



Minutes

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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**

***Megan Brooks**
City of Alcoa, for Mayor
Tanya Martin

***Amber Scott-Kelso**
Lenoir City, for Mayor
Tony Aikens

***Troy Ebbert**
State of Tennessee, for
Governor Bill Lee

***Jeff Harris**
Mayor, City of Loudon

***Glenn Jacobs**
Mayor, Knox County

***Indya Kincannon**
Mayor, City of Knoxville

***Don Walker**
Blount County, for
Mayor Ed Mitchell

***Terry Hill**
Chair, Knox County
Commission

***Justin Biggs**
ETDD

***Isaac Thorne**
Director, Knoxville Area
Transit

***James Temple**
Sevier County, for
Mayor Larry Waters

***Brian Boone**
City of Maryville, for
Mayor Andy White

TPO Staff

Partner Agency Staff

Members of the Public

* Voting Members

2. Minutes

Approved 12-0-0

A motion was made by Mayor Harris and seconded by Ms. Scott-Kelso to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2023 Executive Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously, 12-0.

3. **2020-2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets** *



Federal regulations require states and MPOs to establish performance targets for five separate safety factors on an annual basis. TDOT established its 7th annual statewide safety targets for the 5-year period of 2020-2024 effective on August 31, 2023 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.

Technical Committee recommends approval, 14-0.

Discussion

Mike Conger, TPO Staff, reviewed the 2020-2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets established by TDOT.

Approved 12-0-0

A motion was made by Mr. Biggs and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2020-2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets. The motion carried unanimously, 12-0.

4. Transportation Planning Work Program Amendment*

TPO staff proposes an amendment to the planning work program to clarify that task 2A, sub-task 12 (Regional Study of Pavement Conditions throughout the Knoxville TPO area) may include data collection outside the TPO Planning area for TPO member agencies. There is no financial change with the proposed amendment.

Technical Committee recommends approval, 14-0.

Discussion

Craig Luebke, TPO Staff, described the amendment requested to the Work Program.

Approved 12-0-0

A motion was made by Ms. Scott-Kelso and seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve the Amendment to the Transportation Planning Work Program. The motion carried unanimously, 12-0.

5. FHWA & FTA - Overview of Knoxville TMA Certification Review

Every 4 years the TPO planning process is reviewed by our Federal Partners - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). FHWA Tennessee Division staff will review the certification process and seek comments from the Executive Board on planning issues, priorities, and TPO activities.

Discussion

FHWA Staff Sean Santalla, Zachary Coleman, Melanie Murphy, and Sanya Baker were present to discuss the certification review process.

6. New TDOT 10-Year Project Plan*

TDOT unveiled its first-ever 10-Year Fiscally Constrained Project Plan on Monday, December 18, 2023. TDOT staff will provide an overview of the Plan and other facets of the Transportation Modernization Act being proposed statewide such as potential Choice Lane projects. A link to the full TDOT 10-Year Project Plan is available on the TPO website.

Discussion

TDOT Region 1 Staff Troy Ebbert, Dexter Justis, and Steve Borden were present to provide an overview of the TDOT 10-Year Project Plan.

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Mr. Biggs left at 9:50 a.m.

Commissioner Hill left at 10:00 a.m.

7. Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grants



The FY 2023 Implementation Grants under the II SS4A Discretionary Grant Program were announced on December 13, 2023 and the City of Knoxville was awarded \$8 Million for their SAFER Knoxville project. The TPO was awarded \$24,000 for planning to extend the Regional Roadway Safety Plan to cover the entirety of Anderson County. These awards will be discussed along next steps for a potential FY 2024 grant application.

A link to the Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grants is available on the TPO Website.

Discussion

Jon Livengood, City of Knoxville, provided a brief overview of the grant received by the City and the projects to be funded.

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Mayor Harris left at 10:02 a.m.

Mayor Kincannon left at 10:11 a.m.

8. TDOT and FHWA Updates

TDOT and FHWA Staff will provide updates.

Discussion

Mr. Ebbert notified the Board of upcoming grant opportunities with TDOT and the possibility of training regarding grant applications.

9. Other Business

TPO Technical Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building - may be substituted by a Mobility Plan Technical Advisory Committee meeting

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

Mr. Burton notified the Board of the upcoming public Mobility Plan Meetings on February 12 and February 13.

Mayor Jacobs thanked the highway and road crews from all TPO jurisdictions for their hard work in clearing right-of-ways during the recent snowstorm.

10. Public Comment

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

Discussion

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

