February 26, 2025 TPO Executive Board





9:00 AM | Small Assembly 400 Main St, Knoxville

### 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

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

**\*Ron Williams** Mayor, Town of Farragut

**\*James Temple** (for Mayor Larry Waters) Sevier County \*Troy Ebbert State of Tennessee (for Governor Bill Lee)

\*Brian Boone Maryville (for Mayor Andy White)

**\*Justin Biggs** County Trustee, ETDD **\*Isaac Thorne** Director, Knoxville Area Transit

**\*Larry Gann** City of Clinton (for Mayor Scott Burton)

\*Andrew Roberto Councilman, City of Knoxville (for Vice-Mayor Tommy Smith) **\*Terry Frank** Mayor, Anderson County

**Jim Snowden** Director, Knox County Engineering and Public Works

**TPO Staff** 

Partner Agency Staff

\*Voting member

#### 2. Minutes\*

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

*A motion was made by Mayor Williams and seconded by Mayor Frank to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2025 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.* 



# 3. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments\*

The City of Knoxville requested the following amendments:

Existing Pleasant Ridge Road project - Amend project to revise the project schedule and increase the construction phase cost and total project cost. Construction is programmed in FY 2025 at a total cost of \$14,784,512 (\$9,048,890 federal L-STBG/\$2,262,222 local/\$3,474,400 local non-participating). This amendment adds \$9,287,795 (+\$4,650,716 federal/+\$1,162,679 local/+\$3,474,400 local non-participating) to the project and the TIP. The total project cost is increased to \$17,459,821.

Existing Liberty Street Multimodal project - Amend project to revise the project schedule and increase the construction phase cost and total project cost. Additional PE-D programming is removed. Construction is programmed in FY 2025 at a total cost of \$1,525,419 (\$561,920 federal L-STBG/\$658,415 federal L-STBG-TA/\$305,084 local. This amendment adds \$817,555 (+\$658,415 federal L-STBG-TA/-\$4,371 federal L-STBG/+\$163,511 local) to the project and the TIP. The total project cost is increased to \$2,262,455.

Attachment #3A: 23-2014-037 Draft Amendment

Attachment #3B: 23-2014-080 Draft Amendment

Attachment #3C: Draft TIP Amendment Resolution

Attachment #3D: Draft Metropolitan Planning Process Self-Certification

The Technical Committee recommends approval unanimously.

# Discussion

Mr. Leubke reviewed the two TIP amendment requests from the City of Knoxville and TDOT. **Approved** 10-0-0

A motion was made by Councilman Roberto and seconded by Mayor Williams to approve the resolution adopting City of Knoxville requested amendments for two (2) air quality exempt projects and certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being followed. The motion carried unanimously.

# 4. Safety Performance Measures\*

Annual FHWA safety performance targets must be adopted by the end of February 2025. TPO staff have computed local targets specific to the TPO Planning Area for this round as discussed at the January TC meeting and will present those and the State targets as possible options for final recommendation to the Executive Board.

Attachment #4A: Development of Local Safety Targets for the TPO Region Report Attachment #4B: 2025 Safety Targets Resolution Adopting Local Targets *The Technical Committee recommends approval unanimously.* 

# Discussion

Mr. Conger presented the locally developed Safety Performance Measure Targets to the Board. **Approved** 10-0-0

A motion was made by Mayor Williams and seconded by Trustee Biggs to approve the locally developed annual FHWA safety performance targets. The motion carried unanimously.



### 5. West Knoxville Corridor (I-40/75) Study Presentation

TDOT has started an effort to study, design, and prioritize improvements to the Interstate 40/Interstate 75 corridor west of Knoxville, from the I-40/I-75 Interchange in Loudon County to the I-640 Interchange just west of downtown. TDOT's 10-Year Project Plan, released in December 2023, identified funding for several projects along the corridor. Instead of treating those projects as isolated segments, TDOT plans to develop a holistic strategy for improving the corridor as a whole. TDOT staff and its consultants will provide a brief overview of the study and current status at this early stage with the intent of providing additional updates as the study progresses. A project website has been set up at: https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-

### region-1/west-knoxville-corridor.html

### Discussion

Mr. Justis, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Sagers gave a presentation on the progress of the TDOT plan to make improvements to the I40/I70 Corridor.

### 6. TDOT and FHWA Updates

*Trustee Biggs left the meeting at this time.* TDOT played an informational video for their "Build With Us" program.

### 7. Other Business

Mr. Burton thanked Mayor Frank for her years of service as TPO Executive Board Chair and Vice-Chair.

Reminder Household Survey Being Sent Out to Public.

Mobility Plan 2050 Public Review Period Starts March.

Time to Start Next Unified Planning Work Program FY26 & FY27.

TPO Technical Committee Meeting March 11, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

### 8. Public Comment

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

#### Discussion

There was no public comment.

#### 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

