



KNOXVILLE REGIONAL

Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Telemeeting via Zoom

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on December 8, 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.

- *Amy Brooks
- *Wayne Blasius
- *Megan Brooks
- *Chico Messer
- *Karen Estes
- *Darryl Smith
- *Kathryn Baldwin
- *Brian Boone
- *Deanna Flinchum
- *Rich DesGroseilliers
- *Mike Patterson
- *Jack Qualls
- *Blake Sartin
- *Jacob Wright
- *Harold Cannon
- *Jim Snowden
- *Terry Bobrowski
- *Michelle Christian
- **Troy Ebbert
- **Sean Santalla
- **Andrew Sibold
- Nancy Nabors
- TPO Staff
- Partner Agency Staff
- Members of the Public
- *voting members**
- **non-voting members**

- Knoxville-Knox County Planning
- City of Oak Ridge
- City of Alcoa
- Blount County
- Knox County CAC Transit
- Town of Farragut
- Anderson County
- City of Maryville
- Knoxville Commuter Pool
- Lakeway MPO
- ETHRA, for Gary Holliday
- City of Loudon, Loudon County
- Metro Knoxville Airport Authority
- Knoxville Area Transit
- City of Knoxville Engineering
- Knox County Engineering
- ETDD, for Terry Bobrowski
- TDOT, Region 1
- TDOT, Region 1
- FHWA
- FHWA, Professional Development
- Knoxville Chamber

1 Call to Order

- a. Determination of a Quorum
- b. *A motion was made by Wayne Blasius and seconded by Chico Messer stating that the Technical Committee indicates that conducting this meeting by electronic means is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. A roll-call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously 18-0.*
- c. Introductions
- d. Amendments to the Agenda.

2 Motion to Approve November 10, 2020 TPO Technical

Committee Minutes

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

A Motion was made by Wayne Blasius and seconded by Chico Messer to approve the November 10, 2020 TPO Technical Committee Minutes as presented. A roll-call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously 18-0.

3 **Motion to Recommend Approval of Prioritization of TDOT Projects for Consideration in the 2022-2024 TDOT 3 – Year Program**

Item Summary: TDOT has provided the TPO with the list of candidate projects for the next 3-Year Program for ranking which is used as one of the inputs for TDOT’s project selection process. The TPO staff has compiled the rankings that were submitted by Technical Committee voting members and these will be presented for a final recommendation to the Executive Board. Additional project needs on State Routes and public transit needs will also be discussed for submittal to TDOT.

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Discussion: Brian Hurst, TDOT Program Development and Administrative Division, presented the list of candidate projects for the next 3-Year Program for ranking and explained how the program is put together and the criteria used to rank the projects. Mr. Hurst went on to explain the importance of TPO Staff and the Technical Committee’s involvement in the making of this list and appreciate all input from local jurisdictions. Lastly, Dexter Justis briefly reviewed the 22 separate projects on the list to rank this year. Both presentations are available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Harold Cannon and seconded by Jim Snowden to recommend approval of Prioritization of TDOT Projects for Consideration in the 2022-2024 TDOT 3- Year Program with the modification that the proposed rankings #8 and #9 be switched. A roll-call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously 17-0-1 (TDOT Abstained).

A Motion was made by Jim Snowden and seconded by Harold Cannon to approve the Other Projects List, amending the interchange on I-40/75 at Watt Road to be listed #1 on the Project List, to include and/or be supplemented by an auxiliary climbing lane for the intersection adjacent to it, and moving Campbell Station and other projects in the sequence down. A roll-call vote was taken. The Motion failed 5-8-1. (TDOT Abstained)

A Motion was made by Kathryn Baldwin and seconded by Chico Messer to approve the Other Projects List as presented by staff.

An Alternate Motion was made by Daryl Smith and seconded by Jack Qualls to approve the Other Projects List, combining I-40/75 Interchange at Watt Road to include auxiliary climbing lanes and move the project to #2 on the Project List, leaving the interchange at Campbell Station

Road as #1, and other projects in the sequence down. A roll-call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously 12-2-1. (TDOT Abstained)

4 Review of TPO staff list of Recommended Transportation Projects to be include in the Mobility Plan 2045 Report

Item Summary: Staff has reviewed the transportation projects submitted by member jurisdictions to be considered for inclusion in the Mobility Plan 2045. As you are aware the Plan must be financially constrained. Staff developed a draft list of transportation projects and have shared them with each jurisdiction. As currently presented the Plan is financially constrained by each horizon year.

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Discussion: Craig Luebke shared transportation projects submitted by member jurisdictions to be considered for inclusion in the Mobility Plan 2045. Staff developed a draft list of transportation projects and shared them with each jurisdiction and the Technical Committee. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

5 Review of Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for FY2020

Item Summary: Each year the TPO is required to make available to the public a listing of all transportation related projects in which federal funds were obligated in the past fiscal year.

Discussion: Craig Luebke shared the listing of all transportation related projects in which federal funds were obligated in the past fiscal year. Mr. Luebke shared the obligation history, FHWA obligations by programming authority, obligation by funding source, and the total programmed FY2020 L-STBG obligations with the Technical Committee. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

6 New Bike/Pedestrian Crash Data for Region and Knox County

Item Summary: TPO staff have updated the public map of regional traffic crashes involving people walking and bicycling, and have produced new reports analyzing patterns in crashes for cities and counties outside of Knox County, in addition to the new reports for Knox County presented in October.

Discussion: Due to time constraints, this presentation was postponed to a future TPO Technical Committee Meeting.

7 Motion to Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the FY2020-2021 Transportation Planning Work Program Update

Item Summary: The Regional Pavement Analysis for the TPO Area, funded by L-STBG funds was mistakenly left off the Work Program Amendment the TPO Board approved last month. This action corrects that error.

Discussion: Jeff Welch briefly shared that the Regional Pavement Analysis for the TPO Area, funded by L-STBG funds was mistakenly left off the Work Program Amendment the TPO Board approved last month. Therefore, additional action is needed by the Technical Committee to add the Regional Pavement Analysis for the TPO Area to the Work Program. The updated FY2020-2021 Transportation Planning Work Program is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Harold Canon and seconded by Wayne Blasius to recommend approval of an Amendment to the FY2020-2021 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) to the Executive Board. A roll call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously 18-0.

8 Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held electronically.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held electronically.

9 Public Comment

There was no public comment

10 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 A.M.