

**TPO Technical Committee Minutes
July 9, 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 July 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building in Knoxville, TN. Chair Jeff Ownby 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
*Megan Brooks	City of Alcoa
*Brian Boone	City of Maryville
*Don Brown	ETDD, <i>for Terry Bobrowski</i>
*Michelle Christian	TDOT, Region 1, <i>for Troy Ebbert</i>
*Rich DesGroseilliers	Lakeway MTPO
*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
*Jeff Ownby	Sevier County
*Mike Patterson	ETHRA
*Cindy Pionke	Knox County
*Blake Sartin	Metro Knoxville Airport Authority
*Darryl Smith	Town of Farragut
*Jacob Wright	Knoxville Area Transit
TPO Staff	
Partner Agency Staff	
Members of the Public	
*voting members	

1. Motion to Approve May 14, 2019 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the May 14, 2019 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Wayne Blasius and seconded by Cindy Pionke to approve the May 14, 2019 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion to Recommend Approval of an Addendum to the 2040 Mobility Plan and the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Incorporate Performance Measure PM1 (Safety) Target Updates to the Executive Board

Item Summary: TDOT established its 2nd annual statewide safety targets for the 5-year period of 2015-2019 effective on 8/31/18. The TPO adopted supporting the state targets on 2/27/19. The FY 2017-2020 TIP and Mobility 2040 Performance Measures Addenda are being revised to reflect the adopted 2015-2019 PM1 (Safety) Targets. Staff recommends approval.

Discussion: There was no substantive discussion.

A Motion was made by Gerald Green and seconded by Chico Messer to recommend approval of an Addendum to the 2040 Mobility Plan and the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Incorporate Performance Measure PM1 (Safety) Target Updates to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to Amend the FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Executive Board

Item Summary: TDOT and locally requested amendments for nine (9) air quality exempt projects and one (1) air quality non-exempt project. Staff recommends approval.

Discussion: Craig Luebke gave an overview of the proposed 10 amendments noting of the 10 projects, one is from TDOT, eight are projects that were awarded funding on the last round of PM2.5 CMAQ Call for Projects and the final amendment is Blount County's Trail Project, done in cooperation with staff in utilizing the last of the Transportation Alternative Program funds. The one non-exempt project is new and involves a modification at Pellissippi Parkway (SR-162) at Oak Ridge Highway (SR -62) interchange to include an additional (new) ramp for westbound to southbound movement. Other new projects include Broadway, Chapman Highway and Kingston Pike DRSC and Enhanced Detection Traffic Signal Improvements, Traffic Signal improvements for the UT area, Lenoir City CMAQ ITS - Phase II, Knox County Advanced Traffic Management System - Phase II and Oak Ridge Signal Timing Optimization Program - Phase II. Two existing projects that are being modified are Town of Farragut Advanced Traffic Management System – Phase I adding funding to cover the full scope of the project and Blount County Greenway Trail – Phase I, revising the project limits and cost estimates. Mr. Luebke noted staff has received a revision in Knox County's ATMS project to reflect that the project encompasses 15, not 23 intersections. Mike Conger briefly touched on the air quality short conformity report, precipitated by the non-exempt project as identified above, which reflects that this project demonstrates air quality conformity. The report is currently out for a 30-day public comment period (with no comments received to date). The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Cindy Pionke and seconded by Gerald Green to recommend approval of a Resolution to amend the FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentation on TDOT I-75 Multimodal Corridor Study

Item Summary: Starting in September 2018, TDOT retained consultants to complete an 18-month study of the I-55/75/26 corridors, which will identify short-and long-term solutions for improving problem spots along those corridors. TDOT Region 1 OCT staff will provide an overview of the I-75 study and share initial findings. Input from the public and local officials is desired to inform the study and feedback can be given through an online survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QZHRQJ7>. Additional information about the study is available at: <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/government/g/planning-studies/i-55-75-26-multimodal-corridor-study.html>.

Discussion: Michelle Christian, TDOT Region 1, Office of Community Transportation (OCT) gave an overview of the study. She began by reviewing the purpose of the corridor study which is a process that is used to comprehensively assess the ability of a transportation corridor to manage travel needs from current development and anticipated long term growth. She touched on the study schedule, process and anticipated outcomes followed by a review of existing conditions.

Ms. Christian closed highlighting opportunities for individuals to become involved in the study. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

5. Other Business

- Dangerous by Design - Tennessee State Report (Handout). Ellen Zavisca highlighted Smart Growth America's biannual report on pedestrian safety noting the upward trend for pedestrian fatalities is climbing statewide.
- Symposium on Transformative Placemaking, Wednesday, July 17th from 5:45 -8:30 PM at The Emporium 100 S. Gay St.
Attachment #4 - Transformative Placemaking Symposium Flyer
- The Pavement Management System Lunch and Learn will take place on Thursday, July 18th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the community meeting room at the Knoxville Public Works Service Center (3131 Morris Ave.). Mike Conger noted he has been in contact with the Evansville, Indiana MPO who utilize a Pavement Management System. The vendor they contracted with to develop their PMS has offered to join us on the 18th. He noted this presented an opportunity to combine this Lunch and Learn with the East Tennessee Section of Institute Transportation Engineer's bi-monthly lunch meetings where professional credit hours are offered.
- Ellen Zavisca noted there will be a Road Safety Assessments and Engineering Fundamentals workshop for law enforcement professionals and asked Committee members to encourage participation from within their jurisdictions. This workshop will take place August 27-28, 2019 in Knoxville. For registration information visit: <https://tntrafficsafety.org/training-courses> or contact Ellen Zavisca at ellen.zavisca@knoxplanning.org.
- Jeff Welch noted the Draft 2020-2023 TIP will be shared with TDOT later today. Staff will be sharing this with the Technical Committee at the August meeting.
- Doug Tarwarter from TDOT gave a brief update on the Broadway viaduct which has been let to construction. They expect approximately 6 months of utility work before real bridge construction starts. The Broadway viaduct will be shut down during bridge construction. It was noted that this project will have some overlap with the Jackson Ave. ramp project.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

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