



# Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on April 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building. Chair Wayne Blasius 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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| *Dakota Gentry         | City of Alcoa                             |
| *Brian Boone           | City of Maryville                         |
| *Chico Messer          | Blount County                             |
| *Karen Estes           | Knox County CAC Transit                   |
| *Kathryn Baldwin       | Anderson County                           |
| *Jim Snowden           | Knox County Engineering                   |
| *Harold Cannon         | City of Knoxville Engineering             |
| *Larry Gann            | City of Clinton                           |
| *Rich DeGroseilliers   | Lakeway MPO                               |
| *Michelle Christian    | TDOT, Region 1                            |
| *Wayne Blasius         | City of Oak Ridge                         |
| *Amy Brooks            | Knoxville-Knox County Planning            |
| *Blake Sartin          | Airport Authority                         |
| *Shane Carney          | ETDD                                      |
| *Daryl Smith           | Town of Farragut                          |
| *Beth Collins          | City of Lenoir City                       |
| *Rebecca Styers        | KAT                                       |
| **Erin Rakus           | TDOT                                      |
| **Pamela Sharp         | Title VI Staff, Regions 1 & 2             |
| **Troy Ebbert          | TDOT, Region 1                            |
| **Kaitlyn McClanahan   | TDOT, Multimodal Transportation Resources |
| **Chasity Bell         | TDOT, Regions 1 & 3                       |
| TPO Staff              |   |
| **Partner Agency Staff |   |
| Members of the Public  |   |

## 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 attached as last page

## 2 Motion to Approve March 8, 2022 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

**Item Summary:** Approval of the March 8, 2022 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

*A Motion was made by Blake Sartin and seconded by Kathryn Baldwin to approve the March 8, 2022 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously 17-0.*

### **3 Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Air Quality Conformity Report and Certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being Followed**

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

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke shared that TDOT requested an amendment for one (1) air quality non-exempt project, SR-115/Relocated Alcoa Highway. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

*A Motion was made by Chico Messer and seconded by Amy Brooks to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Air Quality Conformity Report and Certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being Followed. The Motion carried unanimously 17-0.*

### **4 TIP Quarterly Report - Administrative Modifications & Cost Overrun Summary, Delayed Project and TPO Federal Funds Update**

**Item Summary:** Staff will provide an update on recent TIP Administrative Modifications, project cost overrun funding approvals and the status of projects with regard to schedule delays. The Local-Surface Transportation Block Grant program balance and status of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) funding will also be reviewed.

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke provided an update on recent TIP Administrative Modifications, project cost overrun funding approvals and the status of projects with regard to schedule delays. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

### **5 FY 2023-2026 TIP Project Call and Funding Projections Update**

**Item Summary:** Staff will provide an update on project applications and funding projections for the next TIP period.

**Discussion:** Craig Luebke provided an update on project applications and funding projections for the next TIP period. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

### **6 Overview of U.S. DOT's Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity**

**Item Summary:** This grant opportunity includes the following programs under a common application:

- National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program (Mega)
- Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects grants program (INFRA)
- Rural Surface Transportation Grant program (Rural)

**Discussion:** Jeff Welch shared the U.S. DOT's Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity with Technical Committee Members.

## 7 Overview of Alcoa Motor Mile Corridor Study

**Item Summary:** WSP conducted a study for the City of Alcoa, TPO and TDOT about possible changes to the Motor Mile section of Alcoa Highway, after the Bypass is constructed.

**Discussion:** Andrew Sonner and Anne Wallace, WSP, briefly presented on the study conducted for the City of Alcoa, TPO and TDOT about possible changes to the Motor Mile section of Alcoa Highway after the bypass is constructed. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

## 8 Other Business

- Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building
- **Attachment #6:** 2022 TDOT Multimodal Access Grant Opportunity

## 9 Public Comment

There was no public comment

## 10 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 A.M.