



KNOXVILLE REGIONAL

Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board met on September 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building. Vice-Chair Glenn Jacobs presided and called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum.

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| *Jeff Harris | Mayor, City of Loudon |
| *Tom Clabo | City of Knoxville, <i>for Mayor Indya Kincannon</i> |
| *Ron Williams | Mayor, Town of Farragut |
| *Brian Boone | City of Maryville, <i>for Mayor Andy White</i> |
| *Isaac Thorne | Knoxville Area Transit |
| *Justin Biggs | Knox County Trustee |
| *Courtney Durrett | Knox County Commissioner |
| *Troy Ebbert | TDOT, Region 1 |
| *Amber Scott Kelso | City of Lenoir City, <i>for Mayor Tony Aikens</i> |
| *Glenn Jacobs | Mayor, Knox County |
| *Mark Watson | City of Oak Ridge, <i>for Mayor Warren Gooch</i> |
| *Don Walker | Blount County, <i>for Mayor Ed Mitchell</i> |
| ***Dexter Justis | TDOT, Program Management Director |
| ***Matt Meservy | TDOT, Long Range Planning Director |
- TPO Staff
Partner Agency Staff
Members of the Public
***voting members**
****non-voting members**
*****interested parties**

1 Call to Order

- a. Determination of a Quorum.
- b. Introductions.
- c. Acknowledgement of Zoom participants.
- d. Amendments to the Agenda. There were no amendments.
- e. List of Commonly Used Acronyms attached as Attachment #1.

2 Motion to Approve July 27, 2022 TPO Executive Board Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the July 27, 2022 TPO Executive Board Minutes.

A Motion was made by Amber Scott Kelso and seconded by Mayor Harris to approve the July 27, 2022 TPO Executive Board Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously 12-0.

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 discussed the Knoxville Regional Roadway Safety Plan with the Board and responded to questions and comments. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

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 discussed the revised draft fiscal year 2023-2026 TIP. 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. technical committee recommends approval

Discussion: Mike Conger provided information on the proposed amendment to the 2045 Mobility Plan. Staff responded to questions from the Board members. Dexter Justis from TDOT was present to respond to questions from the Board. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

6 Motion to Approve a Resolution Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is Being Followed

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

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

Discussion: Craig Luebke presented that TDOT requested an amendment for one (1) air quality exempt project (I-75 Interchange at SR-131[Exit 112, Emory Rd.]) Mr. Luebke responded to questions from the Board members. Dexter Justis from TDOT was present to give updates on the

project and respond to questions from the board. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Mark Watson and seconded by Mayor Williams to approve the Resolution Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Motion carried unanimously 12-0.

7 Reports from our FHWA and TDOT Partners

Item Summary: Updates from our FHWA and TDOT Partners.

Discussion: Troy Ebbert shared with Board members to let him know if they wanted updates or have specific questions for TDOT staff and they will have staff present for questions. Matt Meservy gave updates from FHWA including grant opportunities. Matt Meservy also gave updates from TDOT, including: Weigh-In Motion, the Tennessee Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan, and the Carbon Reduction Program. Mr. Meservy responded to questions from the Board Members.

8 Other Business

- TPO Technical Committee Meeting, October 18, 2022, at 9 a.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building
- Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 9 a.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building
- Mark Watson gave information about Senator Yaeger’s post grant implementation and shared the hearing date and time, September 28, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

9 Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Executive Board with a five-minute time limitation for each person.

10 Adjournment