



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

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

2. Minutes*

Approved 16-0-0

Mr. Sartin moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025 Technical Committee meeting as presented.

Ms. Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



3. FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Cost Overruns*

There are four (4) 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 - Traffic Signal Improvements for the U.T. Area: Overrun request (CMAQ PM 2.5 funds) is \$2,620,911 (\$2,620,911 federal/\$0 local), representing 88.3% of the total project cost. The overrun request is for \$425,000 for ROW in FY 2025 and \$2,195,911 for CN in FY 2026. The overrun request is contingent on TDOT approval and permission to carry over approximately \$1M of CMAQ PM 2.5 funds from FY 2025 to FY 2026.

Knoxville - Traffic Control Equipment Upgrade: Overrun request (CMAQ PM 2.5 funds) is \$921,425 (\$921,425 federal/\$0 local), representing 7.6% of the total project cost.

Knoxville - Pleasant Ridge Road: Overrun request (L-STBG funds) is \$5,813,395 (\$4,650,716 federal/\$930,143 local), representing 71.1% of the total project cost.

Knoxville - Liberty Street Multimodal Project: Overrun request (L-STBG-TA funds) is \$823,019 (\$658,415 federal/\$164,604 local), representing 57.0% of the total project cost.

Attachment #3A: 23-2017-061 TIP page

Attachment #3B: 23-2014-042 TIP page

Attachment #3C: 23-2014-037 TIP page

Attachment #3D: 23-2014-080 TIP page

The Technical Committee has the final approval of cost overruns. Staff recommends that each cost overrun be considered under a separate motion.

Discussion

Mr. Leubke reviewed the four cost overrun requests from the City of Knoxville.

Approved 16-0-0

Mr. Boone moved to approve the Knoxville Traffic Signal Improvements for the U.T. Area cost overrun request.

Mr. Messer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the Knoxville Traffic Control Equipment Upgrade cost overrun request. Mr. Messer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Messer moved to approve the Knoxville Pleasant Ridge Road cost overrun request. Mr. Boone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Baldwin moved to approve the Knoxville Liberty Street Multimodal Project cost overrun request. Mr. Ebbert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



4. **FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments***

The City of Knoxville requested the following amendments:

Existing Pleasant Ridge Road project - Amend project to revise the project schedule and increase the construction phase cost and total project cost. Construction is programmed in FY 2025 at a total cost of \$14,784,512 (\$9,048,890 federal L-STBG/\$2,262,222 local/\$3,474,400 local non-participating). This amendment adds \$9,287,795 (+\$4,650,716 federal/+\$1,162,679 local/+\$3,474,400 local non-participating) to the project and the TIP. The total project cost is increased to \$17,459,821.

Existing Liberty Street Multimodal project - Amend project to revise the project schedule and increase the construction phase cost and total project cost. Additional PE-D programming is removed. Construction is programmed in FY 2025 at a total cost of \$1,525,419 (\$561,920 federal L-STBG/\$658,415 federal L-STBG-TA/\$305,084 local. This amendment adds \$817,555 (+\$658,415 federal L-STBG-TA/-\$4,371 federal L-STBG/+\$163,511 local) to the project and the TIP. The total project cost is increased to \$2,262,455.

Attachment #4A: 23-2014-037 Draft Amendment

Attachment #4B: 23-2014-080 Draft Amendment

Attachment #4C: Draft TIP Amendment Resolution

Attachment #4D: Draft Metropolitan Planning Process Self-Certification

Discussion

Mr. Leubke reviewed the two TIP amendment requests from the City of Knoxville and TDOT.

Approved 16-0-0

Mr. Ebbert moved to recommend approval a resolution adopting TDOT and City of Knoxville requested amendments for two (2) air quality exempt projects and certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being followed to the Executive Board. Mr. Messer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Safety Performance Measures***

Annual FHWA safety performance targets must be adopted by the end of February 2025. TPO staff have computed local targets specific to the TPO Planning Area for this round as discussed at the January TC meeting and will present those and the State targets as possible options for final recommendation to the Executive Board.

Attachment #5A: Development of Local Safety Targets for the TPO Region Report

Attachment #5B: Draft Resolution for Local Safety Targets Option

Attachment #5C: Draft Resolution for Supporting State Targets Option

Approved 16-0-0

Mr. Boone moved to recommend approval of a resolution adopting the local Safety Performance Measures to the Executive Board. Mr. Messer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



6. **Fiscal Year 2026 & 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)***

It is time to prepare the next UPWP. The UPWP covers two fiscal years worth of work. The UPWP is prepared in conjunction with the Technical Committee, Executive Board, TDOT, FHWA, and the transit providers. The UPWP must take into consideration both the Federal Planning Factors and the Statewide Planning Priorities. The first draft is due to TDOT in April so Technical Committee members should bring forth planning efforts they would like to see addressed by the TPO.

Attachment #6: UPWP Information

Discussion

Mr. Burton notified the Committee about the upcoming UPWP.

7. **West Knoxville Corridor (I-40/75) Study Presentation**

TDOT has started an effort to study, design, and prioritize improvements to the Interstate 40/Interstate 75 corridor west of Knoxville, from the I-40/I-75 Interchange in Loudon County to the I-640 Interchange just west of downtown. TDOT 10-Year Project Plan, released in December 2023, identified funding for several projects along the corridor. Instead of treating those projects as isolated segments, TDOT plans to develop a holistic strategy for improving the corridor as a whole. TDOT staff and its consultants will provide a brief overview of the study and current status at this early stage with the intent of providing additional updates as the study progresses. A project website has been set up at: <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/west-knoxville-corridor.html>

Discussion

Mr. Justis and Mr. Thompson gave a presentation on the progress of the TDOT plan to make improvements to the I40/I70 Corridor.

8. **TDOT and FHWA Updates**

Discussion

Mr. Meservy notified the Committee that the PROTECT Grant is now open for applications.

9. **Other Business**

Reminder Household Survey Being Sent Out to Public.

Mobility Plan 2050 Public Review Period Starts March.

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

TPO Technical Committee Meeting March 11, 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**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

