



Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on January 11, 2022 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.

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| *Dakota Gentry | City of Alcoa |
| *Chico Messer | Blount County |
| *Karen Estes | Knox County CAC Transit |
| *Kathryn Baldwin | Anderson County |
| *Jim Snowden | Knox County Engineering |
| *Brian Boone | City of Maryville |
| *DeAnna Flinchum | Knoxville Commuter Pool |
| *Harold Cannon | City of Knoxville Engineering |
| *Jack Qualls | Loudon and Loudon County |
| *Larry Gann | City of Clinton |
| *Rich DeGroseilliers | Lakeway MPO |
| *Michelle Christian | TDOT, Region 1 |
| *Wayne Blasius | City of Oak Ridge |
| *Amy Brooks | Knoxville-Knox County Planning |
| *Blake Sartin | Airport Authority |
| TPO Staff | |
| Partner Agency Staff | |
| Members of the Public | |

1 Call to Order

- a. Determination of a Quorum
- b. Introductions
- c. Amendments to the Agenda
- d. List of Commonly Used Acronyms attached as last page

2 Motion to Approve December 14, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the December 14, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Amy Brooks and seconded by Kathryn Baldwin to approve the December 14, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously 15-0.

3 Election of Officers

Item Summary: The Bylaws state the following: Election of officers shall take place during the first meeting of the Calendar year. The term of office shall be for one year. Any officer is eligible

to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. The current Chair and Vice-Chair have served for two consecutive terms.

Discussion: Brian Boone opened the floor for nominations for both Chair and Vice-Chair of the TPO Technical Committee for 2022.

A Motion was made by Kathryn Baldwin and seconded by Amy Brooks to elect Wayne Blasius as Chair of the TPO Technical Committee. The Motion carried unanimously 15-0.

A Motion was made by Chico Messer and seconded by Amy Brooks to elect Harold Cannon as Vice-Chair of the TPO Technical Committee. The Motion carried unanimously 15-0.

4 Update on Transit Studies- Opportunity to Participate

Item Summary: The transit studies are progressing to the point where input from local staff is being requested.

Discussion: Doug Burton shared updates on Transit Studies along with opportunities for the public and local jurisdictions to participate. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

5 Discussion on 2023-2026 Transportation Improve Program (TIP) Process and Policies

Item Summary: The Knoxville TPO is required to develop and regularly update the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and any affected public transportation operators, which are the Knoxville Area Transit, Knox County Community Action Committee, and East Tennessee Human Resource Agency. The primary requirements of the TIP are:

- It shall cover a period of no less than four years.
- It shall provide all interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed TIP.
- It shall include capital and non-capital surface transportation projects for funding that are consistent with the adopted long-range transportation plan.
- It shall include a financial plan demonstrating how the projects in the plan can be fiscally implemented.
- It shall include all regionally significant projects.

Discussion: Craig Luebke shared the primary requirements of the TIP and briefly reviewed the application for Technical Committee members to view and provide feedback. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

6 Other Business

- Executive Board meeting for January is cancelled.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held in-person in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building.

7 Public Comment

There was no public comment

8 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 A.M.