tools available for MPO's to use and review and requested additional feedback from the TPO Technical Committee. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

## 7 Presentation on TDOT 3-Year Program of Projects

**Item Summary:** TDOT will make a presentation on the 3-Year Program of Projects adopted by the Tennessee legislature.

**Discussion:** Dexter Justice and Troy Ebbert with TDOT gave a presentation on the 3-Year Program of Projects adopted by the Tennessee legislature. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

## 8 Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, June 23, 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, July 13, 2021 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held in-person in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building.
- Kathryn Baldwin explained that the State Legislature in the last Legislative Session had a bill before them that was going to restrict utilization of dedication by local developers as they plat property to not require right-of-way dedication on roads designated near major routes and major road thoroughfare plans. The bill was not passed; however, it was not defeated either. Mrs. Baldwin suggested that the TPO Technical Committee form a volunteer committee to examine the unattended consequences and the increase in cost of road construction for this region.

*A Motion was made by Kathryn Baldwin and seconded by Cathy Olsen to serve on a committee to examine the unattended consequences and the increase in cost of road construction for this region. The Motion carried unanimously 16-0.*

## **9 Public Comment**

There was no public comment

## **10 Adjournment.**

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 A.M.