



Minutes

9:00 AM | Small Assembly
400 Main St, Knoxville

1. Call to Order

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

- Determination of a Quorum
- Introduction of Participants
- Introduction of Zoom Participants
- Amendments to the Agenda

*Amy Brooks Knoxville-Knox County Planning	*DeAnna Flinchum Knoxville Commuter Pool	*Karen Estes (proxy for Barbara Kelly) Community Action Committee	*Tina Whitaker Lakeway MPO
*Blake Sartin Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority	*Tom Clabo City of Knoxville	*Kathryn Baldwin Anderson County	*Laura Smith (proxy for Rick Yukubic) East Tennessee Development District
*Brian Boone City of Maryville	*Jack Qualls City of Loudon/Loudon County	*Larry Gann City of Clinton	*Roger Flynn City of Oak Ridge
*Chico Messer Blount County	*James Temple Sevier County	*Dakota Gentry City of Alcoa	TPO Staff
*Darryl Smith Town of Farragut	*Jim Snowdon Knox County	*Troy Ebbert Tennessee Department of Transportation	Partner Agency Staff
			*Voting Members

2. Minutes*

Approved 18-0-0

Mr. Messer moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 meeting. Ms. Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 18-0.



3. **FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Cost Overrun***

The City of Knoxville is requesting a cost overrun for the construction phase of the Northwest Greenway Connector, Ph. 2 project. 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.

The overrun request is \$5,148,491, representing 220.8% of the original total project cost

TDOT has approved additional State STBG-TA funds in the amount of \$2,091,376 (\$1,673,101 federal)

The TPO managed funds request is \$3,057,115 (\$2,445,692 federal)

\$1,257,115 L-STBG-TA (\$1,005,692 federal)

\$1,000,000 L-CRP (\$800,000 federal)

\$800,000 L-STBG (\$640,000 federal)

Attachment #3A: 23-2023-305 TIP Page

Attachment #3B: TPO Managed Funds Cost Overrun Summary Tables

Discussion

Mr. Luebke reviewed the proposed cost overrun for the construction phase of the Northwest Greenway Connector.

Approved 18-0-0

Ms. Baldwin moved to approve the requested cost overrun. Mr. Messer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



4. **FY 2026-2027 Transportation Planning Work Program Amendment – Knox-Blount Greenway Connectivity Study***

Knox County has requested planning funds to prepare a special Knox-Blount Greenway Connectivity and Mobility Study. The primary purpose of the planning study will be to identify potential options and alignments to connect a 0.5+mile gap in the greenway sections being constructed in conjunction with the Alcoa Highway widening project. Knox County has requested \$85,000 of TPO Planning funds and will match with \$15,000 local funds.

Attachment #4A: TPWP Planning Fund Request Summary and Preliminary Scope of Work

Attachment #4B: TPWP Amendment Tables

Attachment #4C: Draft Resolution

Discussion

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

Approved 18-0-0

Mr. Qualls moved to recommend approval of the FY 2026-2027 Transportation Planning Work Program Amendment to the Executive Board. Mr. Messer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for FY 2025***

Each year the TPO is required to make available to the public a listing of all transportation related projects in which federal funds were obligated in the past fiscal year.

Attachment #5: 2025 Annual Obligated Projects Report

Discussion

Mr. Luebke presented the annual listing of obligated projects for FY 2025.

6. **TPO Interactive Crash Map & Bicycle/Pedestrian Crash Infographic***

The TPO staff have updated the interactive online crash map on the TPO's website. An overview and brief demo will be provided by staff to show the features of the new map. Staff will also review the recently published bicycle and pedestrian crash data.

Attachment #6: Pedestrian and Bicycle Crash Overview

Discussion

Ms. Jackson and Mr. Bird demonstrated the new Interactive Crash Map and Bicycle/Pedestrian Infographics for the Committee.



7. **Federal Surface Transportation Funding Reauthorization Update**

The current federal transportation funding bill known as the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) will expire next year on 9/30/2026. There are efforts already underway by committees in the US House of Representatives to begin drafting base language for the next transportation bill. The Association of MPOs (AMPO), of which the TPO is a member, is tracking the reauthorization progress and is working with other advocacy organizations to convey local/regional perspectives on priorities for the new legislation. AMPO staff will provide an overview and timeline for the reauthorization process along with legislative priorities that reflect member input.

Discussion

Ms. Zavisca informed the Committee of the progress of the Federal Surface Transportation Funding Reauthorization.

8. **TDOT and FHWA Updates**

Discussion

Mr. Ebbert:

Planning grants will be awarded soon.

Staffing changes within TDOT leadership.

TDOT Staff in East Tennessee is currently working with FHWA in West Virginia.

Mr. Burton:

I-40/I-75 Study public meetings held.

Notice of Funding Build Program due February 24.

TDOT Long Range Plan comments available.

Mr. Conger:

FY27 Cost increase requests.

9. **Other Business**

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

TPO Technical Committee Meeting January 13, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.



10. **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.

11. **Adjournment**

Discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

