

Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on October 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building. 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.

- *Dakota Gentry
- *Chico Messer
- *Karen Estes
- *Kathryn Baldwin
- *Stephanie Hargrove
- *Brian Boone
- *DeAnna Flinchum
- *Amy Brooks
- *Blake Sartin
- *Jacob Wright
- *Harold Cannon
- *Don Brown
- *Rich DeGroseilliers
- *Michelle Christian
- *Wayne Blasius
- *Daryl Smith
- TPO Staff
- Partner Agency Staff
- Members of the Public

- City of Alcoa
- Blount County
- Knox County CAC Transit
- 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
- Lakeway MPO
- TDOT, Region 1
- City of Oak Ridge
- Town of Farragut

1 Call to Order

- a. Determination of a Quorum
- b. Introductions
- c. Amendments to the Agenda
- d. List of Commonly Used Acronyms attached as last page

2 Motion to Approve September 14, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the September 14, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Wayne Blasius and seconded by Chico Messer to approve the September 14, 2021 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously 16-0.

3 Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023

Transportation Improvement Program and Certifying that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process is Being Followed

Item Summary: Locally requested amendments for two (2) air quality exempt projects.

Discussion: Craig Luebke briefly summarized the requested Amendments to the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improve Program. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

A Motion was made by Chico Messer and seconded by Daryl Smith to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and Certifying that the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process is Being Followed. The Motion carried unanimously 16-0.

4 Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting the Revised Public Outreach Plan

Item Summary: There have been no public comments received on the revised Public Outreach Plan. TDOT and FHWA also had no comment on the revised plan. Staff recommends approval.

Discussion: Ally Ketron briefly reviewed the Revised Public Outreach Plan and stated that staff recommends approval. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

A Motion was made by Blake Sartin and seconded by Kathryn Baldwin to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting the Revised Public Outreach Plan. The Motion carried unanimously 16-0.

5 Update on Regional Pavement Management Plan Implementation

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on the ongoing Regional Pavement Management Implementation project. Phase 1 (agency outreach, education, software vendor determination and confirmation of local agency participation) is complete. Five local agencies elected to participate in Phase 2 activities, which are scheduled to begin in October 2021. Phase 2 includes network pavement condition data collection, pavement management software acquisition and engineering support to configure the selected pavement management software, as well as initial analysis and training.

Discussion: Craig Luebke gave an update on the ongoing Regional Pavement Management Implementation project. Craig Luebke shared that Phase 1 is complete and five agencies were elected to participate in Phase 2 activities which starts this month. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

6 Update on Regional Transit Studies

Item Summary: The TPO staff will give a brief update on the consultant selection process and timeline for the transit studies. The TPO received a planning grant from TDOT to conduct three studies, which include: (1) A Comprehensive Operational Analysis of KAT; (2) a Transit Coordination Opportunities Study that will examine ways Knox County CAC Transit, ETHRA, and KAT can better coordinate; and (3) a Regional Transit Study that will be a high-level analysis of the urban area to determine what areas might merit more intense levels of transit service.

Discussion: Doug Burton shared that the TPO received a planning grant from TDOT to conduct three studies. Mr. Burton went on to give a brief presentation on the consultant selection process and timeline for the transit studies. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

7 Presentation on E-Scooter Policy and Implementation

Item Summary: Carter Hall from the City of Knoxville's Policy Office will share Knoxville's experience with e-scooters, including lessons learned from their pilot program, and where they're going next.

Discussion: Carter Hall shared the City of Knoxville's experience with e-scooters and lessons learned from their pilot program. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

8 Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held in-person in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 9 a.m. This meeting will be held in-person in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building.
- Transportation Planning Grants – UTPGs
<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/long-range-planning-home/longrange-oct/urban-community-transportation-planning-grant.html>

9 Public Comment

There was no public comment

10 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 A.M.