

**TPO Executive Board Minutes
September 23, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City/County Building
Knoxville, TN**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on September 23, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building in Knoxville, TN. Mayor Madeline Rogero chaired the meeting and called it to order. It was determined there was a quorum.

*Buddy Bradshaw	Mayor, Loudon County
*Dawn Distler	Public Transit Representative
*Terry Frank	Mayor, Anderson County
*John Lamb	Blount County, <i>for Mayor Ed Mitchell</i>
*Don Mull	Mayor, City of Alcoa
*Jeff Ownby	Sevier County, <i>for Mayor Larry Waters</i>
*Brenda Palmer	City of Knoxville
*Harold Pitner	Tennessee County Highway Officials Association
*Pat Phillips	City of Loudon, <i>for Mayor Jim Greenway</i>
*Cindy Pionke	Knox County, <i>for Mayor Tim Burchett</i>
*Madeline Rogero	Mayor, City of Knoxville
*Jack Qualls	State of Tennessee, <i>for Governor Bill Haslam</i>
*Ed Shouse	Knox County Trustee representing East TN Development District
*Tom Taylor	Mayor, City of Maryville
*Mark Watson	City of Oak Ridge, <i>for Mayor Warren Gooch</i>
*Dave Wright	Knox County Commission
*voting members	

Chair Mayor Rogero welcomed and introduced 2 new Board members; Harold Pitner from Sevier County who is representing the Tennessee County Highway Officials Association and Dave Wright who is now representing the Knox County Commission. Mayor Rogero asked Board members to introduce themselves.

1. Motion to Approve August 26, 2015 Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of August 26, 2015 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

A Motion was made by Mayor Frank and seconded by Pat Phillips to approve the August 26, 2015 TPO Executive Board Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Adopt the Air Quality Conformity Determination for an Amendment to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Item Summary: An updated air quality conformity determination was required for the proposed Amendment to add funding to the Alcoa Highway project to be heard in Agenda Item #3. An overview of the analysis performed to demonstrate conformity will be provided by TPO staff.

Technical Committee Recommends approval.

Discussion: Mike Conger stated a new emissions analysis was required for one of the proposed amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program that adds funds to the Alcoa Highway widening project between Mahoney Road and Woodson Drive.

As this project is considered an air quality nonexempt project an air quality conformity analysis needed to be done. Typically, since it is in both the TIP and the Long Range Mobility Plan, air quality conformity can be demonstrated with a short conformity report when just adding funds. Mr. Conger noted that was not sufficient in this case due to our region recently being re-designated in attainment for Ozone and the subsequent new motor vehicle emission budgets pursuant to the new maintenance plan. A new emissions analysis was subsequently required for the Ozone standard only [the standard for PM2.5 remained in effect and an analysis did not need to be done]. This report has been through the Interagency Consultation review process. He further noted that today concludes the 14 day Public Comment Period. He stated staff have not received any comments to date and no public comment was made at the meeting today.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Mayor Taylor to approve a Resolution to adopt the Air Quality Conformity Determination for an Amendment to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. The Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Amend the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Item Summary: The following are Amendments to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program.

Technical Committee recommends approval.

Discussion: Bryan Berry briefly reviewed the 4 proposed Amendments. The first adds funds to an existing project for the widening of Alcoa Highway between Maloney Road and Woodson Drive. The second amendment is in response to the need to use Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funds that would have expired in FY 2016 and amends an existing project in the City of Knoxville by adding these TAP funds to the construction phase of the Second Creek Greenway. The third and fourth Amendments are for 2 new projects to be added to the TIP in response to the TPO's Call-for-Projects for additional TAP funds and are for the addition of sidewalks and bicycle facilities along Liberty and Division Streets in the City of Knoxville and pedestrian safety improvements at 2 intersections along the Oak Ridge Turnpike in the City of Oak Ridge. Jeff Welch encouraged member jurisdictions to move these projects forward as quickly as possible.

A Motion was made by Pat Phillips and seconded by Mark Watson to approve a Resolution to Amend the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. The Motion carried unanimously.

4. Overview of Smart Growth America Workshop

Item Summary: Staff will provide the Executive Board with an update on the Smart Growth America workshop that took place in Alcoa, TN September 1st and 2nd.

Discussion: Jeff Welch noted several months ago the City of Knoxville and the TPO with the City of Alcoa were successful in getting technical assistance from Smart Growth America through a grant funded by the Environmental Protection Agency for Knoxville to look at transit oriented development and for Alcoa to look at their development ordinances for a new town center. He noted staff proposes to postpone discussion on this Item until a joint presentation between staff and the Cities of Knoxville and Alcoa can be developed. Board members indicated they were in agreement with postponement.

5. Other Business

- TN Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Jim Tracy Announces Meetings to Discuss Transportation Needs - Thursday Oct. 15 at 10:00 AM at Bridgewater Place, 205 Bridgewater Road.

- Open Streets Knoxville, Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 1pm-4pm. There are now almost 1500 RSVP's via Facebook. Mayor Rogero invited Board members to attend.
- Jeff Welch noted staff were preparing a formal presentation on the role of MPO's and TPO's in the federal transportation planning process for a future meeting.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.