# February 11, 2020

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

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on February 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building in Knoxville, TN. Chair Jeff Ownby presided and called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum. Committee members were asked to introduce themselves.

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| *Wayne Blasius | City of Oak Ridge |
| *Gerald Green | Knoxville Knox County Planning |
| *Beth Collins | City of Lenoir City |
| *Megan Brooks | City of Alcoa |
| *Daryl Smith | Town of Farragut |
| *Blake Sartin | Metro Knoxville Airport Authority |
| *Rich DesGroseilliers | Lakeway MTPO |
| *Jack Qualls | City of Loudon, Loudon County |
| *Brian Boone | City of Maryville |
| *Don Brown | ETDD, for Terry Bobrowski |
| *Jim Hagerman | City of Knoxville |
| *Chico Messer | Blount County |
| *Jeff Ownby | Sevier County |
| *Michelle Christian | TDOT Region 1 |
| *Larry Gann | City of Clinton |
| *Jim Snowden | Knox County Engineering |
| *Jacob Wright | Knoxville Area Transit |
| *Kathryn Baldwin | Anderson County |
| TPO Staff | |
| Partner Agency Staff | |
| Members of the Public | |

**\*voting members**
**\*non-voting members**

## 1    Call to Order

    a.  Determination of a Quorum
    b.  Introductions
    c.  Amendments to the Agenda

## 2    Motion to Approve December 10, 2019 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

**Item Summary**: Approval of the December 10, 2019 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

*A Motion was made by Gerald Green and seconded by Brian Boone to approve the December 10, 2019 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.*

# 3    Election of Officers

**Item Summary**: The Bylaws state that the Technical Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from its membership. Such election shall be by a majority vote of that membership.  Election of officers shall take place on the first meeting of the calendar year and term of office shall be for one year. An officer is eligible to serve a maximum of 2 consecutive terms. The current Chair and Vice-Chair are ineligible to serve an additional term in their current positions.

**Discussion:** Jeff Welch gave an overview of the Technical Committee's Bylaws and then opened the floor for nominations.

*A Motion was made by Kathryn Baldwin and seconded by Gerald Green to elect Brian Boone as Chair. The Motion was carried unanimously.*

*A Motion was made by Daryl Smith and seconded by Gerald Green to elect Wayne Blasius as Vice-Chair. The Motion carried unanimously.*

# 4    Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to Adopt the 2016 – 2020 Safety Performance Measure Targets to the Executive Board

**Item Summary:** Federal regulations require states and MPOs to establish performance targets for five separate safety factors on an annual basis. TDOT established its 3rd annual statewide safety targets for the 5-year period of 2016-2020 effective on 8/31/19 and the TPO has 180 days (until 2/27/20) to either: agree to support the state target or establish specific numeric targets for a safety performance measure specific to our region. Staff recommends supporting the state targets for this cycle.

**STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL**

**Discussion:** Mike Conger reviewed the 2016 – 2020 Safety Performance Measure Targets to the Executive Board. Mr. Conger shared data collection and statistics on Fatality Rates in surrounding states and how they relate to Statewide Targets. The presentation is available online and can be found here: Presentation

*A Motion was made by Wayne Blasius and seconded by Chico Messer to recommend approval of a Resolution to Adopt the 2016 – 2020 Safety Performance Measure Targets to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously.*

## 5    Motion to Recommend Endorsement of Mobility Plan 2045 Population Projections to the Executive Board

**Item Summary**: One of the initial steps in developing the 2045 Long Range Mobility Plan is to develop future year projections of population and employment for each county in the TPO Planning Area. Various sources of projections were reviewed by TPO staff and a recommendation will be presented to the Technical Committee for discussion and possible endorsement.

**STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL**

**Discussion:** Mike Conger and Aubrey Loria shared the Mobility Plan 2045 Population Projections with the Technical Committee. Topics included historical trends, Socioeconomic Forecast, comparison of projection and changes in model trends and how they all influenced population projections for 2045. The presentation is available online and can be found here: Presentation

*A Motion was made by Gerald Green and seconded by Jack Qualls to recommend endorsement of Mobility Plan 2045 Population Projections to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously.*

## 6    Review of 2045 Mobility Plan Goals and Strategies

**Item Summary:** These goals and strategies were developed with the previous Mobility Plan 2040.  Staff is seeking any additional comment or modifications with these prior to finalizing them over the next few months.  A manageable number of key performances measures will also be developed for the goals and strategies.

Don Brown, East Tennessee Development District shared that both of his Rural Planning Organizations (RPO) have great participation from surroundings County Mayors and Municipal Mayors and if at any point in time TPO Staff would like to attend a Rural Planning Organization to discuss Rural Transit, he would be glad to set up a meeting.

**Discussion:** Jeff Welch explained the process of developing goals and strategies for the 2045 Mobility Plan. Mr. Welch encouraged discussion from Technical Committee Members as staff

begin finalizing the goals and strategies within the next 90 days.

# 7 Review of 2045 Mobility Plan Financial Assumptions

**Item Summary:** These goals and strategies were developed with the previous Mobility Plan 2040. Staff is seeking any additional comment or modifications with these prior to finalizing them over the next few months. A manageable number of key performances measures will also be developed for the goals and strategies.

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke briefly reviewed the 2045 Mobility Plan Financial Assumptions. Mr. Luebke shared Federal Revenue Projections and the proposed Cost Growth Rate. Doug Burton provided further detail on the Urban Area Transit Operating Funding. Mr. Burton provided funding statistics on Urban Area Transit Providers, specifically Knoxville Area Transit, Knox County CAC Transit, and East Tennessee Human Resource Agency. The presentation is available online and can be found here: Presentation

# 8 Presentation on Downtown Oak Ridge Vision/Main Street

**Item Summary:** A recent planning study conducted by the City of Oak Ridge sought to re-imagine Oak Ridge and create a vision for Downtown Oak Ridge. The intention was to transform a suburban-style street as the backbone of a new downtown.

**Discussion:** Wayne Blasius, City of Oak Ridge, gave a presentation on the vision on Downtown Oak Ridge and Main Street. The presentation is available online and can be found here: Presentation

# 9 Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.

# 10 Public Comment

There was no public comment

Agenda Item #2   Attachment #1

## 11    Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 A.M.