



Minutes

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

- Determination of a Quorum
- Introduction of Participants
- Introduction of Zoom Participants
- Amendments to the Agenda

*Glenn Jacobs Mayor, Knox County (Chair)	*James Temple (for Mayor Larry Waters) Sevier County	*Megan Brooks City of Alcoa (for Mayor Tanya Martin)	*Justin Biggs Trustee, Knox County
*Tom Clabo (for Mayor Indya Kincannon) City of Knoxville	*Troy Ebbert State of Tennessee (for Governor Bill Lee)	*Brian Boone City of Maryville (for Mayor Andy White)	*Don Walker (for Mayor Ed Mitchell) Blount County
*Jack Qualls City of Loudon (for Mayor Jeff Harris)	*Isaac Thorne Director, Knoxville Area Transit	*Amber Scott-Kelso (for Mayor Tony Aikens) Lenoir City	*Billy Pickel (for Mayor Rollen Bradshaw) Loudon County
*Larry Gann City of Clinton (for Mayor Scott Burton)	*Andrew Roberto Councilman, City of Knoxville (for Vice-Mayor Tommy Smith)	*Gina Oster Commissioner, Knox County Commission	TPO Staff
*Ron Williams Mayor, Town of Farragut			Partner Agency Staff
			*Voting member

2. Minutes*

Approved 14-0-0

A motion was made by Mayor Williams and seconded by Ms. Scott-Kelso to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2025 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



3. **Public Hearing on the Federal Transit Administration – FY 2025 –Program of Projects***

The Program of Projects (POP) is a list of projects, for each agency, to be funded with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307, 5310, and 5339 funding. FTA requires a public hearing on the POP. The POP public hearing is being held as part of the Executive Board meeting. Staff will update the Executive Board on the FY25 FTA apportionments and the local distribution of funds. Because the TIP already has the 5307 and 5339 funding approved, the new funds and projects will be added to the TIP through internal modifications. If there are no changes at the meeting the POP will be considered final.

Attachment #3A: Memorandum from City of Knoxville Mayor Kincannon on Section 5307/5339 Funding Distribution

Attachment #3B: FFY 2025 Program of Projects for FTA Section 5307, 5310, and 5339 Funding

Technical Committee recommends approval, unanimously.

Discussion

Mr. Burton reviewed the FTA FY 2025 Program of Projects.

Mr. Qualls arrived at 9:03 a.m.

Approved 15-0-0

A motion was made by Mayor Williams and seconded by Mr. Temple to approve the FTA FY 2025 Program of Projects.

4. **Section 5310 Program of Projects ***

Knoxville Knox County CAC is the designated recipient of the FTA Section 5310 funds. Section 5310 funds can be used for both operating and capital projects that support seniors and persons with disabilities. To assist CAC, the TPO held an open and publicly advertised call-for-projects. The attached Program-of-Projects show the recommendations for funding. Even though CAC now oversees the grant process with FTA, the TPO must still adopt the projects into the TIP. Because the TIP already has the Section 5310 funding approved, the new projects will be added to the TIP through internal modifications.

Attachment #4A: Draft FTA Section 5310 FFY 2024 & 2025 Program of Projects Table

Technical Committee recommends approval, unanimously.

Discussion

Mr. Bird reviewed the Section 5310 Program of Projects.

Mr. Ebbert arrived at 9:11 a.m.

Approved 16-0-0



5. **Pellissippi Parkway Extension Statewide Partnership Program ***

An application for the 2024 TDOT Statewide Partnership Program (SPP) was submitted by the City of Alcoa as well as on behalf of Blount County and the City of Maryville to request that the Pellissippi Parkway (SR-162) Extension project be accelerated. The application proposed the use of a combination of local funds, property donations and TPO regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds to be able to start the right-of-way phase sooner than the projected TDOT 10-Year Plan timeframe of 2032. TDOT announced an SPP award to approve this approach on April 7, 2025, which will require a modification to the current TPO FY2023-2026 TIP to allocate funding. Due to this being a new allocation of regional STBG funds, the funding addition and associated TIP modification are being presented for approval to the overall TPO for information and transparency.

City of Alcoa Pellissippi Parkway Extension: New request is \$10,000,000 federal STBG-L

Attachment #5A: 23-2014-025 Draft TIP Modification

Attachment #5B: STBG-L Cost Overrun Summary Table

Technical Committee recommends approval, unanimously.

Discussion

Mr. Leubke and Bruce Applegate, City of Alcoa Staff, provided an overview of the proposed Pellissippi Parkway Extension Statewide Partnership Program.

Approved 16-0-0

A motion was made by Mayor Williams and seconded by Ms. Scott-Kelso to approve the Pellissippi Parkway Extension Statewide Partnership Program STBG Funding Allocation.

6. **Draft FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program***

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is updated on a 3-year cycle. The new TIP covers fiscal years 2026-2029 and will supersede the current FY 2023-2026 TIP. The revised draft TIP incorporating TDOT review comments has been submitted to FHWA & FTA for their 20-day review. Federal review comments will be addressed in the final draft TIP.

Attachment #6A: Draft FY 2026-2029 TIP

Attachment #6B: Draft FY 2026-2029 TIP Appendices

Discussion

Mr. Leubke and Mr. Conger provided an update on the current TIP draft process.



7. **TDOT Long Range Transportation Plan Presentation**

TDOT is responsible for developing a long-range statewide transportation plan. The last plan was fully completed in 2016 with a minor update in 2021. A lot has occurred throughout the State of Tennessee and nationally regarding the transportation system since the last long-range plan was developed. TDOT has hired a consultant to update the long-range plan, which will occur in two phases. First, the current plan's Policy Papers will be updated by the end of this year and then a more extensive planning process will occur in 2026 with the development of a new plan. There will be a presentation about the kick-off to the new statewide long-range plan and the future planning efforts.

Discussion

Mary Connelly, Gresham and Smith consultants, joined via Zoom to discuss the status of the TDOT Long Range Transportation Plan.

8. **TDOT and FHWA Updates**

Discussion

Matt Meservy, TDOT Staff provided statistics on the SPP grant applications received and reminded members of the current planning grant application that is open.

Mr. Ebbert announced a presentation of the I-40/I-75 Corridor Study will take place at the October meeting.

9. **Other Business**

Regional Pavement Preservation Workshop October 21, 2025 at Knoxville Public Works Service Center

TPO Technical Committee Meeting October 14, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building.

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

Mr. Burton announced that the Public Transit Association Conference will be in Knoxville next month.

10. **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.



11. **Adjournment**

Discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

