

Minutes

9:00 AM | Small Assembly
400 Main St, Knoxville

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

- Determination of a Quorum
- Introduction of Participants
- Introduction of Zoom Participants
- Amendments to the Agenda

*Amy Brooks Knoxville-Knox County Planning	*Mike Patterson (proxy for Gary Holiway) ETHRA	*Karen Estes (proxy for Barbara Kelly) Community Action Committee	*Laura Smith (proxy for Rick Yukubic) East Tennessee Development District
*Blake Sartin Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority	*Tom Clabo City of Knoxville	*Kathryn Baldwin Anderson County	*Roger Flynn City of Oak Ridge
*Brian Boone City of Maryville	*Jack Qualls City of Loudon and Loudon County	*Larry Gann City of Clinton	TPO Staff
*Chico Messer Blount County	*James Temple Sevier County	*Dakota Gentry City of Alcoa	Partner Agency Staff
*Darryl Smith Town of Farragut	*Jim Snowdon, Chair Knox County	*Michelle Christian Tennessee Department of Transportation	*Voting Members
*DeAnna Flinchum Knoxville Commuter Pool		*Tina Whitaker Lakeway MPO	

2. Minutes

Approved 19-0-0

A motion was made by Mr. Qualls to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025 Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Boone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



3. **Mobility Plan 2050 and Air Quality Conformity Report***

The Mobility Plan 2050 sets the overall vision and identifies specific investments for the region's transportation system over the next 20+ years. An air quality conformity determination was prepared to demonstrate that the implementation of the proposed projects included in the Plan will conform to requirements from the Clean Air Act. The public can still make comments on the Plan until April 22, 2025.

The Technical Committee will solicit public comment before voting on this item.

Attachment 3: Resolution Adopting the Mobility Plan 2050 and Air Quality Conformity Determination Report

Link: [Draft Mobility Plan 2050](#)

Link: [Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination Report](#)

Discussion

Mr. Conger presented the draft Mobility Plan 2050 to the Committee.

Approved 19-0-0

A motion was made by Mr. Clabo and seconded by Mr. Smith to recommend approval of a resolution to the Executive Board adopting the Mobility Plan 2050 and the Air Quality Conformity Report. The motion carried unanimously.



4. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments***

TDOT and locally requested amendments for nine (9) air quality non-exempt and two (2) air quality exempt projects. Ten (10) of the proposed amendments are to bring the TIP into alignment with the project descriptions, project horizons, and funded list of projects contained in the Draft Mobility Plan 2050.

The City of Knoxville requested an amendment for the existing Traffic Control Equipment Upgrade project. The amendment revises the project termini and schedule, and increases PE-N, PE-D and ROW costs. The construction phase is removed, and the total project cost is reduced. The Kingston Pike corridor termini are revised to from Metron Center Way/University Commons to Huxley Road. The Broadway corridor termini are revised to from Worlds Fair Park Drive/Oak Ave./Jackson Avenue to Colonial Circle. PE-N is programmed in FY 2025 at an additional cost of \$44,200 (\$44,200 federal CMAQ). PE-D is programmed in FY 2025 at an additional cost of \$437,225 (\$437,225 federal CMAQ). ROW is programmed in FY 2025 at an additional cost of \$440,000 (\$440,000 federal CMAQ). The additional CMAQ is new CMAQ PM2.5 funding and in addition to the original CMAQ award. This amendment removes \$9,119,575 (-\$8,966,000 federal CMAQ/+\$921,425 federal CMAQ PM2.5/- \$812,000 federal CRP/- \$263,000 local) from the project and the TIP. The total project cost is reduced to \$3,046,425.

The remaining ten (10) amendments for TDOT (8) and locally sponsored (2) projects are to bring the TIP into alignment with the Draft Mobility Plan 2050.

Attachment #3A - 3K: Draft TIP Amendments

Attachment #3L: Draft TIP Amendment Resolution

Attachment #3M: Draft Metropolitan Planning Process Self-Certification

Discussion

Mr. Leubke reviews the requested amendments to the TIP.

Approved 19-0-0

A motion was made by Ms. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Qualls to recommend approval of a resolution to the Executive Board adopting the amendments to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program and certifying that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being followed. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **FY2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program Update**

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

Discussion

Mr. Leubke provided an overview of current project roll-over and new project applications received for the next TIP period.



6. **FY26-27 Transportation Planning Work Program**

The TPO submitted a draft FY26-27 Transportation Planning Work Program to TDOT for review. The TPWP goes through individual review with TDOT and then FHWA and FTA before it will be adopted in August. The TPWP covers two fiscal years worth of work and funding. The TPWP must take into consideration both the Federal Planning Factors and the Statewide Planning Priorities. As this is an early draft planning tasks can be modified and projects can be added. Staff will review the highlights of the Work Program.

Discussion

Mr. Burton reviewed the current status of the Transportation Planning Work Program.

7. **BREATHE Update**

The City of Knoxville was awarded a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) that covers the Metropolitan Statistical Area, which includes nine counties. The City is lead agency for this effort with the TPO providing coordinating support. The next phase of the process is to develop a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan which expands on the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction measures developed previously. The Climate Action Plan will function as a roadmap for the region to guide changes in policy, funding, infrastructure, transportation planning, community action, and more. City of Knoxville staff will give an update on this project.

Discussion

Ms. Levin gave an overview of the BREATHE project and the current status.

8. **TDOT and FHWA Updates**

Discussion

Dexter Justus, TDOT Staff, gave a presentation on the update to the 10-Year Plan.

9. **Other Business**

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

TPO Technical Committee Meeting May 13, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

10. **Public Comment**

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

Discussion

There was no public comment.



11. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

