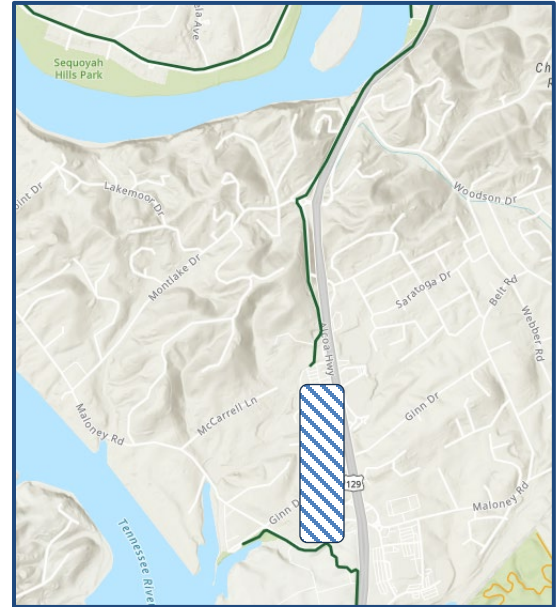


FY 2026-2027 TPO Transportation Planning Work Program Amendment Request

Knox–Blount Greenway Connectivity and Mobility Study

Introduction

Knox County is seeking to conduct a study that will evaluate missing greenway and mobility connections along Alcoa Highway from Lake Crossing Lane south to the other existing and planned sections of the Knox–Blount Greenway. This area represents a critical gap in the regional greenway system where no continuous facilities currently exist. By assessing conditions and identifying feasible connections, the study will also explore ways to strengthen local access from surrounding neighborhoods, schools, and parks. The outcome will be a general plan identifying preferred options, conceptual layouts, and connectivity strategies to guide future design and funding phases. This effort also advances the long-term regional vision of connecting Knoxville to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park through a continuous greenway system.



TPO Planning Funds Request

The Knox County Department of Engineering & Public Works staff will manage the study and are requesting TPO planning grant assistance to engage a consultant to complete various planning-level assessments and other scoping elements, to include:

- Analysis of options to connect and fill the “missing link” section of the proposed Knox–Blount Greenway between a current terminus at Lake Crossing Lane and the segment that resumes south of Maloney Rd that connects with Maloney Road Park. This gap constitutes a 3,200-lf section of greenway that is not included in any TDOT, City of Knoxville, or Knox County project.
- Consultant to provide and evaluate up to four options/alignments to complete the connection, including estimated costs for engineering, right-of-way and construction costs.
- Assess ways to improve local access from surrounding neighborhoods, schools, and parks.
- Consultant/Knox County will conduct public outreach to gather input from nearby and other affected stakeholders.

Timeline: Eight to Twelve (8-12) months including any recommended public input sessions

Cost: \$100,000.00 total (\$85,000 TPO CPG Funds / \$15,000 Local Match)

TABLE 15: KEY WORK PRODUCTS FOR SPECIAL STUDIES TASKS

Key Work Products for Special Studies Tasks	
Product	Schedule
Smart Trips TDM program	Ongoing
CMAQ Annual Report	2026 and 2027
Travel Time Studies/Analysis	As needed
ITS Architecture Update	2027
Transportation Performance Management: Targets and Dashboard	2026 and 2027
Incident Management Meetings	Yearly
Kingston Pike Pedestrian Study	2026
Montvale Road Study	2026
Tazewell Pike Study	2026
Knox County UDO and Small Area Plans	2026 and 2027
City of Knoxville Comprehensive Plan	2026 and 2027
Regional/Community Planning Studies	As needed
Regional Air Quality Conformity Analysis Amendments	As needed
Travel Demand Model Enhancements with Lakeway	As needed
EPA COK BREATHE Project	2025
Alley-Way Survey and Study	2026
Technical Support and Planning	Ongoing
Regional Corridor Studies	As needed
Mobility Plan Update	Start July 2027
Regional Roadway Safety Action Plan Coordination/Update	Ongoing
Freight Data, Technical Studies, Possible Plan	2026 and 2027
Knox-Blount Greenway Connectivity and Mobility Study	2026

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TABLE 17: FUNDING BY TASK

Work Task	Task 1 Administration	Task 2 Data Collection and Analysis	Task 3 Short Range Planning	Task 4 Long Range Planning	Task 5 Multi-modal Planning	Task 6 Special Studies	Sub-Total 100% Federal Funding	Sub-Total All Other Funding	Total All Funding
Salary/ Benefits - 24% & Indirect Rate - 40% (CPG)	\$265,058.00	\$280,858.00	\$176,705.00	\$353,411.00	\$397,587.00	\$309,234.00	\$-	\$1,782,853.00	\$1,782,853.00
Salary/ Benefits - 24% & Indirect Rate - 40% (CPG/100%)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$100,000.00	\$-	\$100,000.00	\$-	\$100,000.00
Salary/ Benefits - 24% & Indirect Rate - 40% (CMAQ)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$50,000.00	\$-	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Direct Costs	\$150,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
TPO Section 5310 Administration and Planning	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$55,359.00	\$-	\$-	\$55,359.00	\$55,359.00
CAC Section 5310 Administration and Planning	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$166,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$166,000.00	\$166,000.00
KAT Section 5307 Administration and Planning	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$720,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$720,000.00	\$720,000.00
Consultants/Projects									
Traffic Counts Contractor	\$-	\$30,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Priority Investment Study – Phase 2	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$200,000.00	\$-	\$200,000.00	\$-	\$200,000.00
Kingston Pike Corridor Study	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$125,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$126,000.00
Montvale Road Corridor Study	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$100,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$100,000.00
Tazewell Pike Corridor Study	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$250,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00
City of Knoxville Comprehensive Plan	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$750,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$750,000.00
Alley-way Study	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$200,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00
Mobility Plan 2055 Update	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$807,030.00	\$-	\$-	\$247,030.00	\$560,000.00	\$807,030.00
TDM Model Update	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$500,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
Knox-Blount Greenway Connectivity and Mobility Study	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$100,000.00	\$-	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Other Planning Studies	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$476,771.16	\$-	\$476,771.16	\$476,771.16
Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$125,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
Pavement Management L-STBG Funded	\$-	\$900,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$900,000.00	\$900,000.00
Complete Street, Safety, Accessible Options Funding	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$211,749.00	\$211,749.00	\$-	\$211,749.00
Smart Trips - Subcontracted	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$147,887.09	\$-	\$147,887.09	\$147,887.09
Total	\$415,058.00	\$1,210,858.00	\$176,705.00	\$1,660,441.00	\$1,763,946.00	\$2,721,641.25	1,454,779.00	\$6,493,870.25	\$7,948,649.25

**A RESOLUTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF THE KNOXVILLE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 OF THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026 and 2027
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the US Department of Transportation, Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Section 450.308 of the Metropolitan Planning Regulations, no planning activities can be funded by federal sources until they have been included in the Transportation Planning Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the required planning factors to be considered by Transportation Planning Organizations (TPO) in developing transportation plans and programs, were used in the development of this Transportation Planning Work Program Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the TPO Technical Committee has endorsed this FY 2026 and FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program Amendment as one step in achieving a coordinated transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the elements of the Transportation Planning Work Program Amendment are to receive final approval from the Executive Board of the Transportation Planning Organization, and

WHEREAS, the public was afforded an opportunity to comment on the Transportation Planning Work Program Amendment,

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

That the FY 2026-2027 Transportation Planning Work Program be amended to add one item to the Community Planning Studies tasks by allocating reserve (unprogrammed) task item funding:

- *Knox-Blount Greenway Connectivity and Mobility Study for Knox County*

December 17, 2025

Date

Mayor Glenn Jacobs
Knox County
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