

Minutes

9:00 AM | Small Assembly Room
City County Building, 400 Main Street

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

A. Determination of a Quorum

B. Introductions

C. Introduction of Zoom Participants

D. Amendments to the Agenda

E. **List of Commonly Used Acronyms**

***Brian Boone**
City of Maryville

***DeAnna Flinchum**
Knoxville Commuter
Pool

***Jack Qualls**
City of Loudon/Loudon
County

***Chris Howley (Proxy
for Tom Clabo)**
City of Knoxville
Engineering

***Rich DeGroseilliers**
Lakeway MPO

***Amy Brooks**
Knoxville-Knox County
Planning

***Blake Sartin**
Airport Authority

***Dakota Gentry**
City of Alcoa

***Tanner Charles**
KAT

***Patrick Berge**
City of Oak Ridge

***Laura Smith (proxy
for Rick Yakubic)**
ETDD

***Troy Ebbert**
TDOT Region 1

***Karen Estes**
CAC

***Larry Gann**
City of Clinton

***Cathy Olsen (proxy
for Jim Snowden)**
Knox County

***Chico Messer**
Blount County

***Kathryn Baldwin**
Anderson County

TPO Staff

Partner Agency Staff

Members of the Public

*** Voting Members**

2. Minutes

Approval of the October 10, 2023 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Approved 17-0-0

A motion was made by Mr. Sartin and seconded by Mr. Messer to approve the October 10, 2023 Technical Committee minutes. The motion carried unanimously, 17-0.

3. **2020 Adjusted Census Urban Area Boundary and New TPO Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary***



The US Census Bureau delineates urban and rural areas following each Decennial Census with the 2020 urban area designations being made on 12/29/2022. The TPO must review its Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary after each Census and adjust as necessary. The MPA must include, at a minimum, the entire existing Census urbanized area plus the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period. TPO staff will provide an overview of the process used to delineate both an Adjusted (smoothed) Census Urban Area as well as the new MPA boundary for our region.

Attachment #3A: Resolution Adopting Delineation of the Adjusted Knoxville 2020 Census Urban Area Boundary

Attachment #3B: Resolution Adopting Delineation of New Knoxville Regional TPO Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary based on the 2020 Census

Discussion

Mike Conger, TPO Staff, reviewed the 2020 Adjusted Census Urban Area Boundary and changes to the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary for the Knoxville region.

Approved 17-0-0

A motion was made by Mr. Messer to recommend approval of the 2020 Adjusted Census Urban Area boundary to the TPO Executive Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Baldwin. The motion carried unanimously, 17-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Baldwin to recommend approval of the new TPO Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary to the TPO Executive Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Messer. The motion carried unanimously, 17-0.

4. **Title VI Report***

As the recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding, the TPO is required to prepare a Title VI Report every three years. The Title VI Report is a collection of information, maps, tables, forms, and exhibits to be submitted to FTA to demonstrate the TPO is compliant with the requirements outlined in FTA Circular 4702.1B. The Title VI Report also describes outreach efforts the TPO undertakes in trying to engage transportation disadvantaged communities in the planning process. The Executive Board is required to approve the Title VI Report. The full Title VI Report is available online.

Attachment #4A: Resolution Adopting Title VI Report

Attachment #4B: Summary Memo

Discussion

Doug Burton, TPO Staff, reviewed the Title VI Report.

Approved 17-0-0

A motion was made by Mr. Messer and seconded by Mr. Sartin to recommend approval of the Title VI Report to the TPO Executive Board. The motion carried unanimously, 17-0.

5. **Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for FY 2023**

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. The full list of 2023 Federally Obligated Projects is available online.

Discussion

Craig Luebke, TPO Staff, reviewed the list of all transportation projects in which federal funds were obligated in the past fiscal year.

6. **Mobility Plan 2050 Update**



TPO Staff will provide updates on the status of the development of the Mobility Plan 2050 including a discussion of the Goals & Objectives from the previous plan and results from a survey of the Mobility Plan Technical Advisory Committee members.

Discussion

Mike Conger, TPO Staff, provided an update on the Mobility Plan 2050, including the results of the Technical Advisory Committee survey and a discussion of goals and objectives.

7. TDOT Project Updates

In past years the TPO would typically be asked to rank the projects in our region being considered for funding in TDOT's 3-Year Program at this meeting. TDOT's annual process is different this year due to the passage of the major Transportation Modernization Act (TMA) legislation by the State Legislature. TDOT Region 1 Project Development and OCT Staff will provide project updates.

Discussion

Dexter Justis, TDOT Region 1 Staff, provided updates on transportation projects in the Knoxville region.

8. TDOT and FHWA Updates

Troy Ebbert, TDOT Region 1 Staff, and Zach Coleman, FHWA, provided updated to the Committee.

9. Other Business

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

TPO Technical Committee Meeting Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

10. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Technical Committee with a five-minute time limit for each person.

Discussion

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

