



Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on August 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building. 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.

- *Beth Collins
 - *Megan Brooks
 - *Chico Messer
 - *Karen Estes
 - *Kathryn Baldwin
 - *Catherine Olsen
 - *Brian Boone
 - *DeAnna Flinchum
 - *Amy Brooks
 - *Blake Sartin
 - *Jacob Wright
 - *Harold Cannon
 - *Don Brown
 - *Jack Qualls
 - *Rich DeGroseilliers
 - *Michelle Christian
 - *Larry Gann
 - *Wayne Blasius
 - *Daryl Smith
 - TPO Staff
 - Partner Agency Staff
 - Members of the Public
- City of Lenoir City
 - City of Alcoa
 - Blount County
 - Knox County CAC Transit
 - Anderson County
 - Knox County Engineering
 - City of Maryville
 - Knoxville Commuter Pool
 - Knoxville-Knox County Planning
 - Metro Knoxville Airport Authority
 - Knoxville Area Transit
 - City of Knoxville Engineering
 - ETDD
 - City of Loudon & Loudon County
 - Lakeway MPO
 - TDOT, Region 1
 - City of Clinton
 - City of Oak Ridge
 - Town of Farragut

1 Call to Order

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

2 Motion to Approve June 8, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the June 8, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Don Brown and seconded by Blake Sartin to approve the June 8, 2021, TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously 19-0.

3 Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting the FY 2022-2023 Transportation Planning Work Program

Item Summary: The Transportation Planning Work Program documents the transportation planning activities to be performed in the metropolitan planning area for the next two years. This document was prepared in cooperation with our state and local transportation partners. Major activities identified in the work program include: preparation of the 2023-2026 TIP, development of a transportation performance metrics dashboard, based on census and other data collection efforts begin update of travel demand model for the planning area.

Discussion: Jeff Welch shared the major activities identified in the work program. The activities include preparation of the 2023-2026 TIP, development of a transportation performance metrics dashboard, begin an update of the Travel Demand Model with new data from the census, and the completion of three Transit Studies. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

A Motion was made by Harold Cannon and seconded by Chico Messer to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting the FY 2022-2023 Transportation Planning Work Program. The Motion carried unanimously 19-0.

4 Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting an Amendment to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and Certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is Being Followed

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

Discussion: Craig Luebke briefly discussed the requested amendment for I-75 at Emory Road (SR-131) Interchange (20-2020-004). The revised project includes reconfiguring the interchange to a Diverting Diamond Interchange to improve capacity, safety and operations. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

A Motion was made by Wayne Blasius and seconded by Jack Qualls to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting an Amendment to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and Certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is Being Followed. The Motion carried unanimously 19-0.

5 Discussion on Process to Allow the Use of Virtual or Hybrid Meetings for the Technical Committee

Item Summary: Additional steps need to be completed to allow the Technical Committee to meet virtually will be discussed.

Discussion: Jeff Welch shared that Staff will update the Public Participation Plan to identify the use of virtual meetings as a tool and allow for a 45-day comment period on the plan. Since changes to the Bylaws will be made, TPO Staff is reviewing the entire document and plans to propose all changes to the Technical Committee at once for approval. The approval process will require two readings at both the Technical Committee and Executive Board Meeting. Lastly, the expected adoption date of the updated Participation Plan and Bylaws will be at the end of October. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

6 Presentation of New Crash Map

Item Summary: The TPO has launched its new public map all fatal and serious-injury crashes in the region. It's accompanied by a set of infographics illustrating common factors and patterns in these life-altering traffic crashes. Staff will also share information on the joint review of fatal traffic crashes in Knox County.

Discussion: Ellen Zavisca presented the newly launched public map showing all fatal and serious-injury crashes in the region. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

7 Presentation on TDOT iTRIP (Interactive Tennessee Road Improvement Program)

Item Summary: New TDOT website showing active and let projects will be demonstrated.

Discussion: Michelle Christian, TDOT, shared TDOT's iTrip (Interactive Tennessee Road Improvement Program) to the Technical Committee. Ms. Christian presented the steps for local jurisdictions to view and research TDOT road improvement projects in the surrounding Knoxville area. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

8 Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held in-person in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held in-person in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building.
- The Statewide Active Transportation plan is now available on the TDOT website and can be found by clicking [here](#).

9 Public Comment

There was no public comment

10 Adjournment.

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