



KNOXVILLE REGIONAL

Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Telemeeting via Zoom

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on October 13, 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.

- *Wayne Blasius
- *Don Walker
- *Megan Brooks
- *Karen Estes
- *Kathryn Baldwin
- *Brian Boone
- *Kathryn Baldwin
- *Rich DesGroseilliers
- *Melissa Roberson
- *Blake Sartin
- *Harold Cannon
- *Jeff Ownby
- *Don Brown
- *Troy Ebbert
- **Sean Santalla
- TPO Staff
- Partner Agency Staff
- Members of the Public
- *voting members**
- **non-voting members**

- City of Oak Ridge
- Blount County
- City of Alcoa
- Knox County CAC Transit
- Anderson County
- City of Maryville
- Anderson County
- Lakeway MPO
- Knoxville Area Transit
- Metro Knoxville Airport Authority
- City of Knoxville Engineering
- Sevier County
- ETDD, for Terry Bobrowski
- TDOT, Region 1
- FHWA

1 Call to Order

- a. Determination of a Quorum
- b. ***A motion was made by Wayne Blasius and seconded by Troy Ebbert 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.***
- c. Introductions
- d. Amendments to the Agenda.

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

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

A Motion was made by Harold Canon and seconded by Kathryn Baldwin to approve the August 11, 2020 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. A roll call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously.

3 Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to Amend the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to Certify that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being followed to the Executive Board.

Item Summary: Locally requested amendment for one (1) air quality exempt project.

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Discussion: Craig Luebke briefly reviewed the local and TDOT requested amendments for one (1) air quality exempt project. The air quality exempt project is the Magnolia Avenue Streetscape - Phase 3 and 4. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Harold Cannon and seconded by Wayne Blasius to recommend approval of a Resolution to Amend the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to Certify that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being followed to the Executive Board. A roll call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously.

4 OVERVIEW OF TIP MODIFICATIONS AND COST OVERRUNS, L-STBG FUNDING UPDATE AND ANNUAL ADA TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE REQUIREMENTS

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on recent TIP Administrative Modifications, project cost overrun funding approvals and an overview of the Local-Surface Transportation Block Grant program balance. Staff will also discuss the next steps in maintaining local Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan information.

Discussion: Craig Luebke provided an update on recent TIP Administrative Modifications, cost overruns, L-STBG funding, and annual ADA Transition Plan requirements. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

5 UPDATE ON MOBILITY PLAN 2045

Item Summary: The Mobility Plan 2045 is under development by staff and KCI consultants. Staff will provide an overview of the major milestones in the next 8 months for completion of the Mobility Plan 2045. Staff will also provide an initial assessment of the financial impact that the “candidate projects” submitted by our TPO partners will have on the mobility plan anticipated revenues.

Discussion: Mike Conger shared that the Mobility Plan 2045 is still set to be completed in the Summer of 2021. Mr. Conger provided an overview of the major milestones in the next 8 months for completion of the Mobility Plan 2045. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

6 COVID TRAFFIC TRENDS AND FUTURE MODEL SCENARIOS

Item Summary: Staff will present some of the data being tracked by TDOT showing the relative traffic volumes this year compared to last year and the amount of reduction due to the ongoing pandemic. Staff will also discuss a modeling scenario effort to account for potential long-term travel behavior changes and implications on future-year traffic forecasts.

Discussion: Mike Conger presented data tracked by TDOT comparing traffic volumes from 2019-2020 and the amount of reduction due as a result of the pandemic. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

7 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 reports analyzing patterns in crashes for the region, and for the City of Knoxville, the Town of Farragut, and unincorporated Knox County, and will share the key findings.

Discussion: Ellen Zavisca shared information on regional traffic crashes, specifically incidents of walking and bicycling crashes. TPO staff also updated this information on the public map and shared the tools for communities to share with their local jurisdictions. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

8 FEDERAL BUDGET UPDATE: CONTINUING RESOLUTION AND FAST ACT EXTENSION

Item Summary: Congress passed and the President signed a Bill to keep the government funded through December 11, 2020 and to extend the FAST Act for one more year. Specifically, Division B of the bill provides a one-year extension of surface transportation law (FAST Act) at authorized levels equal to 2020. Division B extends expenditures from the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) until October 1, 2021 and transfers \$10,400,000,000 to the Highway Account of the HTF and \$3,200,000,000 to the Mass Transit Account of the HTF to meet obligations and keep the HTF solvent till Congress can provide a longer-term solvency solution.

Discussion: Jeff Welch shared that Congress passed and the President signed a Bill to keep the government funded through December 11, 2020 and to extend the FAST Act for one more year. Mr. Welch further explained the extension of the surface transportation law and expenditures from the Highway Trust Fund. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

9 Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held electronically.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building or held electronically.
- The draft update and executive summary to the Human Services Transportation Plan is now available for public review on the TPO website at:

Full Plan: <https://knoxtpo.org/home/resources/plans/hstcp/plan.pdf>

Executive Summary: <https://knoxtpo.org/home/resources/plans/hstcp/summary.pdf>

- The Tennessee Strategic Highway Safety Plan is now final. The document can be found at: <https://www.tn.gov/tdot//strategic-transportation-investments/project-safety-office.html>

9 Public Comment

There was no public comment

10 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 A.M.