



March 10, 2020

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room
City County Building, Knoxville, TN

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on March 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building in Knoxville, TN. 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.

- *Nathalie Schmidt
 - *Gerald Green
 - *Beth Collins
 - *Daryl Smith
 - *Blake Sartin
 - *Rich DesGroseilliers
 - *Jack Qualls
 - *Brian Boone
 - *Don Brown
 - *Jim Hagerman
 - *Don Walker
 - *Jeff Ownby
 - *Larry Gann
 - *Jim Snowden
 - *Jacob Wright
 - *Kathryn Baldwin
 - *Sean Santalla
 - *Troy Ebbert
 - *Deanna Flinchum
 - TPO Staff
 - Partner Agency Staff
 - Members of the Public
 - *voting members**
 - *non-voting members**
- City of Oak Ridge
 - Knoxville Knox County Planning
 - City of Lenoir City
 - Town of Farragut
 - Metro Knoxville Airport Authority
 - Lakeway MTPO
 - City of Loudon, Loudon County
 - City of Maryville
 - ETDD, for Terry Bobrowski
 - City of Knoxville
 - Blount County
 - Sevier County
 - City of Clinton
 - Knox County Engineering
 - Knoxville Area Transit
 - Anderson County
 - FHWA
 - TDOT, Region 1
 - Knoxville Commuter Pool

1 Call to Order

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

2 Motion to Approve February 11, 2020 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the February 11, 2020 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Blake Sartin and seconded by Jim Hagerman to approve the February 11, 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 five (5) air quality exempt projects: Amendment 20-2017-042 (Carpenters Grade Road Widening and Intersection Improvements), Amendment 20-20104-015 (Simpson Road Reconstruction), Amendment 20-2014-232 (Lenoir City ITS Signal System), Amendment 20-2014-079 (Traffic Flow Improvements on US-11 and SR 72), and Amendment 20-2017-045 (Kingston Pike at Watt Road Intersection Improvements).

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

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

A Motion was made by Jack Qualls 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 Adoption of the 2045 Mobility Plan Financial Assumption to the Executive Board

Item Summary: An additional early step in developing the 2045 Long Range Mobility Plan is to developing inflation rates for future revenues and project costs. As presented for discussion at the February 2020 Technical Committee meeting, staff recommends an annual rate of 2.2% for revenue growth and a 3.3% annual construction inflation rate. The proposed rates will be used to calculate future revenue estimates and year of expenditure costs for the Mobility Plan. The transit financial assumptions will come at a later date.

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Discussion: Craig Luebke briefly reviewed the 2045 Mobility Plan Financial Assumptions. Mr. Luebke shared Federal Revenue Projections and the proposed Cost Growth Rate. Doug Burton

provided further detail on the Urban Area Transit Operating Funding. Mr. Burton provided funding statistics on Urban Area Transit Providers, specifically Knoxville Area Transit, Knox County CAC Transit, and East Tennessee Human Resource Agency. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Kathryn Baldwin and seconded by Gerald Green to recommend Adoption of the 2045 Mobility Plan Financial Assumption to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously.

5 Overview of Proposed Stakeholder Groups and Participants for the Mobility Plan

Item Summary: Several stakeholder groups will be convened during the next 12 months to provide input in the development of the 2045 Mobility Plan. Staff is seeking additional participants to each of the identified groups.

Discussion: Jeff Welch gave a brief overview of the proposed stakeholder groups and participants and their roles in the development of the 2045 Mobility Plan. Mr. Welch went on to say that staff is still seeking additional participants if Technical Committee Members may know of anyone who might be interested in assisting.

6 Request for Planning Studies to be conducted in the next year to 18 months

Item Summary: Staff is updating the budget and work program for the TPO with TDOT in the coming months. Are there any special planning studies that local jurisdictions are interested in conducting? Staff would like those requests by March 31, 2020.

Discussion: Jeff Welch explained to the Board that Staff is in the process of updating the budget and work program for the TPO with TDOT. Mr. Welch requested feedback from Technical Committee members and their local jurisdictions to see if there are any particular planning studies that they would be interested in conducting within the next year to 18 months.

7 Presentation on Knox County Greenway Plan

Item Summary: The results of a recently completed Knox County Greenway Corridor study will

be presented.

Discussion: Shauna Godlevsky, Knox County, Patrick Fiveash and John Houghton from Gresham Smith were present to discuss the results of a recently complete Knox County Greenway Corridor study. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

8 Presentation on TDOT I-40/81 Corridor Study

Item Summary: TDOT has initiated a corridor study of I-40/81. An overview of the study purpose and some background data will be presented.

Discussion: Troy Ebbert, TDOT Staff, was present to discuss the purpose of the corridor study and current data available on I-40/81. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

9 Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.

10 Public Comment

There was no public comment

11 Adjournment.

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