

Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on February 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building. Chair Wayne Blasius presided and called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum. Committee members were asked to introduce themselves.

All presentations given during the meeting are available online.

*Brian Boone	City of Maryville
*Beth Collins	Lenoir City
*Don Walker	Blount County
*DeAnna Flinchum	Knoxville Commuter Pool
*Jim Snowden	Knox County Engineering
*Jack Qualls	City of Loudon/Loudon County
*Tom Clabo	City of Knoxville Engineering
*Rich DeGroseilliers	Lakeway MPO
*Michelle Christian	TDOT, Region 1
*Jeff Welch	Knoxville-Knox County Planning
*Laura Smith	ETDD
*Larry Gann	City of Clinton
*Blake Sartin	Airport Authority
*Karen Estes	CAC
*Kathryn Baldwin	Anderson County
*Dakota Gentry	City of Alcoa
*Rebecca Styers	KAT
*James Temple	Sevier County
*Wayne Blasius, Chair	City of Oak Ridge
TPO Staff	
**Partner Agency Staff	
Members of the Public	
* <i>Voting Members</i>	
** <i>Non-voting members</i>	

1 Call to Order

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

2 Motion to Approve December 13, 2022 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the December 13, 2022, TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Jim Snowden and seconded by Kathryn Baldwin to approve the December 13, 2022 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously 18-0.

3 Election of Officers

Item Summary: The Bylaws state that the Technical Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from its membership. Such elections shall be by a majority vote of the membership. Election of officers shall take place on the first meeting of the calendar year and term of office shall be for one year. An officer is eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. The current Chair and Vice-Chair are ineligible to serve an additional term in their current positions

Discussion: Jeff Welch discussed the election of TPO Technical Committee Officers.

A Motion was made by Brian Boone and seconded by Jim Snowden to nominate Wayne Blasius as the 2023-2024 TPO Technical Committee Chair. The Motion carried unanimously 18-0.

A Motion was made by Brian Boone and seconded by Kathryn Baldwin to nominate Jack Qualls as the 2023-2024 TPO Technical Committee Vice-Chair. The Motion carried unanimously 18-0.

4 Motion to Recommend Adoption of Performance Measure Targets to the Executive Board

Item Summary: FHWA regulations require states and MPOs to establish performance targets for three major areas of the roadway system: (PM1) safety, (PM2) pavement/bridge condition, and (PM3) system performance (traffic congestion/environment). Safety performance targets are required to be set on an annual basis while the other performance targets cover a 4-year period that can be adjusted at the mid-point. Once TDOT establishes targets, the MPO has 180 days to either agree to support the state target or to establish specific numeric targets for our region. Staff recommends supporting the state targets for this cycle and a single resolution has been developed for the Technical Committee's consideration.

Discussion: Mike Conger shared information on the Performance Measure Targets.

A Motion was made by Brian Boone and seconded by Laura Smith to Recommend Approval of a Resolution Adopting the Performance Measure Targets to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously 20-0.

5 Update on Section 5310 Van/Mini-Bus Procurement

Item Summary: The capital vehicle projects approved last round for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility for Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities have not been able to be procured due to a variety of reasons, including the significant increase in the cost of vehicles. Staff will update the Technical Committee on the procurement challenges and the need to increase the original funding awards to compensate for the increased costs.

Discussion: Doug Burton shared an update on Section 5310 Van/Mini-Bus procurement.

6 Presentation of the Regional Transit Study Potential Routes

Item Summary: The TPO has hired the consulting firm of Jarrett Walker & Associates (JWA) to conduct a Regional Transit Study (RTS). The RTS is a high-level look at the urban area and where

potential fixed-route transit might serve in the future. JWA and the TPO held online meetings with the different TPO jurisdictions last summer. JWA will present several draft route options they have developed.

Discussion: Scudder Wagg and Ricky Angueira, Jarrett Walker & Associates, gave a presentation on the Regional Transit Study.

7 Demonstration of the new TDOT Crash Website

Item Summary: Numetric created the AASHTOWare Safety website for TDOT that allows for the review and analysis of traffic crash data in from across the state. They will provide a brief demo as well as information for local governments who wish to get access to the site.

Discussion: Audra Engle and Greg Olsen, Numetric, gave a presentation on TDOT's new crash website.

8 Update on the Urban Area Boundary from the 2020 Census

Item Summary: The Census Bureau updates the official geographic delineation of urban-rural classification following each Decennial Census. Staff will provide information regarding the new urban area boundaries based on the 2020 Census that were recently released. The urban area delineation impacts the TPO in multiple ways including establishment of the minimum geography that must be included in the TPO Planning Area Boundary and population-based allocations of federal funding programs through both FHWA and FTA

Discussion: Mike Conger gave a update on the Urban Area Boundary from the 2020 Census.

9 Reports from our FHWA and TDOT Partners

Item Summary: Updates from our FHWA and TDOT Partners.

Discussion: Michelle Christian gave an update about Transportation Planning Grants.

10 Other Business

- The TPO staff are in the early stages of putting together the FY 2024 & FY 2025 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). If Technical Committee members have suggestions for planning studies, please let us know.
- KAT, as part of the KAT Re-Imagined Study, will be holding public involvement activities throughout February for input on the newly proposed KAT route network. Two public meetings will be held. One meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023 from 5-7 p.m. at the Community Room at Knoxville Station and the other will be on Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 11-1 p.m. at the Community Room at Knoxville Station. For more information visit [KATreimagined.com](https://katreimagined.com).
- Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building
- TPO Technical Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

11 Public Comment

12 Adjournment