



# Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on October 27, 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                                   |
| *Mark Watson          | Oak Ridge, <i>for Mayor Warren Gooch</i>                |
| *Indya Kincannon      | Mayor, City of Knoxville                                |
| *Isaac Thorne         | Knoxville Area Transit, Public Transportation           |
| *Ron Williams         | Mayor, Town of Farragut                                 |
| *Ed Shouse            | Knox County Trustee                                     |
| *Troy Ebbert          | TDOT, Region 1  |
| *Richie Beeler        | Chair, Knox County Commission                           |
| *Megan Brooks         | City of Alcoa, <i>for Mayor Clint Abbott</i>            |
| *Amber Scott          | City of Lenoir City, <i>for Mayor Tony Aikens</i>       |
| *Don Walker           | Blount County, <i>for Mayor Ed Mitchell</i>             |
| *Larry Gann           | City of Clinton   |
| *Jeff Ownby           | Sevier County, <i>for Mayor Larry Williams</i>          |
| *Billy Pickel         | Loudon County, <i>for Mayor Rollen "Buddy" Bradshaw</i> |
| **Matt Meservy        | TDOT Director, Long Range Planning Division             |
| 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 September 22, 2021 TPO Executive Board Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the September 22, 2021 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

*A Motion was made by Mayor Ron Williams and seconded by Amber Scott to approve the September 22, 2021 TPO Executive Board Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously 15-0.*

## 3 Motion to Approve a Resolution Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and

## **Certifying that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process is Being Followed**

**Item Summary:** Locally requested amendments for two (2) air quality exempt projects.

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke briefly summarized the requested Amendments to the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improve Program. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

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

*A Motion was made by Amber Scott and seconded by Mayor Ron Williams to approve a Resolution Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and Certifying that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process is Being Followed. The Motion carried unanimously 15-0.*

## **4 Motion to Approve a Resolution Adopting the Revised Public Outreach Plan**

**Item Summary:** There have been no public comments received on the revised Public Outreach Plan. TDOT and FHWA also had no comment on the revised plan.

**Discussion:** Ally Ketron briefly reviewed the Revised Public Outreach Plan and stated that staff recommends approval. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL**

*A Motion was made by Mayor Jeff Harris and seconded by Mayor Indya Kincannon to approve a Resolution Adopting the Revised Public Outreach Plan. The Motion carried unanimously 15-0.*

## **5 Update on Regional Pavement Management Plan**

**Item Summary:** Staff will provide an update on the ongoing Regional Pavement Management Implementation project. Phase 1 (agency outreach, education, software vendor determination and confirmation of local agency participation) is complete. Five local agencies elected to participate in Phase 2 activities, which are scheduled to begin in October 2021. Phase 2 includes network pavement condition data collection, pavement management software acquisition and engineering support to configure the selected pavement management software, as well as initial analysis and training.

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke shared that Phase 1 is complete and five agencies were elected to participate in Phase 2 activities which starts this month. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

## **6 Update on Urban Transit Studies**

**Item Summary:** The TPO staff will give a brief update on the consultant selection process and timeline for the transit studies. The TPO received a planning grant from TDOT to conduct three studies, which include: (1) a Comprehensive Operational Analysis of KAT; (2) a Transit Coordination Opportunities Study that will examine ways Knox County CAC Transit, ETHRA, and KAT can better coordinate; and (3) a Regional Transit Study that will be a high-level analysis of the urban area to determine what areas might merit more intense levels of transit service.

**Discussion:** Doug Burton shared that the TPO received a planning grant from TDOT to conduct three studies. Mr. Burton went on to give a brief presentation on the consultant selection process and timeline for the transit studies. 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 is excited at the number of Transportation Plans and Studies that are currently taking place and being coordinated by TPO Staff. The Transportation Planning Grant is currently open and if anyone is interested in applying, TDOT will be holding an informative webinar on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 eastern time. Troy Ebbert shared that the I-40/I-75 Interchange Study is moving along well and almost complete. Lastly, Mr. Ebbert stated that if any local jurisdictions applied for CMAQ Grants, those recipients will be announced within the next three weeks.

## 8 Other Business

- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room.
- TDOT announced the next round of Urban Transportation Planning Grants (UTPG). Applications are due December 30, 2021. See grant website link below.  
<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/long-range-planning-home/longrange-oct/urban-community-transportation-planning-grant.html>

## 9 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## 10 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 A.M.