

**TPO Technical Committee Minutes
February 12, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, TN**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on February 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building in Knoxville, TN. Vice-Chair Brian Boone presided and called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum. Committee members were asked to introduce themselves.

*Wayne Blasius	City of Oak Ridge
*Brian Boone	City of Maryville
*Don Brown	ETDD
*Michelle Christian	TDOT, Region 1
*Rich DesGroseilliers	Lakeway MPO
*Karen Estes	Knox County CAC Transit
*Deanna Flinchum	Knoxville Commuter Pool
*Gerald Green	Knoxville Knox-County Planning
*Jim Hagerman	City of Knoxville
*Chico Messer	Blount County
*Mike Patterson	ETHRA
*Cindy Pionke	Knox County
*Jack Qualls	City of Loudon & Loudon County
*Blake Sartin	Metro Knoxville Airport Authority
*Darryl Smith	Town of Farragut
*Bill Taylor	Anderson County
*Jacob Wright	Knoxville Area Transit
TPO Staff	
Partner Agency Staff	
Members of the Public	
*voting members	

1. Motion to Approve November 13, 2018 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the November 13, 2018 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Cindy Pionke and seconded by Chico Messer to approve the November 13, 2018 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.

2. Election of Officers

Item Summary: The Bylaws state that the Technical Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from its membership. Such election shall be by a majority vote of that membership. Election of officers shall take place on the first meeting of the calendar year and term of office shall be for one year. An officer is eligible to serve a maximum of 2 consecutive terms. The current Chair and Vice-Chair are eligible to serve an additional term.

A Motion was made by Daryl Smith and seconded by Wayne Blasius to nominate Jeff Ownby as Chair and Brian Boone as Vice-Chair. The Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to Adopt the 2015-2017 Safety Performance Measure Targets to the Executive Board

Item Summary: Federal regulations require states and MPOs to establish performance targets for five separate safety factors on annual basis. TDOT established its 2nd annual statewide safety targets for the 5-year period of 2015-2019 effective on 8/31/18 and now the TPO has 180 days (until 2/27/19) to either: agree to support the state target or establish specific numeric targets for a safety performance measure specific to our region.

Discussion: Mike Conger presented TDOT's established Safety Targets Round 1 and 2. There are five different factors that are taken into consideration when establishing Safety Targets: number of fatalities, fatality rate, number of serious injuries, serious injury rate, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. All ten other MPO's in Tennessee have chosen to adopt the TDOT State Targets again for this year. Staff recommends supporting the state targets for this cycle.

The presentation is available on-line and can be found here:

https://knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/tech/feb19/presentations/2019_Safety_Targets_for_Tech.pdf

A Motion was made by Gerald Green and seconded by Chico Messer to recommend approval of a Resolution to Adopt the 2015-2017 Safety Performance Measure Targets to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for Planning Studies in Upcoming FY2020-21 Transportation Planning Work Program

Item Summary: The transportation planning work program allocates federal transportation planning dollars to studies and planning activities carried by the TPO and its partners. Members are encouraged to submit project ideas prior to Friday, March 1, 2019.

Discussion: Jeff Welch briefly summarized the Transportation Planning Work Program and how it helps address the needs of the Metropolitan area. The funding is through TDOT in which Knoxville Transportation Planning Organization has a contract with, and attached to that contract is a Planning Work Program that outlines our staff activity and the activities of our partners at State and local level. There is an opportunity each year to identify planning studies that local communities may want to initiate.

5. Presentation on Regional Bike/Pedestrian Crash Reports

Item Summary: Staff will share additional ped/bike crash data, including a regional summary and reports from Loudon County, Lenoir City, & Sevierville. Hard copies of reports will be available at the meeting.

Discussion: Ellen Zavisca presented the Committee with Regional Bike/Pedestrian Crash Reports from Loudon County, Lenoir City, and Sevierville. Mrs. Zavisca briefly summed up the current round of reports that go through March 2018. Overall, traffic fatalities are down and pedestrian fatalities are up. Mrs. Zavisca further explained where Knoxville's Bike/Pedestrian Crash numbers rank compared to other places of similar size around the nation.

The presentation is available on-line and can be found here:

https://knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/tech/feb19/presentations/ped_bike_crashes_for_Tech_Committee_Feb_2019.pdf

6. Presentation on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on processed administrative adjustments and the status of local projects in the FY 2017 – 2020 TIP.

Discussion: Craig Luebke gave a general update on the current TIP status of projects, adjustments that have happened over the last fiscal year, pending Federal Rescission, and the new TIP that is being developed.

The presentation is available on-line and can be found here:

[https://knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/tech/feb19/presentations/FY2019Q1 TIP Tracking Presentation.pdf](https://knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/tech/feb19/presentations/FY2019Q1_TIP_Tracking_Presentation.pdf)

7. Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.

8. Public Comment

9. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Chico Messer and seconded by Cindy Pionke to adjourn the meeting. The Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.