

**A RESOLUTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
KNOXVILLE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO)
ADOPTING THE DELINEATION OF THE KNOXVILLE 2020 ADJUSTED CENSUS URBAN AREA BOUNDARY**

WHEREAS, the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is federally mandated to provide comprehensive transportation planning in the TPO's Metropolitan Planning Area that must include the Census-designated Knoxville Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau designates urbanized areas following each Decennial Census and on December 29, 2022, the Census Bureau published a Federal Register notice announcing the list of qualifying urban areas based on the results of the 2020 Decennial Census; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations allow States and local officials to adjust urbanized area boundaries for transportation purposes for reasons such as: addressing irregularities in urban area boundary shapes, maintaining consistency with highway functional classifications and including major traffic generators; and

WHEREAS, MPO staff have adjusted the aforementioned Urban Areas in accordance with federal guidance; and

WHEREAS, the adjusted Urban Areas have been reviewed and found to be appropriate by staff from the Long Range Planning Division of the Tennessee Department of Transportation and representatives of the local governments within the TPO; and

WHEREAS, the TPO Technical Committee recommends approval of the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the elements of the transportation planning process are to receive final approval from the Executive Board of the local Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOXVILLE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE BOARD;

That the 2020 Knoxville Urbanized Area as delineated by the U.S. Census Bureau be formally adjusted for transportation planning purposes to encompass the geographic areas shown on the attached map and adopted for submittal to the Tennessee Division of the Federal Highway Administration for final approval.

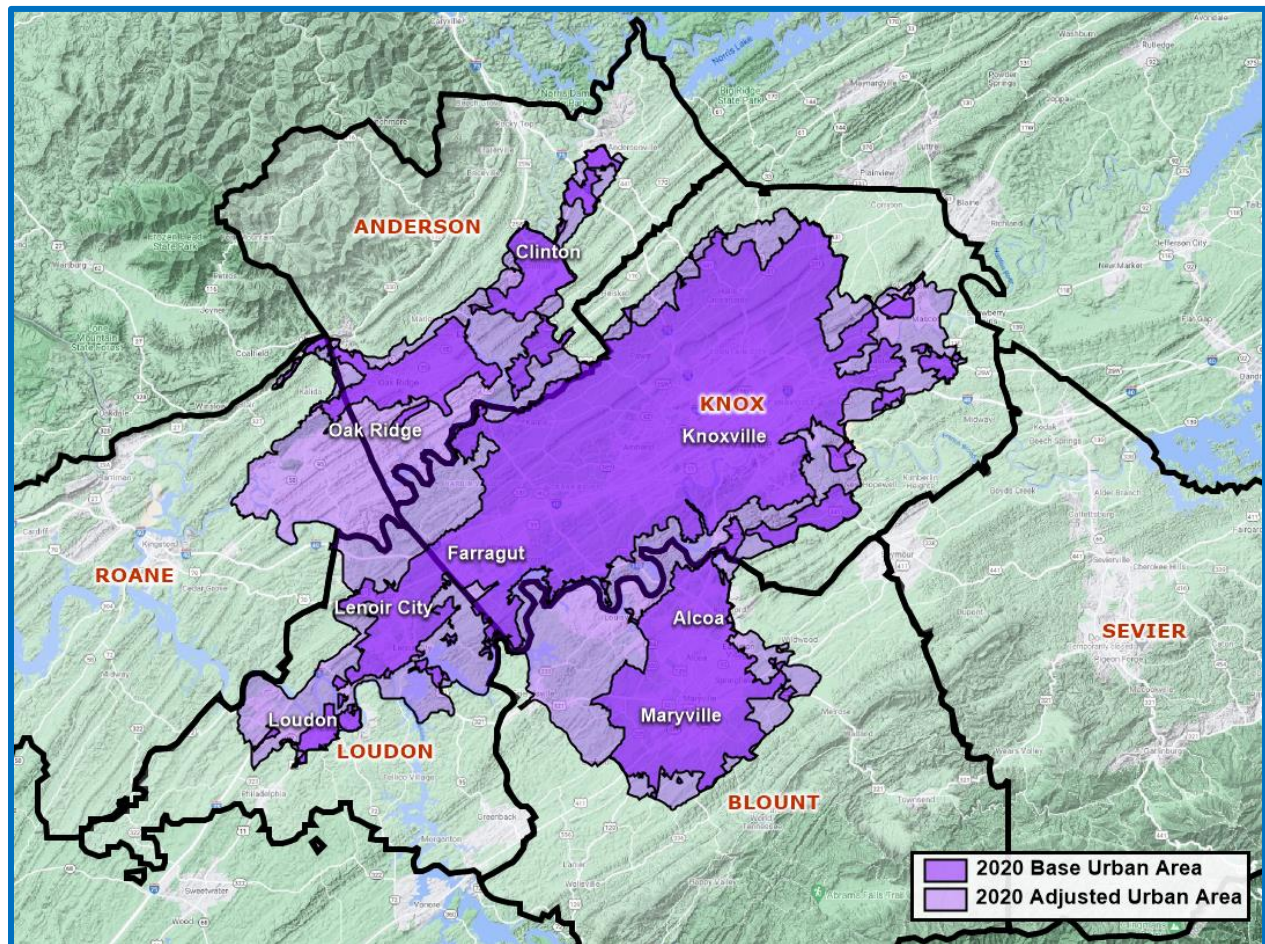
December 20, 2023
Date

Mayor Terry Frank
Anderson County
TPO Executive Board Chair

Amy L. Brooks, AICP
Acting Director
Knoxville Regional TPO

Attachment 1:

Map of Knoxville 2020 Census Adjusted Urban Area



**A RESOLUTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
KNOXVILLE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO)
ADOPTING THE DELINEATION OF A NEW KNOXVILLE REGIONAL TPO
METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY BASED ON THE 2020 CENSUS**

WHEREAS, the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is federally mandated to provide comprehensive transportation planning in the TPO's Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) that must include the Census-designated Knoxville Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau designates urbanized areas following each Decennial Census and on December 29, 2022, the Census Bureau published a Federal Register notice announcing the list of qualifying urban areas based on the results of the 2020 Decennial Census; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Metropolitan Transportation Planning Regulations found in 23 CFR 450.312 require that the boundaries of a MPA encompass at a minimum the entire existing urbanized area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) plus the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period for the metropolitan transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the TPO Staff has examined the urbanized areas established by the 2020 Census, as well as the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within the next twenty years in delineating a new TPO MPA boundary that meets all U.S. DOT requirements; and

WHEREAS, the number of TPO Executive Board voting members is unaffected without an addition of any new jurisdictions with greater than 5,000 population in the new MPA; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the elements of the transportation planning process are to receive final approval from the Executive Board of the local Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of a MPA shall be determined by agreement between the MPO and the Governor.

WHEREAS, the TPO Technical Committee recommends approval of the Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOXVILLE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE BOARD;

That the Knoxville TPO Metropolitan Planning Area is hereby established and delineated to encompass the geographic areas shown on the attached map (Attachment 1) and is to be submitted to the Governor of Tennessee for agreement and final approval.

December 20, 2023

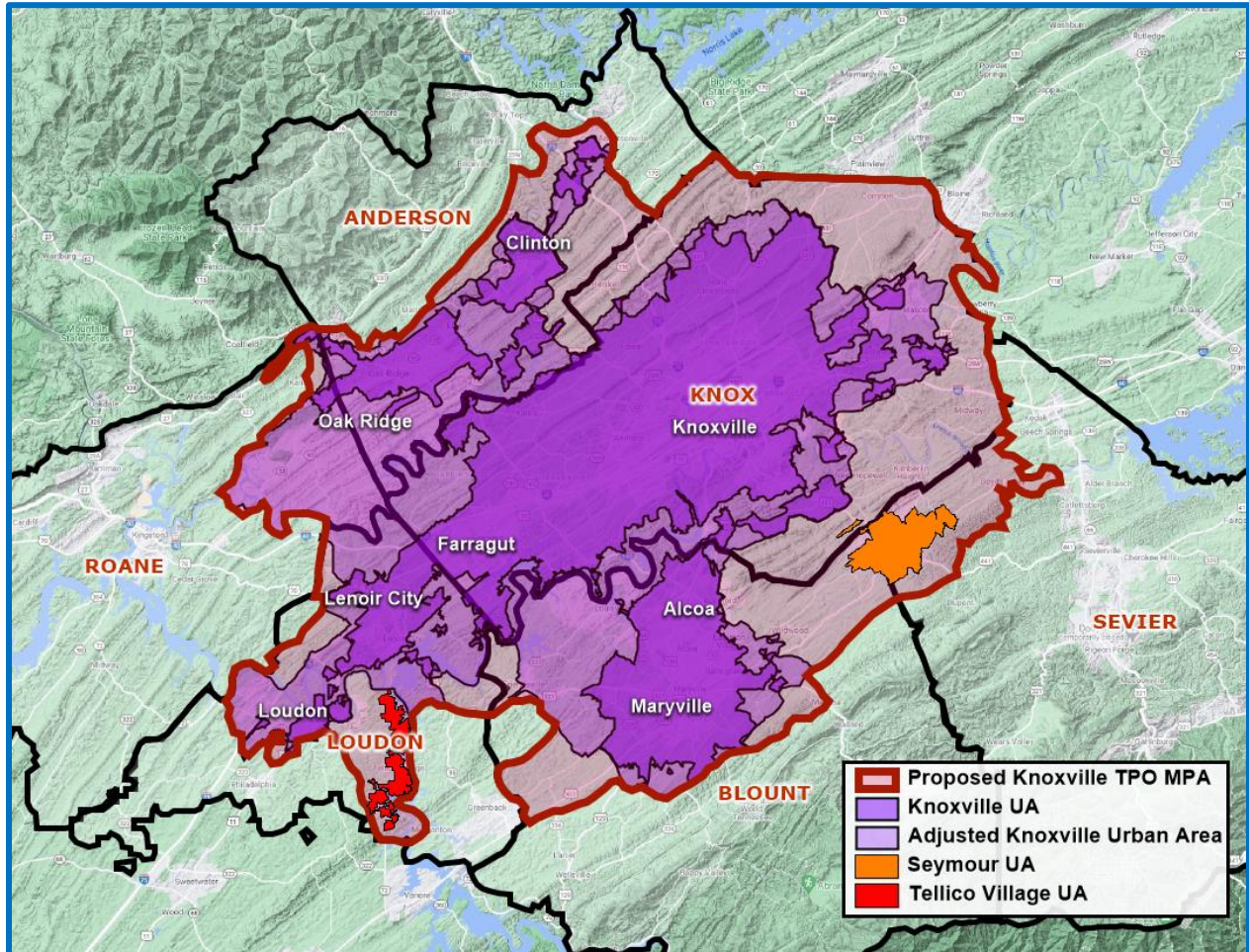
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Attachment 1:

Map of Knoxville TPO Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Based on 2020 Census





December 5, 2023

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization
400 Main Street, Suite 403
Knoxville, TN 37902

RE: Request for Sevier County to remain part of Knoxville TPO

Dear Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO):

We understand that new requirements were established for MPO urbanized boundaries after the 2020 census. We further understand that the new census rules will require the Seymour community in Sevier County to lose direct connectivity to the Knoxville TPO region. While this new census ruling could impact our status with the Knoxville TPO, we understand that Sevier County is being given the option to remain as a member of the Knoxville TPO for the purpose of regional planning.

In the past, the part of Sevier County that has been eligible to access federal STBG funds has been the Seymour community. We understand that Seymour would still be eligible for future federal funding if we remain a member of the Knoxville TPO. Sevier County certainly promotes regional partnerships and collaboration on transportation issues that impact our region, and we see the advantage of remaining as part of the Knoxville TPO. We therefore request that Sevier County keep our current status as a member of the TPO Technical Committee and TPO Executive Board meetings.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and stand ready to work with the Knoxville TPO on future planning efforts for Sevier County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Waters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry Waters
Sevier County Mayor