



April 14, 2020

9:00 A.M. | Telemeeting via Zoom
City County Building, Knoxville, TN

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1 Call to Order

- a. Determination of a Quorum
- b. Introductions
- c. Amendments to the Agenda

2 Motion to Approve March 10, 2020 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Presenter: Brian Boone, Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the March 10, 2020, TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

Attachment #1: Draft March 10, 2020 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

3 Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to Amend the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Executive Board

Presenter: Craig Luebke, TPO Staff

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

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Attachment #2A: Draft Resolution

Attachment #2B: Draft Metropolitan Planning Process Self-Certification

Attachment #2C: Amendment 20-2014-003 (Alcoa Highway) - Amend TIP to revise the project terminus description, project length and increase the ROW cost. The project description includes reconstructing from a 4-lane to a 6-lane facility, including a frontage road system with two (2) new interchanges (SR-115 at Singleton Station Road and SR-115 at Topside Road (SR-333)); modifying the existing SR-115 and SR-162 interchange, and constructing a multi-use path. The project length is 2.71 miles, and the entire project is in Blount County. The ROW cost increased from \$32,200,000 to \$57,000,000 in FY 2020. The total project cost increased from \$82,350,000 to \$107,150,000.

Attachment #2D: Amendment 20-2014-007 (Foothills Mall Drive Extension) - Amend TIP to add this project for construction in FY 2020. Construction is estimated at \$4,021,800 (\$3,217,440 federal L-STBG/\$804,360 local). \$1,252,000 in federal funds have been previously obligated for

this project. Of which, \$504,800 will be de-obligated and applied to CN phase. The total project cost is \$4,955,800.

\$109,100 in federal funds have been previously obligated for this project. The total project cost is \$1,385,009.

Attachment #2E: Draft Short Conformity Report

4 Motion to Recommend Approval of the FTA Section 5307/5339 FY20-Program of Projects to the Executive Board.

Presenter: Doug Burton, TPO Staff

Item Summary: FTA requires a public hearing on the Program of Projects (POP). The POP is a list of projects, for each agency, to be funded with the Section 5307 and 5339 funding. The POP public hearing will be at the April 22, 2020 Executive Board meeting. Staff will update the Technical Committee on the FY20 – FTA Appropriations and the local distribution of funds. Because the TIP already has both the Section 5307 and 5339 funding pages approved, the additional funds and projects will be added through internal adjustments. Staff recommends approval of the FY20 – POP.

Attachment #3A – Mayor Kincannon Memorandum on Distribution of FTA Section 5307/5339 Urban Area Funding

Attachment #3B – FY 2020 Program of Projects (POP) Table

Attachment #3C – ETHRA letter

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

5 CARES Act – Funding to Support Public Transit

Presenter: Doug Burton, TPO Staff

Item Summary: On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law. The CARES Act provides emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and provide emergency appropriations to support Executive Branch agency operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. FTA is allocating \$25 billion to recipients of transit urbanized area and rural area formula funds. Funding will be provided at a 100-percent federal share, with no local match required, and will be available to support capital, operating, and other expenses generally eligible under those programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Attachment #4 – Information Sheet and FAQ and responses from FTA

6 Overview of the Phase 1 Outreach Plan for the 2045 Mobility Plan

Presenter: Jeff Welch, TPO Staff

Item Summary: In this unique time our strategy to engage the public in the Mobility Plan Update needed to drastically change for our first phase of engagement. We are proposing a virtual online process to engage stakeholders and the general public. Please review the Outreach plan attached.

Attachment #5: Phase 1 Outreach Plan

7 Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.
- TDOT has announced that Preston Elliott, AICP, has been named the Deputy Commissioner and Chief of the TDOT Environment and Planning Bureau. Having worked with TDOT early on in his career, Preston has over 25 years of successful and impactful community and transportation planning experience with the State of Tennessee. Preston's work, both on the national and international level, has included every mode of transportation, from walking, biking, and vehicular planning, to truck, freight, rail, and shared mobility. Equally, Mr. Elliott has been involved in every aspect of the transportation process, from planning and environmental, to programming, design, and construction. Preston officially assumes his position April 20.

8 Public Comment

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

9 Adjournment