



Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on March 23, 2022 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.

- *Terry Frank
 - *Jeff Harris
 - *Steve King
 - *Ron Williams
 - *Ed Shouse
 - *Troy Ebbert
 - *Megan Brooks
 - *Amber Scott
 - *Glenn Jacobs
 - *Andrew Roberto
 - *Richie Beeler
 - *Don Walker
 - *Billy Pickel
 - *Wayne Blasius
 - **Matt Meservy
 - **Sean Santalla
 - **Dexter Justice
 - TPO Staff
 - Partner Agency Staff
 - Members of the Public
 - *voting members**
 - **non-voting member**
 - ***interested parties**
- Mayor, Anderson County
 - Mayor, City of Loudon
 - City of Knoxville *for Mayor Indya Kincannon*
 - Mayor, Town of Farragut
 - Knox County Trustee
 - TDOT, Region 1
 - City of Alcoa, *for Mayor Clint Abbott*
 - City of Lenoir City, *for Mayor Tony Aikens*
 - Mayor, Knox County
 - Vice-Mayor, City of Knoxville
 - Chair, Knox County Commission
 - Blount County, *for Mayor Ed Mitchell*
 - Loudon County, *for Mayor Rollen Bradshaw*
 - City of Oak Ridge, *for Mayor Warren Gooch*
 - TDOT Region 1, Director of Long-Range Planning
 - FHWA
 - TDOT Region 1, Director of Project Development

1 Call to Order

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

2 Motion to Approve December 21, 2021 TPO Executive Board Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the December 21, 2021 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

A Motion was made by Mayor Ron Williams and seconded by Mayor Jeff Harris to approve the December 21, 2021 TPO Executive Board Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously 12-0.

3 Motion to Approve a Resolution to Adopt the 2018-2022 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 5th annual statewide safety targets for the 5-year period of 2018-2022 effective on 8/31/21 and the TPO has 180 days 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.

Discussion: Mike Conger shared TDOT's statewide safety targets for the 5-year period of 2018-2022. Mr. Conger stated that the TPO has 180 days to agree to support the state target or establish targets for safety performance measure specifically to our region. 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 Ron Williams to approve a Resolution to adopt the 2018-2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets. The Motion carried unanimously 13-0.

4 Motion to Approve the Amended TPO Executive Board Bylaws (1st Reading)

Item Summary: The Executive Board Bylaws have been updated to reflect the comments received from Board members at the December meeting. Amending the Bylaws require two readings.

Discussion: Jeff Welch briefly went over the amendments discussed at the previous TPO Executive Board meeting. Staff recommends approval to adopt the updated Bylaws. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

5 Motion to Approve a Resolution Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and Certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being Followed.

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

Discussion: Craig Luebke, presented the two locally requested amendments for two (2) air quality exempt projects on Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) Electric Bus In-Route Charging Infrastructure and the Blount County Greenway, Phase 1. 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 Jeff Harris to approve a Resolution Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and Certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being Followed. The Motion carried unanimously 14-0.

6 Motion to Approve a Resolution by the Executive Board of the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization Requesting TDOT to Evaluate Options to Address Traffic Congestion Along I-40/75 in Knox County

Item Summary: This resolution was prepared at the request of Knox County Mayor Jacobs.

Discussion: Jeff Welch shared a Resolution proposed by Mayor Glenn Jacobs requesting that TDOT evaluate options to address traffic congestion along I-40/75 in Knox County. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Billy Pickel and seconded by Mayor Ron Williams to approve a Resolution by the Executive Board of the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization Requesting TDOT to Evaluate Options to Address Traffic Congest Along I-40/75 in Knox County. The Motion carried unanimously 14-0.

An Amended Motion was made by Wayne Blasius and seconded by Mayor Glenn Jacobs to approve a Resolution by the Executive Board of the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization Requesting TDOT to Evaluate Options to Address Traffic Congest Along I-40/75 and Pellissippi Parkway (State Route 162) specifically the section from I-40 to Solway in Knox County. The Motion carried unanimously 14-0.

7 Overview of Interstate/Interchange Corridor Study – I-40/75 at Watt Road and Campbell Station Road

Item Summary: TDOT’s recent statewide I-40/81 Corridor Study identified multiple deficiencies at the interchanges of Watt Road and Campbell Station Road. The TPO staff requested further study of these locations in order to more specifically identify and scope out potential improvements to address these deficiencies. TDOT’s Strategic Transportation Investments Division (STID) engaged the same consultant (WSP) that completed the statewide study and a report has been produced that identifies improvement options for each interchange with estimated costs. TDOT recently announced dedicated funding for these interchanges has been included in Governor Bill Lee’s FY 22-23 proposed budget.

Discussion: Michael Flatt, WSP, Michael Flatt, WSP, gave an update on the study of the Interstate/Interchange Corridor Study focusing on I-40/75 at Watt Road and Campbell Station Road. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

8 Overview of FY 2023-2026 TIP Requests

Item Summary: An overview of current project roll-over and new project applications received for the next TIP period will be provided by staff.

Discussion: Craig Luebke gave a brief overview of current project roll-over and new project applications received for the next TIP period. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

9 Reports from our FHWA and TDOT Partners

Item Summary: Updates from our FHWA and TDOT Partners.

Discussion: Sean Santalla, FHWA, shared that implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is still ongoing. FHWA has spoken to the information issued on safety, the new vulnerable road user requirement for the HSIP Program and the National Roadway Safety Strategy. Mr. Santalla explained that FHWA recently issued guidance on the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program that the State DOT is going to have access to for deploying electrical vehicle charging infrastructure, carbon reduction and protect their resiliency focused federal funding program.

Matt Meservy, TDOT, followed up on the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program that Sean Santalla discussed. Mr. Meservy explained that TDOT is a part of this new act and will require them to put together a National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program Deployment Plan. TDOT will be required to turn in a plan by August 1, 2022 to the Feds for approval in order for them to receive their ADA million dollars for the next five years, \$13.7 for the first fiscal year 2022. Mr. Meservy shared that TDOT is in the process of setting up their Statewide Stakeholder Outreach Plan, so they will be visiting twelve different areas in the State throughout the month of May since they're on such a fast track to get this out.

10 Other Business

- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 9 a.m. in the Main Assembly Room.
- Advance Knox Public Meetings Flyer [Attachment #6](#)
- Status of Right-of-Way Bill in the Tennessee Legislature- SB 2849 and HB 2274 passed both Senate and House subcommittees that basically provides that any land use regulation shall not require a dedication of private property unless there is an essential nexus between the dedication and a legitimate government interest and the dedication is roughly proportional to the impact of the proposed use or development of the property. (TACIR Report recommendation)

11 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 A.M.