



Agenda

9:00 A.M. | Main Assembly Room
City County Building, Knoxville, TN

1 Call to Order

Mayor Terry Frank, Chair

- a. Determination of a Quorum
- b. Introductions
- c. Acknowledgement of Zoom participants
- d. Amendments to the Agenda
- e. List of Commonly Used Acronyms **Attachment #1**

2 Motion to Approve February 22, 2023 TPO Executive Board Minutes

Presenter: Mayor Terry Frank, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the February 22, 2023 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

Attachment #2: Draft February 22, 2023 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

3 PUBLIC HEARING on the Federal Transit Administration – Urban Area – Program of Projects

Motion to Approve the FY 2023 Program of Projects

Presenter: Doug Burton, TPO Staff

Item Summary: As a requirement of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), a Public Hearing will be held during the Executive Board meeting to allow for public input regarding the proposed transit Program of Projects (POP). The POP is a specific list of projects to be funded by each agency. Each fiscal year, the urban area receives from the FTA an allocation of Section 5307 – Urban Area, Section 5339 – Bus and Bus Facilities, and Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant funds. The City of Knoxville is the Designated Recipient of the 5307 and 5339 funds. The TPO is the Designated Recipient of the Section 5310 funds. The Executive Board in 2017 approved a distribution formula for how the Section 5307 funds would be allocated to KAT, Knox County CAC Transit, and ETHRA. The Executive Board should consider any-and-all public input before final action on the POP.

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Attachment #3A: Memorandum from City of Knoxville Mayor Kincannon on Section 5307/5339 Funding Distribution

Attachment #3B: FFY 2023 Program of Projects for FTA Section 5307, 5310, and 5339 Funding

4 Motion to Approve a Resolution Adopting Amendments to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the associated Air Quality Conformity Report and Certifying that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process is being Followed

Presenter: Craig Luebke, TPO Staff

Item Summary: TDOT and locally requested amendments for two (2) air quality non-exempt projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Attachment #4A: Draft TIP Amendment Resolution

Attachment #4B: Draft Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification

Attachment #4C: Draft Air Quality Conformity Report

Attachment #4D: Draft Amendment 23-2014-025 (Pellissippi Pkwy. (SR-162) Extension) - Amend project to revise the project descriptive elements, increase programmed Right of Way funding and total project cost. The project length is increased to 4.9 miles and the termini description is revised to "Pellissippi Parkway from near SR-33 to SR-73 (US-321) (IA)." ROW phase costs in FY 2023 are revised to include \$20,709,838 (\$16,567,870 federal NHPP/\$4,141,968 state). This amendment adds \$20,709,838 (\$16,567,870 federal NHPP/\$4,141,968 state) to the project and the TIP. The total project cost is increased to \$184,200,000.

Attachment #4E: Draft Amendment 23-2020-005 (Foothills Mall Dr. Extension Ph. 2) - Amend project to revise the project termini, description and length. Project termini are revised from "Foch St. to McCammon Ave." to "Foch St. to near Bessemer St." The project length is increased to 0.76 miles and the project description is revised to "Construct new 2-lane road with turn lanes where needed from Foch St. to McCammon Ave., at Celtic Rd. and Reconstruct McCammon Ave. to an improved 2-lane roadway with curb & gutter to tie in with previous improvements near the Bessemer St. intersection. Project includes a multi-use path on one side throughout." No funding changes are included with this amendment and the total project cost is unchanged.

5 Edgemoor Road Presentation

Presenter: Mark Watson, City Manager, City of Oak Ridge

Item Summary: Mr. Watson will make a presentation on the traffic challenges of Edgemoor Road in Oak Ridge. Mr. Watson will discuss the growing activity in this area, particularly with expanded missions of the Department of Energy, but also new businesses in the region and expected in the future. Drone video footage, at various times of day, will show road congestion. The overview will bring to life one of the major work centers of the region and the continuing need for upgrade of the roadway systems now delayed until 2035.

Attachment #5: Letter from Mark Watson, City Manager, City of Oak Ridge

6 Update on Safety Plan

Presenter: Ellen Zavisca, TPO Staff

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on the progress toward creating a Roadway Safety Action Plan for the Knoxville region. Once complete, this plan will make our region and the local governments in it eligible to receive implementation grants through the Safe Streets and Roads for All program.

7 Update on the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Presenter: Jeff Welch, TPO Staff

Item Summary: The EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program will provide grants to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. Planning grants go to the 67 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Knoxville is No. 64) and each will receive \$1 million dollars. The funding is to support efforts by states, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, tribes, among other groups. Planning funds can be used to update existing climate, energy, or sustainability plans, or to develop new plans. There will be \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants at a later date. For more information go to: <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants>.

8 Update – Alcoa Highway (SR-115/US-129) from Woodson Drive to Cherokee Trail

Presenter: Dexter Justice, TDOT Staff

Item Summary: The next phase of the major reconstruction of Alcoa Highway is scheduled to be bid for construction in the May 2023 letting. TDOT staff will provide an overview of the project.

9 Reports from our FHWA and TDOT Partners

Item Summary: Updates from our FHWA and TDOT Partners.

10 Other Business

- TPO staff are in the early stages of putting together the FY 2024 & FY 2025 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). If the Executive Board members have suggestions for planning studies, please let us know.
- TDOT is holding the next round of Multimodal Access Grants. Notice of intent to apply deadline is April 26-May 16. For more information go to: <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/multimodal-transportation-resources/bicycle-and-pedestrian-program/multimodal-access-grant.html>.
- The FY 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All - Notice of Funding Opportunity is now available. The deadline is July 10, 2023. For more information go to: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>.
- TPO Technical Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building
- Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

11 Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Executive Board with a five-minute time limitation for each person.

12 Adjournment