



The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on April 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by telecommuting via Zoom. 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.

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| *Wayne Blasius             | City of Oak Ridge                 |
| *Chico Messer              | Blount County                     |
| *Gerald Green              | Knoxville Knox County Planning    |
| *Megan Brooks              | City of Alcoa                     |
| *Karen Estes               | Knox County CAC Transit           |
| *Steve King                | City of Knoxville                 |
| *Beth Collins              | City of Lenoir City               |
| *Daryl Smith               | Town of Farragut                  |
| *Blake Sartin              | Metro Knoxville Airport Authority |
| *Mike Patterson            | ETHRA, for Gary Holliday          |
| *Jack Qualls               | City of Loudon, Loudon County     |
| *Brian Boone               | City of Maryville                 |
| *Don Brown                 | ETDD, for Terry Bobrowski         |
| *Don Walker                | Blount County                     |
| *Jeff Ownby                | Sevier County                     |
| *Larry Gann                | City of Clinton                   |
| *Jacob Wright              | Knoxville Area Transit            |
| *Kathryn Baldwin           | Anderson County                   |
| *Michelle Christian        | TDOT, Region 1                    |
| *Deanna Flinchum           | Knoxville Commuter Pool           |
| *Erin Gill                 | Deputy to Mayor Kincannon         |
| TPO Staff                  |                                   |
| Partner Agency Staff       |                                   |
| Members of the Public      |                                   |
| <b>*voting members</b>     |                                   |
| <b>*non-voting members</b> |                                   |

**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

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

*A Motion was made by Gerald Green and seconded by Michelle Christian to approve the March 10, 2020 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.*

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

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

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL**

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke briefly reviewed the two-air quality non-exempt projects. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

*A Motion was made by Wayne Blasius and seconded by Gerald Green to recommend approval of a Resolution to Amend the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously.*

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

**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.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL**

**Discussion:** Doug Burton reviewed the list of Program of Projects (POP) for each agency to be funded with the Section 5307 and 5339 funding. Mr. Burton presented the Technical Committee with tables showing more detailed figures on the local distribution of funds. The entire presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

*A Motion was made by Gerald Green and seconded by Steve King to recommend Approval of the FTA Section 5307/5339 FY-20 Program of Projects adding a condition that all groups work together to amend the lock-in rate to better allocate the funds to the Executive Board.*

*Gerald Green amended his motion to recommend Approval of the FTA Section 5307-5399 FY-20 Program of Projects adding a condition that all groups work together to amend the lock-in rate to better allocate the funds, and that the amendment be completed within 6 months, by October of 2020. Steve King seconded the amended motion. The Motion carried unanimously.*

## **5 CARES Act – Funding to Support Public Transit**

**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.

**Discussion:** Doug Burton summarized the new legislation passed by President Trump 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. Mr. Burton went on to discuss FTA’s allocation of funds to recipients of transit urbanized and rural areas.

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

**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.

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**Discussion:** Jeff Welch described Phase 1 of the Outreach Plan for the 2045 Mobility Plan and how staff plans to engage stakeholders and the general public.

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## **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**

There was no public comment

## **9 Adjournment.**

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.