



KNOXVILLE REGIONAL

December 16, 2020
TPO Executive Board

Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Telemeeting via Zoom

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on December 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by telecommuting via Zoom. Vice-Chair Terry Frank presided and called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum.

- *Amber Scott
 - *Megan Brooks
 - *Terry Frank
 - *Glenn Jacobs
 - *Wayne Blasius
 - *Jeff Harris
 - *Indya Kincannon
 - *Harold Cannon
 - *Troy Ebbert
 - *Brian Boone
 - *Chris Caldwell
 - *Gwen McKenzie
 - *Billy Pickel
 - *Isaac Thorne
 - *Don Walker
 - * Louise Povlin
 - **Sabrina David
 - ***Kwabena Aboagye
 - TPO Staff
 - Partner Agency Staff
 - Members of the Public
 - *voting members
 - **non-voting member
 - ***interested parties
- City of Lenoir City, *for Mayor Tony Aikens*
 - City of Alcoa, *for Mayor Clint Abbott*
 - Mayor, Anderson County
 - Mayor, Knox County
 - City of Oak Ridge, *for Mayor Warren Gooch*
 - Mayor, City of Loudon
 - Mayor, City of Knoxville
 - City of Knoxville, *for Mayor Indya Kincannon as of 9:30*
 - State of Tennessee, *for Governor Bill Lee*
 - City of Maryville, *for Mayor Andy White*
 - Knox County Commission, *for Commissioner Larsen Jay*
 - Vice Mayor, City of Knoxville
 - Loudon County, *for Mayor Buddy Bradshaw*
 - Knoxville Area Transit, Public Transportation
 - Blount County, *for Mayor Ed Mitchell*
 - Vice Mayor, Town of Farragut, *for Mayor Ron Williams*
 - Federal Highway Administration
 - TDOT Assistant Director of Planning

1 Call to Order

- a. Determination of a Quorum. Roll call was taken.
- b. ***With no objection Vice Chair Mayor Frank moved by acclimation that the Executive Board indicates that conducting this meeting by electronic means is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.***
- c. Amendments to the Agenda. There were no amendments.

2 Motion to Approve November 25, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the November 25, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

A Motion was made by Amber Scott and seconded by Billy Pickel to approve the November 25, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes. A roll-call vote was taken. The Motion carried 13-0-1 with Wayne Blasius abstaining.

3 **Motion to Recommend Approval of Prioritization of TDOT Projects for Consideration in the 2022-2024 TDOT 3 – Year Program**

Item Summary: TDOT has provided the TPO with the list of candidate projects for the next 3-Year Program for ranking which is used as one of the inputs for TDOT’s project selection process. The TPO staff has compiled the rankings that were submitted by Technical Committee voting members and these will be presented for a final recommendation to the Executive Board. Additional project needs on State Routes and public transit needs will also be discussed for submittal to TDOT.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Discussion: Mike Conge introduced Brian Hurst, TDOT Program Development and Administrative Division, who explained how the program is put together and the criteria used to rank the projects. Mr. Hurst went on to explain the importance of TPO Staff and the Technical Committee’s involvement in the making of this list and appreciate all input from local jurisdictions. Mike Conger then reviewed the 22 separate projects on the list to rank this year. These projects are broken into 3 categories: ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) Projects Under Development, Previously Ranked Legacy Projects and Previously Ranked IMPROVE Act New Start Projects. Mr. Conger also reviewed a separate list of other projects needed which themselves are also ranked. In closing Doug Burton reviewed a list of Public Transit and Multimodal Transportation Needs. The presentations are available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Amber Scott and seconded by Mayor Jeff Harris to recommend approval of Prioritization of TDOT Projects for Consideration in the 2022-2024 TDOT 3-Year Program as presented. A roll-call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kincannon had to leave the meeting at this time and Harold Cannon assumed her seat as proxy.

Vice Mayor Gwen McKenzie joined the meeting this time.

A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Louise Povlin and seconded by Mayor Jeff Harris to approve the Other Needs Projects List. There was discussion surrounding actually ranking projects on the Other Needs Project List as they are not necessarily fully developed. Mr. Welch noted presenting the list to TDOT with or without would not have any impact at TDOT as these projects are not on TDOT’s radar at this juncture.

A roll-call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously.

4 **Motion to Approve an Amendment to the FY 2020-2021 Transportation Planning Work Program Update**

Item Summary: The Regional Pavement Analysis for the TPO Area, funded by L-STBG funds was mistakenly left off the Work Program Amendment the TPO Board approved last month. This action corrects that error.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Discussion: Jeff Welch briefly shared that the Regional Pavement Analysis for the TPO Area, funded by L-STBG funds was mistakenly left off the Work Program Amendment the TPO Board approved last month. Therefore, additional action is needed by the Executive Board to add the Regional Pavement Analysis for the TPO Area to the Work Program. The proposed amendment language and funding is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Wayne Blasius and seconded by Vice Mayor Povlin to recommend approval of an Amendment to the FY2020-2021 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). A roll call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously.

5 Review of TPO staff list of Recommended Transportation Projects to be include in the Mobility Plan 2045 Report

Item Summary: Staff has reviewed the transportation projects submitted by member jurisdictions to be considered for inclusion in the Mobility Plan 2045. As you are aware the Plan must be financially constrained. Staff developed a draft list of transportation projects and have shared them with each jurisdiction. As currently presented the Plan is financially constrained by each horizon year.

Discussion: Craig Luebke shared transportation projects submitted by member jurisdictions to be considered for inclusion in the Mobility Plan 2045. Staff developed a draft list of transportation projects and shared them with each jurisdiction and the Technical Committee. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

6 Review of Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for FY2020

Item Summary: Each year the TPO is required to make available to the public a listing of all transportation related projects in which federal funds were obligated in the past fiscal year.

Discussion: Craig Luebke shared the listing of all transportation related projects in which federal funds were obligated in the past fiscal year. Mr. Luebke shared the obligation history, FHWA obligations by programming authority, obligation by funding source, and the total programmed FY2020 L-STBG obligations with the Board members. He closed noting the FAST Act has been continued at current funding levels for FY 2021. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

7 Reports from our FHWA and TDOT Partners

Item Summary: Reports from our FHWA and TDOT Partners.

Discussion: Sabrina David with FHWA was present and reiterated the continuation of FAST Act funding through FY 2021. She noted they will provide updates as they become available. She noted the Safety Targets (either acceptance of the states targets or submittal of ones developed locally) are due by February 27, 2021.

Troy Ebbert with TDOT noted an update on the progress of the I-40/81 Multimodal Corridor Study is available here: [Link](#)

He further noted there is an Urban Transportation Planning Grant that will be available starting in January and there will be a relative short application available that will be made directly to TDOT. This is a pilot program and their intent is to provide funding for one project in each TPO and he encouraged member jurisdictions to develop joint proposals.

8 Other Business

- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held electronically. This meeting may be cancelled.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held electronically. This meeting may be cancelled.

9 Public Comment

There was no public comment

10 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 A.M.