



The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on February 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building in Knoxville, TN. Chair Tom Taylor presided and called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum. Board members were asked to introduce themselves.

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| *Terry Frank               | Mayor, Anderson County                                 |
| *Amber Scott               | City of Lenoir City, for Mayor Tony Aikens             |
| *Andrew Sonner             | City of Alcoa for Mayor Clint Abbott                   |
| *Billy Pickel              | Loudon County for Mayor Rollen "Buddy" Bradshaw        |
| *Mark Watson               | City of Oak Ridge for Mayor Warren Gooch               |
| *Larry Gann                | City of Clinton, for Mayor Scott Burton                |
| *Jeff Harris               | Mayor, City of Loudon                                  |
| *Glenn Jacobs              | Mayor, Knox County                                     |
| *Jeff Ownby                | Sevier County, for Mayor Larry Waters                  |
| *Indya Kincannon           | Mayor, City of Knoxville                               |
| *Michelle Christian        | State of Tennessee, for Governor Bill Lee              |
| *Gwen McKenzie             | Vice-Mayor, City of Knoxville                          |
| *Ed Shouse                 | Knox County Trustee representing East TN Dev. District |
| *Tom Taylor                | Mayor, City of Maryville                               |
| *Ron Williams              | Mayor, Town of Farragut                                |
| *Don Walker                | Blount County, for Mayor Ed Mitchell                   |
| *Hugh Nystrom              | Knox County Commission                                 |
| TPO Staff                  |  |
| Partner Agency Staff       |  |
| Members of the Public      |  |
| <b>*voting members</b>     |  |
| <b>*non-voting members</b> |  |

## **1 Call to Order**

- a. Determination of a Quorum
- b. Introductions
- c. Amendments to the Agenda

## **2 Motion to Approve December 18, 2019 TPO Executive Board Minutes**

**Item Summary:** Approval of the December 18, 2019 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

*A Motion was made by Mayor Terry Frank and seconded by Mark Watson to approve the December 18, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.*

### **3 Motion to Approve a Resolution to Adopt the 2016 – 2020 Safety Performance Measure Targets**

**Item Summary:** Federal regulations require states and MPOs to establish performance targets for five separate safety factors on an annual basis. TDOT established its 3rd annual statewide safety targets for the 5-year period of 2016-2020 effective on 8/31/19 and the TPO has 180 days (until 2/27/20) to either: agree to support the state target or establish specific numeric targets for a safety performance measure specific to our region. Staff recommends supporting the state targets for this cycle.

#### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL**

**Discussion:** Mike Conger reviewed the 2016 – 2020 Safety Performance Measure Targets to the Executive Board. Mr. Conger shared data collection and statistics on Fatality Rates in surrounding states and how they relate to Statewide Targets. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

*A Motion was made by Mayor Ron Williams and seconded by Vice-Mayor Gwen McKenzie to approve a Resolution to Adopt the 2016 – 2020 Safety Performance Measure Targets. The Motion carried unanimously.*

### **4 Motion to Endorse the Mobility Plan 2045 Population Projections**

**Item Summary:** One of the initial steps in developing the 2045 Long Range Mobility Plan is to develop future year projections of population and employment for each county in the TPO Planning Area. Various sources of projections were reviewed by TPO staff and a recommendation will be presented to the Technical Committee for discussion and possible endorsement.

#### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL**

**Discussion:** Mike Conger and Aubrey Loria shared the Mobility Plan 2045 Population Projections with the Technical Committee. Topics included historical trends, Socioeconomic Forecast,

comparison of projection and changes in model trends and how they all influenced population projections for 2045. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

*A Motion was made by Mayor Terry Frank and seconded by Mayor Ron Williams to endorse the Mobility Plan 2045 Population Projections. The Motion carried unanimously.*

## 5 Review of 2045 Mobility Plan Goals and Strategies

**Item Summary:** These goals and strategies were developed with the previous Mobility Plan 2040. Staff is seeking any additional comment or modifications with these prior to finalizing them over the next few months. A manageable number of key performances measures will also be developed for the goals and strategies.

**Discussion:** Jeff Welch explained the process of developing goals and strategies for the 2045 Mobility Plan. Mr. Welch encouraged discussion from Executive Board Members as staff begin finalizing the goals and strategies within the next 90 days.

## 6 Review of 2045 Mobility Plan Financial Assumptions

**Item Summary:** These goals and strategies were developed with the previous Mobility Plan 2040. Staff is seeking any additional comment or modifications with these prior to finalizing them over the next few months. A manageable number of key performances measures will also be developed for the goals and strategies.

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**Discussion:** Craig Luebke briefly reviewed the 2045 Mobility Plan Financial Assumptions. Mr. Luebke shared Federal Revenue Projections and the proposed Cost Growth Rate. Doug Burton provided further detail on the Urban Area Transit Operating Funding. Mr. Burton provided funding statistics on Urban Area Transit Providers, specifically Knoxville Area Transit, Knox County CAC Transit, and East Tennessee Human Resource Agency. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

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## 7 Presentation on Downtown Oak Ridge Vision/Main Street

**Item Summary:** A recent planning study conducted by the City of Oak Ridge sought to re-imagine Oak Ridge and create a vision for Downtown Oak Ridge. The intention was to transform

a suburban-style street as the backbone of a new downtown.

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**Discussion:** Wayne Blasius, City of Oak Ridge, gave a presentation on the vision on Downtown Oak Ridge and Main Street. The presentation is available online and can be found here:

[Presentation](#)

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## **8 Other Business**

- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.

## **9 Public Comment**

There was no public comment

## **10 Adjournment.**

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.