



KNOXVILLE REGIONAL

Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Telemeeting via Zoom

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on March 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. by telecommuting via Zoom. Chair Brian Boone presided and called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum. Committee members were asked to introduce themselves.

- *Wayne Blasius
- *Beth Collins
- *Chico Messer
- *Karen Estes
- *Darryl Smith
- *Kathryn Baldwin
- *Jim Snowden
- *Brian Boone
- *Deanna Flinchum
- *Amy Brooks
- *Blake Sartin
- *Jacob Wright
- *Harold Cannon
- *Don Brown
- *Jack Qualls
- *Michelle Christian
- **Troy Ebbert
- TPO Staff
- Partner Agency Staff
- Members of the Public
- *voting members**
- **non-voting members**

- City of Oak Ridge
- City of Lenoir City
- Blount County
- Knox County CAC Transit
- Town of Farragut
- Anderson County
- Knox County Engineering
- City of Maryville
- Knoxville Commuter Pool
- Knoxville-Knox County Planning
- Metro Knoxville Airport Authority
- Knoxville Area Transit
- City of Knoxville Engineering
- ETDD
- City of Loudon & Loudon County
- TDOT, Region 1
- TDOT, Region 1

1 Call to Order

- a. Determination of a Quorum
- b. *Chair Brian Boone stated that the Technical Committee conducting this meeting by electronic means is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. No objections were made.*
- c. Introductions
- d. Amendments to the Agenda.

2 Motion to Approve February 9, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the February 9, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Chico Messer and seconded by Beth Collins to approve the February 9, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. A roll call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously 16-0.

3 Review of Draft Mobility Plan 2045: Major Projects, Financials, Air Quality Conformity and Round 3 Public Involvement

Item Summary: Staff submitted a draft of the Plan to our state and federal partners and have responded to their comments which were relatively minor. The draft plan will be out for a 30-day public comment period beginning March 8, 2021. Staff will present to the Technical Committee the major transportation projects, financial constraint, air quality conformity and Round 3 Public Involvement process.

Discussion: TPO staff shared the Draft Mobility Plan 2045 that was submitted to our State and Federal partners for review, specifically touching on major projects, financials, Air Quality Conformity and Round 3 of Public Involvement. Staff reminded Technical Committee Members that the 30-day public comment period will begin March 8, 2021 and will last 30 days. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

4 Regional ITS Architecture Update

Item Summary: The Knoxville Regional ITS Architecture Update process is nearing its conclusion. A representative of the consulting firm KCI Technologies will provide a summary overview of the Regional ITS Architecture and major outcomes.

Discussion: Beth Ostrowski with KCI Technologies provided an overview of the Regional ITS Architecture and how it provides a coordinated opportunity for stakeholders to develop a plan and framework for implementing ITS projects across the region. Ms. Ostrowski also presented major outcomes that have taken place now that the process is near conclusion. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

5 New Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Data for the Region

Item Summary: TPO staff have updated the public map of regional traffic crashes involving people walking and bicycling, and have produced new reports analyzing patterns in crashes for cities and counties outside of Knox County, in addition to the new reports for Knox County presented in October 2020.

Discussion: Ellen Zavisca shared the updates made to the public map of regional traffic crashes involving people walking and bicycling. Ms. Zavisca also explained that new studies and reports are now available showing crash patterns in city and counties outside of Knox County. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

6 TIP Quarterly Report

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on recent TIP Administrative Modifications and project cost overrun funding approvals. The status of projects with regard to schedule delays and the Local-Surface Transportation Block Grant program balance will also be reviewed.

Discussion: Craig Luebke presented TIP Administrative Modifications and project cost overrun funding approvals to the Technical Committee. Mr. Luebke specifically touched on the status of

projects, schedule delays, and Local-Surface Transportation Block Grant program balances. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

7 Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held electronically.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held electronically.
- FTA Section 5310 Grant Opportunity

7 Public Comment

There was no public comment

8 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.