



# Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on September 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building. Chair Wayne Blasius 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                  |
| *Brian Boone                 | City of Maryville              |
| *Chicco Messer               | Blount County                  |
| *Jim Snowden                 | Knox County Engineering        |
| *Jack Qualls                 | City of Loudon/Loudon County   |
| *Harold Cannon               | City of Knoxville Engineering  |
| *Rich DeGroseilliers         | Lakeway MPO                    |
| *Troy Ebbert                 | TDOT, Region 1                 |
| *Jeff Welch                  | Knoxville-Knox County Planning |
| *Blake Sartin                | Airport Authority              |
| *Darryl Smith                | Town of Farragut               |
| *Rebecca Styers              | KAT                            |
| *Don Brown                   | ETDD                           |
| *Deanna Finchum              | Knoxville Commuter Pool        |
| *Beth Collins                | Lenoir City                    |
| *James Temple                | Sevier County                  |
| *Karen Estes                 | CAC                            |
| *Larry Gann                  | City of Clinton                |
| *Kathryn Baldwin             | Anderson County                |
| *Wayne Blasius               | City of Oak Ridge              |
| TPO Staff                    |                                |
| **Partner Agency Staff       |                                |
| Members of the Public        |                                |
| * <i>Voting Members</i>      |                                |
| ** <i>Non-voting members</i> |                                |

## 1 Call to Order

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

## 2 Motion to Approve July 12, 2022 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

**Item Summary:** Approval of the July 12, 2022 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

*A Motion was made by Don Brown and seconded by Blake Sartin to approve the July 12, 2022 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously 20-0.*

### **3 Update on the Knoxville Regional Roadway Safety Plan**

**Item Summary:** Staff will share an updated draft Scope of Work for this plan, which will create a regional safety plan based on the Safe System approach and will position local governments to apply for federal funding under the Safe Streets and Roads for All program.

**Discussion:** Ellen Zavisca shared an updated draft Scope of Work for the Knoxville Regional Roadway Safety Plan.

### **4 Presentation of the Revised Draft Fiscal Year 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Item Summary:** The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is updated on a 3-year cycle. The new TIP covers fiscal years 2023-2026 and will supersede the current FY 2020-2023 TIP. TDOT review comments have been addressed and the revised draft TIP has been submitted to FHWA/FTA for a 20-business day review. Federal review comments will be addressed in the final draft TIP. Proposed revisions to programming policies will be presented.

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke shared information on the Draft Fiscal Year 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

### **5 Presentation of a Draft Amendment to the 2045 Mobility Plan**

**Item Summary:** Staff will present an overview of a proposed amendment to the 2045 Mobility Plan. The proposed amendment will remove Improve Act funding at the request of TDOT and serves to align the Mobility Plan with the latest available information and project needs identified through the development of the FY 2023-2026 TIP. The proposed amendment will be an action item in October.

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke shared information on the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

### **6 Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is Being Followed to the Executive Board**

**Presenter:** Craig Luebke, TPO Staff

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

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke shared that TDOT requested an amendment for one (1) air quality exempt project, I-75 Interchange at SR-131 [Exit 112, Emory Rd.]. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#).

*A Motion was made by Harold Cannon and seconded by Jim Snowden to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being Followed. The Motion carried unanimously 20-0.*

## **7 Other Business**

- Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building
- TPO Technical Committee Meeting, October 18, 2022. at 9 a.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building
- TPO Technical Committee will be holding an election for Vice-Chair at the October meeting to replace Harold Cannon as he will be leaving the Technical Committee.

## **8 Public Comment**

There was no public comment

## **9 Adjournment.**

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 A.M.