



The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on March 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in a Telemeeting via Google Hangouts. 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             |
| *Megan Brooks              | 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                                |
| *Hugh Nystrom              | Knox County Commission                                 |
| *Jim Snowden               | Knox County Public Works & Engineering                 |
| *Troy Ebbert               | State of Tennessee, for Governor Bill Lee              |
| *Sean Santalla             | FHWA Tennessee Division                                |
| *Louis Povlin              | Vice Mayor, Town of Farragut                           |
| 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 February 26, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes**

**Item Summary:** Approval of the February 26, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

*A Motion was made by Amber Scott and seconded by Mayor Ron Williams to approve the February 26, 2020 TPO Executive Board Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.*

### **3 Motion to Approve a Resolution to Amend the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Item Summary:** Locally requested amendments for five (5) air quality exempt projects: Amendment 20-2017-042 (Carpenters Grade Road Widening and Intersection Improvements), Amendment 20-20104-015 (Simpson Road Reconstruction), Amendment 20-2014-232 (Lenoir City ITS Signal System), Amendment 20-2014-079 (Traffic Flow Improvements on US-11 and SR 72), and Amendment 20-2017-045 (Kingston Pike at Watt Road Intersection Improvements).

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

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke reviewed the five air quality exempt projects. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

*A Motion was made by Mark Watson and seconded by Amber Scott to approve a Resolution to Amend the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Motion carried unanimously.*

### **4 Motion to Adopt the 2045 Mobility Plan Financial Assumption**

**Item Summary:** An additional early step in developing the 2045 Long Range Mobility Plan is to developing inflation rates for future revenues and project costs. As presented for discussion at the February 2020 Technical Committee meeting, staff recommends an annual rate of 2.2% for revenue growth and a 3.3% annual construction inflation rate. The proposed rates will be used to calculate future revenue estimates and year of expenditure costs for the Mobility Plan. The transit financial assumptions will come at a later date.

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

**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](#)

*A Motion was made by Amber Scott and seconded by Mayor Glenn Jacobs to Adopt the 2045 Mobility Plan Financial Assumption. The Motion carried unanimously.*

## 5 Overview of Proposed Stakeholder Groups and Participants for the Mobility Plan

**Item Summary:** Several stakeholder groups will be convened during the next 12 months to provide input in the development of the 2045 Mobility Plan. Staff is seeking additional participants to each of the identified groups.

**Discussion:** Jeff Welch gave a brief overview of the proposed stakeholder groups and participants and their roles in the development of the 2045 Mobility Plan. Mr. Welch went on to say that staff is still seeking additional participants if Technical Committee Members may know of anyone who might be interested in assisting.

## 6 Request for Planning Studies to be conducted in the next year to 18 months

**Item Summary:** Staff is updating the budget and work program for the TPO with TDOT in the coming months. Are there any special planning studies that local jurisdictions are interested in conducting? Staff would like those requests by March 31, 2020.

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**Discussion:** Jeff Welch explained to the Board that Staff is in the process of updating the budget and work program for the TPO with TDOT. Mr. Welch requested feedback from Technical Committee members and their local jurisdictions to see if there are any particular planning studies that they would be interested in conducting within the next year to 18 months.

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## 7 Presentation on TDOT I-40/81 Corridor Study

**Item Summary:** TDOT has initiated a corridor study of I-40/81. An overview of the study purpose and some background data will be presented.

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**Discussion:** Troy Ebbert, TDOT Staff, was present to discuss the purpose of the corridor study

and current data available on I-40/81. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

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Due to the unusual circumstances of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting was conducted virtually and the Presentation on TDOT I-40/81 Corridor Study was postponed until further notice.

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## **8 Other Business**

- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, April 26, 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 9:39 A.M.