

Agenda

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room
City County Building, Knoxville, TN

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1 Call to Order

- a. Determination of a Quorum
- b. Introductions
- c. Introduction of Zoom Participants
- d. Amendments to the Agenda
- e. **List of Commonly Used Acronyms**

2 Motion to Approve February 14, 2023 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Presenter: Jack Qualls, Vice-Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the February 14, 2023 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

3 Election of Officers

The representation on the Technical Committee and Executive Board for the City of Oak Ridge has changed. Wayne Blasius was elected Chair last month. Therefore, for the Technical Committee, we need to select a new Chair. Such elections shall be by a majority vote of the membership.

Presenter Jeff Welch

4 FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution Adopting Amendments to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the associated Air Quality Conformity Report and Certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being Followed to the Executive Board. TDOT and locally requested amendments for three (3) air quality non-exempt projects.

Presenter Craig Luebke

Staff Recommendation Approve

5 FTA Urban Area Transit Program of Projects

Motion to Recommend Approval: The Program of Projects (POP) is a list of projects, for each agency, to be funded with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307, 5310, and 5339 funding. FTA requires a public hearing on the POP. The POP public hearing will be at the April 26, 2023, Executive Board meeting. Staff will update the Technical Committee on the FY23 u2013 FTA apportionments and the local distribution of funds. Because the TIP already has the Section 5307, 5310, and 5339 funding pages approved, the new funds and projects will be added through internal adjustments.

Presenter Doug Burton

Staff Recommendation Approve

6 Update on Safety Plan

Staff will provide an update on the progress toward creating a Roadway Safety Action Plan for the Knoxville region. Once complete, this plan will make our region and the local governments in it eligible to receive implementation grants through the Safe Streets and Roads for All program.

Presenter Ellen Zavisca

7 Update on the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

The EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program will provide grants to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. Planning grants go to the 67 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Knoxville is No. 64) and each will receive \$1 million dollars. The funding is to support efforts by states, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, tribes, among other groups. Planning funds can be used to update existing climate, energy, or sustainability plans, or to develop new plans. There will be \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants at a later date. For more information go to: <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants>.

Presenter Jeff Welch

8 Priority Populations 2022 Update: Socioeconomic Challenges in the Knoxville Region

The Priority Populations dataset identifies communities facing greater social and economic equity challenges within the Knoxville region. The 2022 update of this dataset is accompanied by a technical report, which includes an explanation of the 27 indicators used to calculate ratings across four themes and a final, priority score. For the full report go to: https://archive.knoxplanning.org/locldata/priority-pop-2023_web.pdf.

Presenter Aubrey Weiland, Knoxville-Knox County Planning

9 TDOT Project Update – Alcoa Highway (SR-115/US-129) from Woodson Drive to Cherokee Trail

The next phase of the major reconstruction of Alcoa Highway is scheduled to be bid for construction in the May 2023 letting. TDOT staff will provide an overview of the project scope, construction schedule and features of the design.

Presenter TDOT Region 1 Staff

10 Reports from our FHWA and TDOT Partners

11 Other Business

- The TPO has released the FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities funding – Call-For-Projects. Applications are due Friday, April 21st. For more information go to: <https://knoxtpo.org/call-for-projects-federal-transit-administration-knoxville-urban-area-section-5310-funding/>.
- The TPO staff are in the early stages of putting together the FY 2024 & FY 2025 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP). If Technical Committee members have suggestions for planning studies, please let us know.

- TDOT is holding the next round of Multimodal Access Grants. A webinar will be held on April 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. (EST). Notice of intent to apply deadline is April 26-May 16. For more information go to: <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/multimodal-transportation-resources/bicycle-and-pedestrian-program/multimodal-access-grant.html>.
- The FY 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All - Notice of Funding Opportunity is now available. The deadline is July 10, 2023. For more information go to: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>.
- Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building
- TPO Technical Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

12 Public Comment

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

13 Adjournment