



# Minutes

9:00 AM | 400 Main St SW  
Knoxville, TN 37902

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry Frank at 9:03 a.m.

A. Determination of a Quorum

B. Introductions

C. Introduction of Zoom Participants

D. Amendments to the Agenda

E. **List of Commonly Used Acronyms**

### **Voting Members Present:**

#### **\*Brian Boone**

City of Alcoa, for Mayor  
Andy White

#### **\*Troy Ebbert**

TDOT, Long Range  
Planning Director, for  
Governor Bill Lee

#### **\*Glenn Jacobs, Vice-Chair**

Mayor, Knox County

#### **\*Megan Brooks**

City of Alcoa, for Mayor  
Tanya Martin

#### **\*Justin Biggs**

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#### **\*Amber Scott-Kelso**

Lenoir City, for Mayor  
Tony Aikens

#### **\*Tom Clabo**

City of Knoxville, for  
Mayor Indya Kincannon

#### **\*Ron Williams**

Mayor, Town of  
Farragut

#### **\*Terry Frank, Chair**

Mayor, Anderson  
County

#### **\*Ty Ross**

City of Loudon, for  
Mayor Jeff Harris

#### **\*Courtney Durrett**

Commissioner, Knox  
County

#### **\*Isaac Thorne**

Director, Knoxville Area  
Transit

#### **\*Don Walker**

Blount County, for  
Mayor Ed Mitchell

#### **TPO Staff**

#### **Partner Agency Staff**

#### **Members of the Public**

#### **\*Voting Members**

## 2. Minutes

Approval of the June 28, 2023 TPO Executive Board Meeting Minutes.

### **Approved 10-0-0**

*A motion was made by Mayor Ron Williams and seconded by Ms. Amber Scott-Kelso to approve the June 28, 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Ms. Megan Brooks arrived at 9:05 a.m.*

## 3. **FY 2024-2025 TPO Work Program\***



The Transportation Planning Work Program documents the transportation planning activities to be performed in the metropolitan planning area for the next two years. This document was prepared in cooperation with our state and local transportation partners. Major activities identified in the work program include: preparation of the 2050 Mobility Plan, travel demand model update, continued pavement management data collection and participation in a combined MPO statewide Household Travel Survey. The work program has been reviewed by TDOT and FHWA and all of their comments have been addressed in this final draft document.

### **Attachment #3**

*Technical Committee recommends approval, 18-0.*

#### **Discussion**

Jeff Welch, TPO Staff, reviewed the FY 2024-2025 Work Program. Ty Ross, City of Loudon, also shared that Loudon is considering exploring Planning Grant opportunities with the TPO in the future, in conjunction with their re-evaluation of their planning and land use in the city.

#### **Approved 11-0-0**

*A motion was made by Mayor Ron Williams and seconded by Commissioner Courtney Durrett to approve the FY 2024-2025 Work Program. The motion carried unanimously.*

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## 4. **Congressionally Directed Projects Update**

TPO Staff will provide an update on regional projects awarded congressionally directed spending in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

#### **Discussion**

Craig Luebke, TPO Staff, provided an update to the Committee on regional projects awarded congressionally directed spending in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

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## 5. **Mobility Plan Process Update**

A consultant was recently selected to prepare the next major update to the TPO Long Range Transportation Plan, to be known as the 2050 Mobility Plan. The regional travel demand forecasting model will also be updated under a separate contract. The TPO staff will provide a brief update and overview of these activities at this early stage of the process.

#### **Discussion**

Mike Conger, TPO Staff, reviewed the 2050 Mobility Plan and provided an update on the early stages of the process. Mr. Welch and Matt Meservy, TDOT Staff, provided additional comments on the process.

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## 6. **Major Tennessee Department of Transportation Project Updates**

TDOT Staff will provide an update on major project initiatives and will be available for discussion and to answer questions.

#### **Discussion**

Dexter Justis and Christie Brown, TDOT Staff, gave the Board an update on ongoing TDOT projects at I-40/Campbell Station Rd., I-40/Watt Rd., I-75/Emory Rd., and Alcoa Hwy.

*Mr. Brian Boone arrived at 9:29 a.m.*

*Mr. Don Walker arrived at 9:30 a.m.*



## 7. TDOT and FHWA Updates

TDOT and FHWA Staff will provide updates.

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## 8. Other Business

Mr. Welch provided an update on the search for a new TPO Director. GovHr has sent a list of candidates to the agency and interviews should begin soon.

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Mr. Welch introduced Emily Jackson, AmeriCorps, who will be working with the TPO for the next several months on many projects, including Smart Trips.

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Mayor Frank presented Mr. Welch with a proclamation highlighting his many accomplishments over the course of his nearly four decade career and thanking him for his 38 years of dedicated service to the Knoxville Regional TPO. Mr. Welch will retire at the end of August.

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The next meeting of the TPO Executive Board will be held September 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

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The next meeting of the TPO Technical Committee will be held September 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

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## 9. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Technical Committee with a five-minute time limitation for each person.

### **Discussion**

There was no public comment.

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## 10. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

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