



Minutes

9:00 AM | Small Assembly Room
City County Building, 400 Main Street

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

A. Determination of a Quorum

B. Introductions

C. Introduction of Zoom Participants

D. Amendments to the Agenda

E. **List of Commonly Used Acronyms**

<p>*Amy Brooks Knoxville-Knox County Planning</p> <p>*Beth Collins Lenoir City</p> <p>*Blake Sartin (proxy for Patrick Wilson) Airport Authority</p> <p>*Brian Boone City of Maryville</p> <p>*Durand Hacker (proxy for Chico Messer) Blount County</p> <p>*Darryl Smith Town of Farragut</p>	<p>*DeAnna Flinchum Knoxville Commuter Pool</p> <p>*Tom Clabo City of Knoxville</p> <p>*Jack Qualls City of Loudon & Loudon County</p> <p>*Pat Downs (proxy for Isaac Thorne) Knoxville Area Transit</p> <p>*James Temple Sevier County</p> <p>*Jim Snowden Knox County</p>	<p>*Karen Estes (proxy for Barbara Kelly) Community Action Committee</p> <p>*Kathryn Baldwin Anderson County</p> <p>*Dakota Gentry City of Alcoa</p> <p>*Troy Ebbert Tennessee Department of Transportation</p> <p>*Steve Neilson Lakeway MPO</p>	<p>*Laura Smith (proxy for Rick Yukubic) East Tennessee Development District</p> <p>*Patrick Berge City of Oak Ridge</p> <p>TPO Staff</p> <p>Partner Agency Staff</p> <p>*Voting Members</p>
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2. Minutes

Approved 19-0-0

Mr. Snowden moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024 Technical Committee Meeting. Ms. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Amendment to the Transportation Planning Work Program*



After the TPO completed the Regional Roadway Safety Action Plan (2023), the TPO, on behalf of Anderson County, applied for and was awarded Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant funding. The purpose of this funding is to extend the Regional Roadway Safety Action Plan to encompass all of Anderson County, including the area outside of the TPO's planning area. Even though this work will be done outside the planning area, the grant was awarded to the TPO and thus must be added into the Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). The federal grant award and local match being added into the TPWP is all new and does not impact any of the other TPO planning funds.

Attachment #3A: Draft Resolution

Attachment #3B: Draft Updated TPWP Budget Tables

Discussion

Mr. Burton reviewed the proposed amendment to the Transportation Planning Work Program.

Approved 19-0-0

A motion was made by Ms. Baldwin to recommend approval of the amendment to the Transportation Planning Work Program to the Executive Board. Mr. Snowden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Consideration of FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) Cost Overruns***

There are three (3) cost overrun requests for locally sponsored projects. The overruns exceed the limits established in the TIP programming policies adopted with the FY 23-26 TIP. Technical Committee approval is required for cost overruns in excess of 25% of the total project costs, or increasing TPO federal funds in excess of \$500,000.

Knoxville Accelerated Bus Corridor Stops/Passenger Information Systems Install: Overrun request (CMAQ PM 2.5 funds) is \$750,000 (\$600,000 federal/\$150,000 local), representing 10.6% of the total project cost.

KAT Electric Transit Bus Corridor Purchase: Overrun request (CMAQ PM 2.5 funds) is \$8,960,000 (\$7,168,000 federal/\$1,792,000 local), representing new TPO federal funds above \$500,000.

Farragut Union Rd./Hobbs Rd. Improvements: Overrun request (L-STBG funds) is \$2,400,000 (\$1,920,000 federal/\$480,000 local), representing 34.5% of the total project cost.

The current TIP pages are included as attachments.

Attachment #4A: 23-2017-028 TIP page

Attachment #4B: 23-2023-308 TIP page

Attachment #4C: 23-2014-082 TIP page

Discussion

Craig Luebke, TPO Staff, and Ann Wallace, TDOT Staff, presented the three Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) cost overruns to the Committee.

Approved 19-0-0

A motion was made by Ms. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Boone to group approvals by funding source. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Clabo and seconded by Mr. Boone to approve the cost overrun for CMAQ PM 2.5 funds. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Temple to approve the cost overrun for L-STBG funds. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Amendment to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)***



The City of Knoxville requested an amendment for the Accelerated Bus Corridor Stops/Passenger Information Systems Install project. The amendment revises the project termini and description to reflect current proposed route and provide a more concise descriptive narrative. The amendment also programs additional PE-N phase funding, increases PE-D phase costs and updates the project schedule. A comment is added to state that the construction phase will require additional funding above the current CMAQ award balance to complete. To reflect the latest estimates, the total project cost is increased to \$12,983,520.

Attachment #5A: 23-2017-028 Draft Amendment

Attachment #5B: Draft TIP Amendment Resolution

Attachment #5C: Draft TIP Metropolitan Planning Process Self-Certification

Discussion

Craig Luebke, TPO Staff, reviewed the requested amendment to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the City of Knoxville Accelerated Bus Corridor Stops/Passenger Information Systems Install project.

Approved 19-0-0

A motion was made by Ms. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Snowden to approve recommend approval of a resolution adopting a requested amendment for one air quality exempt project and certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being followed to the Executive Board. The motion carried unanimously.

6. TDOT and FHWA Updates

Discussion

Mr. Ebbert informed the Committee that six planning grants were recently awarded in the Knoxville region and passed along information regarding new Active Transportation Grants now open from FHWA.

7. Other Business

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

TPO Technical Committee Meeting June 11, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

Ann Wallace, TDOT Staff, announced that a survey from TDOT regarding Connected Autonomous Vehicles will be distributed to the Committee members soon.

Mr. Burton asked for Committee members to provide the TPO Staff with contacts for utility providers in their area for data collection purposes regarding the recently awarded EPA grant.

Mr. Burton informed the Committee that TPO Staff will be requesting updated proxy letters from members in the coming weeks.

Mr. Burton announced that the date of the August Technical Committee meeting has been changed to August 6, 2024.

8. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Technical Committee with a five-minute time limit for each person.

Discussion

There was no public comment.



9. Adjournment

Mobility Plan 2050 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Workshop will begin immediately following adjournment.

Discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

