



Draft Minutes

9:00 A.M. | Small Assembly Room

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met on March 8, 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.

- *Dakota Gentry
 - *Don Walker
 - *Karen Estes
 - *Kathryn Baldwin
 - *Jim Snowden
 - *Brian Boone
 - *Steve King
 - *Jack Qualls
 - *Larry Gann
 - *Rich DeGroseilliers
 - *Andy Padgett
 - *Wayne Blasius
 - *Amy Brooks
 - *Blake Sartin
 - *Mike Patterson
 - *Don Brown
 - *Daryl Smith
 - *Beth Collins
 - *Jacob Wright
 - 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
 - City of Knoxville Engineering
 - Loudon and Loudon County
 - City of Clinton
 - Lakeway MPO
 - TDOT, Region 1
 - City of Oak Ridge
 - Knoxville-Knox County Planning
 - Airport Authority
 - ETHRA
 - ETDD
 - Town of Farragut
 - City of Lenoir City
 - KAT

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 January 11, 2022 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the January 11, 2022 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Jack Qualls and seconded by Brian Boone to approve the January 11, 2022 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously 19-0.

3 Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to Adopt the 2018-2022 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 5th annual statewide safety targets for the 5-year period of 2018-2022 effective on 8/31/21 and the TPO has 180 days 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.

Discussion: Mike Conger shared TDOT’s statewide safety targets for the 5-year period of 2018-2022. Mr. Conger stated that the TPO has 180 days to agree to support the state target or establish targets for safety performance measure specifically to our region. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Jack Qualls and seconded by Don Brown to adopt the 2018-2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously 19-0.

4 Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to Adopt the Amended TPO Technical Committee Bylaws

Item Summary: Staff has proposed several changes to the Technical Committee Bylaws. Any changes to the Bylaws require two readings before adoption.

Discussion: Jeff Welch briefly went over the amendments recommended by the TPO Technical Committee at the last meeting and is recommending approval to adopt the updated TPO Technical Committee Bylaws. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Kathryn Baldwin and seconded by Daryl Smith to approve a Resolution Adopting the Amended TPO Technical Committee Bylaws, including the modification of Article IV, Section 4 to say “Director” instead of Chair unless otherwise designated by the Technical Committee. The Motion carried unanimously 19-0.

5 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 Planning Process is Being Followed

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

Discussion: Craig Luebke presented the two locally requested amendments for two (2) air quality exempt projects on Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) Electric Bus In-Route Charging Infrastructure and the Blount County Greenway, Phase 1. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

A Motion was made by Brian Boone and seconded by Jack Qualls to approve a Resolution to the Executive Board Adopting Amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and Certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being followed. The Motion carried unanimously 19-0.

6 Overview of FY 2023-2026 TIP Requests

Item Summary: An overview of current project roll-over and new project applications received for the next TIP period will be provided by staff.

Discussion: Craig Luebke gave a brief overview of current project roll-over and new project applications received for the next TIP period. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

7 Overview of Northshore Drive Corridor Study

Item Summary: The TPO worked with consultants (KCI Technologies) along with input from TDOT, Knoxville and Knox County to produce a Northshore Drive Corridor Study. The [final report](#) evaluates existing and future conditions at specific locations along the corridor and recommends improvements that support the long-term vision for the corridor.

Discussion: Mike Conger shared the final report from KCI Technologies along with input from TDOT on the evaluation of existing and future conditions along Northshore Drive. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

8 Overview of Interstate/Interchange Corridor Study – I-40/75 at Watt Road and Campbell Station Road

Item Summary: TDOT’s recent statewide I-40/81 Corridor Study identified multiple deficiencies at the interchanges of Watt Road and Campbell Station Road. The TPO staff requested further study of these locations in order to more specifically identify and scope out potential improvements to address these deficiencies. TDOT’s Strategic Transportation Investments Division (STID) engaged the same consultant (WSP) that completed the statewide study and a report has been produced that identifies improvement options for each interchange with estimated costs. TDOT recently [announced](#) dedicated funding for these interchanges has been included in Governor Bill Lee’s FY 22-23 proposed budget.

Discussion: Michael Flatt, WSP, gave an update on the study of the Interstate/Interchange Corridor Study focusing on I-40/75 at Watt Road and Campbell Station Road. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

9 Bike Rack Program

Item Summary: Staff will share an update on funding for the bike rack program.

Discussion: Ellen Zavisca shared a brief update on funding for the bike rack program. The presentation is available online and can be found here: [Presentation](#)

10 Other Business

- Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building
- Advance Knox Public Meetings Flyer [Attachment #5](#)
- TDOT Design Public Meeting for I-75 at Emory Road Interchange Improvement Project on Thursday, March 10, 2022 from 5 to 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church Powell, 7706 Ewing Road, Powell, TN 37849.

11 Public Comment

There was no public comment

12 Adjournment.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 A.M.