

Minutes

9:00 AM | Small Assembly Room City County Building, 400 Main Street

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

- A. Determination of a Quorum
- B. Introductions
- C. Introduction of Zoom Participants
- D. Amendments to the Agenda

E. List of Commonly Used Acronyms

*Brian Boone

City of Maryville

*Jack Qualls

City of Loudon/Loudon County

*Tom Clabo

City of Knoxville Engineering

***Steve Neilson** Lakeway MPO *Amy Brooks

Knoxville-Knox County Planning

*Blake Sartin

Airport Authority

***Dakota Gentry** City of Alcoa

*Patrick Berge City of Oak Ridge *Laura Smith (proxy for Rick Yakubic) ETDD

*Troy Ebbert TDOT Region 1

*Larry Gann

City of Clinton

***Jim Snowden** Knox County

*Durand Hacker Blount County *Kathryn Baldwin Anderson County

*James Temple Sevier County

TPO Staff

Partner Agency Staff Members of the Public

* Voting Members

2. Minutes

Approved 13-0-0

A motion was made by Mr. Snowden and seconded by Mr. Boone to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 Technical Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Election of Officers*



The Bylaws state that the Technical Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from its membership. Such elections shall be by a majority vote of the 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 two consecutive terms. The current Chair is eligible to serve an additional term in their current position.

Attachment #3: TPO Technical Committee Chairs & Vice-Chairs List

Discussion

Doug Burton, TPO Coordinator, reviewed the Technical Committee Bylaws regarding the election of officers, which must take place at the first meeting of each calendar year.

Approved 13-0-0

Ms. Baldwin moved to nominate Jack Qualls as Chair and Jim Snowden as Vice-Chair of the Technical Committee for the 2024 calendar year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sartin. The motion carried unanimously. Jack Qualls was elected as Chair of the Technical Committee and Jim Snowden was elected as Vice Chair.

4. 2020-2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets *

Federal regulations require states and MPOs to establish performance targets for five separate safety factors on an annual basis. TDOT established its 7th annual statewide safety targets for the 5-year period of 2020-2024 effective on 8/31/23 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.

Attachment #4A: TDOT Verification of Safety Target Reporting (2023)

Attachment #4B: Draft Safety Target Resolution

Mr. Berge arrived at 9:13 a.m.

Discussion

Mike Conger, TPO Staff, reviewed the 2020-2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets established by TDOT.

Approved 14-0-0

A motion was made by Mr. Snowden and seconded by Mr. Clabo to recommend approval of the Resolution to Adopt the 2020-2024 Safety Performance Measure Targets to the Executive Board. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Transportation Planning Work Program Amendment*

TPO staff proposes an amendment to the planning work program to clarify that task 2A, sub-task 12 (Regional Study of Pavement Conditions throughout the Knoxville TPO area) may include data collection outside the TPO Planning area for TPO member agencies. There is no financial change with the proposed amendment.

Attachment #5A: Draft Resolution

Attachment #5B: Draft Amended Work Program Page 21

Discussion

Craig Luebke, TPO Staff, described the amendment requested to the Work Program.

Approved 14-0-0

A motion was made by Mr. Snowden and seconded by Mr. Temple to recommend Approval of an Amendment to the Transportation Planning Work Program to the Executive Board. The motion carried unanimously.

6. New TDOT 10-Year Project Plan



TDOT unveiled its first-ever 10-Year Fiscally Constrained Project Plan on Monday, December 18, 2023. TDOT staff will provide an overview of the Plan and other facets of the Transportation Modernization Act being proposed statewide such as potential Choice Lane projects.

A link to the TDOT 10-Year Project Plan is available on the TPO Website.

Discussion

Troy Ebbert and Dexter Justis, TDOT Staff, gave the Committee an overview of the TDOT 10-Year Project Plan. *Ms. Smith arrived at 9:17 a.m.*

7. Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grants

The FY 2023 Implementation Grants under the IIJA's SS4A Discretionary Grant Program were announced on December 13, 2023 and the City of Knoxville was awarded \$8 Million for their SAFER Knoxville project. The TPO was awarded \$24,000 for planning to extend the Regional Roadway Safety Plan to cover the entirety of Anderson County. These awards will be discussed along next steps for a potential FY 2024 grant application.

A link to the Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grants is available on the TPO Website.

8. TDOT and FHWA Updates

TDOT and FHWA Staff will provide updates.

Discussion

Mr. Ebbert reminded the Committee of the upcoming TDOT planning grant deadline.

9. Other Business

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

TPO Technical Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, which may be substituted by a Mobility Plan Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

10. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Technical Committee with a five-minute time limit for each person.

11. Adjournment

