

TPO Executive Board Minutes
October 26, 2016
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, TN

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on October 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building in Knoxville, TN. Mayor Madeline Rogero chaired the meeting and called it to order. It was determined there was a quorum.

*Buddy Bradshaw	Mayor, Loudon County
*Terry Frank	Mayor, Anderson County
*Jim Hagerman	City of Knoxville, <i>for Councilwoman Brenda Palmer</i>
*Jerome Joiner	State of Tennessee, <i>for Governor Bill Haslam</i>
*John Lamb	Blount County, <i>for Mayor Ed Mitchell</i>
*Don Mull	Mayor, City of Alcoa
*Jeff Ownby	Sevier County, <i>for Mayor Larry Waters</i>
*Cindy Pionke	Knox County, <i>for Mayor Tim Burchett</i>
*Harold Pitner	Tennessee County Highway Officials Association
*Melissa Roberson	Knoxville Area Transit, <i>for Dawn Distler</i>
*Madeline Rogero	Mayor, City of Knoxville
*Jack Qualls	City of Loudon, <i>for Mayor Jim Greenway</i>
*Ed Shouse	Knox County Trustee representing East TN Development District
*Tom Taylor	Mayor, City of Maryville
*Mark Watson	City of Oak Ridge, <i>for Mayor Warren Gooch</i>
*Dave Wright	Knox County Commission
TPO Staff	
Partner Agency Staff	
Members of the Public	
*voting members	

Mark Watson introduced 2 guests visiting Oak Ridge from the US State Department Exchange Program's Professional Management Fellows.

1. Motion to Approve September 28, 2016 TPO Executive Board Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of September 28, 2016 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

A Motion was made by Mayor Frank and seconded by Mayor Mull to approve the September 28, 2016 TPO Executive Board Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Amend the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Item Summary: The following is a proposed Amendment to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Staff recommends approval.

Discussion: Elizabeth Watkins reviewed the proposed Amendment which adds the Alcoa Duck Pond Walking and Bike Path project to the TIP, adding local funds for the PE-Design phase and federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds for Construction for a total project cost of \$1,104,763. It will be a 10 ft. wide ADA accessible shared use path with additional pedestrian amenities.

A Motion was made by Mayor Mull and seconded by John Lamb to approve a Resolution to amend the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. The Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Adopt the FY 2017-2020 Interim Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and associated Air Quality Conformity Determination

Item Summary: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is updated on a 3-year cycle. The new TIP covers the fiscal years of 2017-2020 and will supersede the current FY 2014-2017 TIP. An air quality conformity determination has been prepared demonstrating conformity of the new TIP as required. Comments from TDOT and FHWA have been addressed in the final draft TIP.

Technical Committee recommends approval.

Discussion: Elizabeth Watkins noted this TIP programs a total of \$440,600,000 million in federal, state and local dollars over the next 4 years, also noting that the TIP is required to be fiscally constrained. She then explained the need for an Interim TIP noting it was drafted to coincide with the adoption of the FY 2017-2020 TIPs by TDOT and MPO's statewide, with the final FY 2017-2020 TIP being adopted in the spring of 2017 to coincide with adoption of the Mobility Plan update. The Interim TIP contains projects rolled over from the current FY 2014 - 2017 TIP that have not been obligated. Mike Conger then reviewed the air quality conformity determination. Staff were able to do a short conformity report as the projects in the TIP were previously accounted for in the current TIP and Mobility Plan. Mr. Conger touched on the continued monitoring of 2 pollutants as required by EPA, Ozone and PM2.5 (fine particulate matter). He then reviewed the process for final approval, expected this December.

A Motion was made by Mayor Taylor and seconded by Mark Watson to approve a Resolution to adopt the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and associated Air Quality Conformity Determination. The Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion for Approval of a Certification That the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization Transportation Planning Process is Addressing the Major Issues in the Metropolitan Planning Area and is Being Conducted in Accordance With All Applicable Requirements

Item Summary: This self-certification must be done every four years according to the Code of Federal Regulation - 23 CFR 450.334. The certification is to be included as part of the Transportation Improvement Program.

Technical Committee recommends approval.

Discussion: Elizabeth Watkins noted the Certification verifies that the TPO planning process and subsequent Transportation Improvement Program addresses the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act, the Clean Air Act and other mandated federal legislation.

A Motion was made by Jack Qualls and seconded by Mayor Mull to approve a Certification that the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization Transportation Planning Process is

addressing the major issues in the Metropolitan Planning Area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements. The Motion carried unanimously.

5. Guidance on Road Diets and Local Examples

Item Summary: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has released a short video touting the positive impact of road diets. After screening the video, we'll get an update from City of Knoxville about two ongoing road diet projects.

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/FHWAvideo>

Discussion: Anne Wallace, City of Knoxville Office of Redevelopment gave an overview of 2 of the 5 road diet projects being undertaken by the City of Knoxville, Cumberland Avenue Corridor and North Central Street. She reviewed the history, phases and timelines for each project in detail. It was noted that Gay St. has also been undergoing some changes to reduce crossing distances and improve safety as various road projects there have unfolded offering the City opportunities to make these other improvements. Ms. Wallace noted that throughout these projects the City has strived to foster good communication with the communities involved. A discussion ensued surrounding improved traffic flow through the Cumberland Avenue Corridor as well as projected pedestrian and bicycle traffic there. Harold Pitner noted that a 7 mile stretch of Chapman Highway, from Seymour to the divided highway entering Sevierville, has been 3-laned in addition to a reduction in speed and that these change have greatly improved this stretch of road. The complete presentation is available online and can be found here: [http://www.knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/exec/oct16/Road Diets in Knoxville.pdf](http://www.knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/exec/oct16/Road%20Diets%20in%20Knoxville.pdf)

6. Other Business

- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the **Main Assembly Room** of the City/County Building. **Please note the meeting is being held in the Main Assembly Room due to the general elections.**
- Executive Board meeting **Wednesday, November 16, 2016** at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building. **Please note the November Board meeting is being held on the third Wednesday of the month due to the holiday.**
- Save the Date: November 29, 2016, the TPO is partnering with the Knox County Health Department, ETQG and others to host another ET Competes/Walkability Speaker Series Event. This event will feature Joe Minicozzi, principal of Urban3 of Asheville, NC. Mr. Minicozzi's company, Urban3, analyzes the relationship between building design and tax production across the United States and Canada. Their method aims to simplify complex information in order to help inform conversations about community growth. More details coming soon.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.