



KNOXVILLE REGIONAL

Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on December 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building. Chair Terry Frank presided and called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum.

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| *Terry Frank | Mayor, Anderson County |
| *Jeff Harris | Mayor, City of Loudon |
| *Indya Kincannon | Mayor, City of Knoxville |
| *Jacob Wright | Knoxville Area Transit, Public Transportation |
| *Ron Williams | Mayor, Town of Farragut |
| *Ed Shouse | Knox County Trustee |
| *Troy Ebbert | TDOT, Region 1 |
| *Megan Brooks | City of Alcoa, <i>for Mayor Clint Abbott</i> |
| *Amber Scott | City of Lenoir City, <i>for Mayor Tony Aikens</i> |
| *Glenn Jacobs | Mayor, Knox County |
| **Dexter Justice | TDOT Region 1, Director of Project Development |
| **Senator Becky Duncan Massey | Senator, District 6 |
| **Sean Santalla | FHWA |
| ***Andrew Padgett | TDOT Region 1, Project Development |
| ***Christine Brown | |
| TPO Staff | |
| Partner Agency Staff | |
| Members of the Public | |
| *voting members | |
| **non-voting member | |
| ***interested parties | |

1 Call to Order

- a. Determination of a Quorum.
- b. Introductions.
- c. Amendments to the Agenda. There were no amendments.
- d. List of Commonly Used Acronyms attached as last page.

2 Motion to Approve October 27, 2021 TPO Executive Board Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the October 27, 2021 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

A Motion was made by Mayor Jeff Harris and seconded by Mayor Ron Williams to approve the October 27, 2021 TPO Executive Board Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously 10-0.

3 Motion to Approve the Ranking of Projects for TDOT 3-Year (2023-2025) Program of Projects

Item Summary: TDOT annually requests a ranking of project phases that are under consideration for funding in its 3-Year Program. The projects and ranking process were presented at a Technical Committee Workshop in November and a final recommendation on the rankings for Executive Board consideration was made at the regular December Technical Committee meeting. Multimodal and Other Project Needs on State Routes will also be presented.

Discussion: Mike Conger briefly summarized the ranking of project phases that are under consideration for funding in its 3-Year Program. TPO Staff shared the ranking sheet for the Technical Committee for further discussion and determination of a final recommendation to the Executive Board. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

A Motion was made by Mayor Ron Williams and seconded by Amber Scott to approve the Ranking of Projects for TDOT 3-Year (2023-2025) Program of Projects. The Motion carried unanimously 10-0.

A Motion was made by Mayor Jeff Harris and seconded by Mayor Ron Williams to approve the Technical Committee Ranking of Other Project Needs on State Routes. The Motion carried unanimously 10-0.

A Motion was made by Mayor Jeff Harris and seconded by Mayor Ron Williams to approve the Public Transit and Multimodal Transportation Needs. The Motion carried unanimously 10-0.

4 Annual Obligation Report

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 Annual Obligation Report with Technical Committee Members. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

5 First Reading of Changes to the TPO Executive Board Bylaws

Item Summary: Staff has proposed several changes to the Technical Committee Bylaws. Any changes to the Bylaws require two readings before adoption.

Discussion: Jeff Welch briefly reviewed the edits made to the TPO Technical Committee Bylaws for First Reading approval. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

There was brief discussion amongst the Executive Board and suggestions were made to the revise the TPO Executive Board Bylaws before recommending First Reading Approval.

6 Overview of the New Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Item Summary: Staff will provide a broad overview of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act with information provided by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO).

Discussion: Jeff Welch shared an overview of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act with information provided by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO). The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

7 Reports from our FHWA and TDOT Partners

Item Summary: Updates from our FHWA and TDOT Partners.

Discussion: Troy Ebbert, TDOT, shared that TDOT has several grants: Multi-modal, CMAQ and Capital Transit Grants that are pending and they are awaiting to hear announcements. TDOT expects announcements on those grants in mid-January.

Sean Santalla, FHWA, shared that there's an open docket in the Federal Register where they will be asking any partners and stakeholders to provide FHWA with feedback on implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

8 Other Business

- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room.

Mayor Indya Kincannon briefly mentioned that Andrew Roberto is the new Vice-Mayor for the City of Knoxville, and he looks forward to serving on this Board. Mayor Kincannon also mentioned that a second runway has been opened at McGhee Tyson Airport last week and stated that it's great news for our region.

9 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 A.M.