



Minutes

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 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

*Amy Brooks Knoxville-Knox County Planning	*Darryl Smith Town of Farragut	*Pat Downs (proxy for Isaac Thorne) Knoxville Area Transit	*Troy Ebbert Tennessee Department of Transportation
*Beth Collins Lenoir City	*DeAnna Flinchum Knoxville Commuter Pool	*James Temple Sevier County	*Tina Whitaker Lakeway MPO
*Jason Bennett Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority	*Mike Patterson ETHRA	*Jim Snowdon Knox County	*Laura Smith (proxy for Rick Yukubic) East Tennessee Development District
*Brian Boone City of Maryville	*Tom Clabo City of Knoxville	*Karen Estes (proxy for Barbara Kelly) Community Action Committee	TPO Staff Partner Agency Staff *Voting Members
*Durand Hacker Blount County	*Jack Qualls City of Loudon & Loudon County		

2. Minutes*

Approved 17-0-0

Mr. Snowden moved to approve the minutes of September 10, 2024 meeting of the TPO Technical Meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



3. **Reconnecting Communities Grant Project Update**

The City of Knoxville and Knoxville Community Development Corporation (KCDC) have been awarded a \$42.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to implement a civic infrastructure plan intended to begin the restoration of cultural and economic opportunity to communities impacted by urban renewal initiatives. The seven-phase project will create nearly 10 miles of connectivity improvements to link East Knoxville residents to economic, cultural and recreational amenities.

Discussion

Marissa Moazen, KCDC, was present to give an overview of projects included in the Reconnecting Communities Grant.

4. **FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments***

TDOT requested an amendment for the I-75 at Emory Road (SR-131) Interchange project. The proposed amendment increases the construction phase and total project cost. The project schedule is also revised to move construction from FY 2024 to FY 2025. The construction phase is increased from \$10,100,000 to \$33,325,000 NHPP (\$26,660,000 federal/\$6,665,000 state) and the total project cost is increased to \$35,725,000.

The City of Knoxville requested an amendment to add the Urban Wilderness Gateway Park project to the TIP. The proposed amendment adds the project for PE-N in FY 2025 and PE-D in FY 2026. PE-N is estimated at \$300,000 (100% federal Reconnecting Communities [RCN]). PE-D is estimated at \$2,000,000 (100% federal Reconnecting Communities [RCN]). This amendment adds \$2,300,000 (\$2,300,000 federal RCN/\$0 local) to the TIP. The total project cost is \$25,000,000.

Attachment #4A: 23-2020-011 Draft Amendment

Attachment #4B: 23-2023-001 Draft Amendment

Attachment #4C: Draft TIP Amendment Resolution

Attachment #4D: Draft TIP Metropolitan Planning Process Self-Certification

Discussion

Mr. Leubke reviewed the proposed amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program.

Approved 17-0-0

Mr. Snowden to recommend approval of a resolution adopting TDOT and City of Knoxville requested amendments for two air quality exempt projects and certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being followed to the Executive Board. Mr. Clabo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **PM2.5 CMAQ Program and Air Quality Standard Update***

Staff will provide an update on TDOT CMAQ programming policy revision and CMAQ PM 2.5 funding available for FY 2025 obligations. Staff will also give an update on the recently revised EPA PM2.5 air quality standard and potential impacts.

Attachment #5: TDOT CMAQ Process Implementation Notice

Discussion

Mr. Conger and Mr. Leubke gave updates on the TDOT CMAQ programming policy revision and CMAQ PM 2.5 funding available for FY 2025 obligations. They also gave an update on the recently revised EPA PM2.5 air quality standard and potential impacts.



6. **ADA Transition Plan Update & Progress Reports***

Staff will review the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan reporting requirements from TDOT.

Attachment #6: ADA Transition Plan 3-Year Self-Certification Form

Discussion

Mr. Leubke reviewed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan reporting requirements from TDOT.

7. **Mobility Plan 2050 Update**

An update and discussion of next steps related to the TPO long-range transportation plan update.

Discussion

Mr. Tresohlavý gave an update on the 2050 Mobility Plan update process.

8. **TDOT and FHWA Updates**

TDOT and FHWA staff will provide updates.

Discussion

Mr. Ebbert reminded the Committee that raise grants are due January 30 and gave the Committee an update on repairs to storm damaged state roads.

9. **Other Business***

Election of Officers will take place at the January 2025 meeting.

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

TPO Technical Committee Meeting December 10, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

See attachment for list of Technical Committee and Executive Board meeting dates for 2025.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

