October 13, 2026
TPO Technical Committee

Minutes

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
a. Determination of a Quorum
b. Introduction of Participants
c. Introduction of Zoom Participants
d. Amendments to the Agenda

Presenter Jim Snowden, Chair

***Blake Sartin**
Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority

***Brian Boone**
City of Maryville

***Darryl Smith**
Town of Farragut

***Jim Snowden**
Knox County

***Tom Clabo**
City of Knoxville

***James Temple**
Sevier County

***Karen Estes** (proxy for Misty Goodwin)
Community Action Committee

***Dakota Gentry**
City of Alcoa

***Troy Ebbert**
Tennessee Department of Transportation

***Roger Flynn**
City of Oak Ridge

***Jennifer Dawson**
East Tennessee Development District

***Terry Gilhula** (proxy for Amy Brooks)
Knoxville-Knox County Planning

TPO Staff

Partner Agency Staff

*Voting Members

2. Minutes*

Presenter Jim Snowden, Chair
Approved 12-0-0
A motion was made by Mr. Sartin and seconded by Mr. Boone to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. TPO Bylaws Update*

TPO staff will present recommended changes to the Technical Committee and Executive Board bylaws. The Technical Committee will only vote on their own bylaws. The Executive Board bylaws are included only as information. The bylaws state, before any amendments can be voted on, they must be submitted in writing at a previous regular meeting. This will be the first meeting the suggested bylaw changes are being reviewed. If the proposed changes are acceptable, the amendments will officially be voted on at the next meeting. If you would like to see copy of the current bylaws, those are on the TPO website under the Technical Committee and Executive Board sections.

Attachment #3: Draft Technical Committee and Executive Board bylaws.

Presenter Doug Burton, TPO Staff

Discussion

Mr. Burton reviewed the proposed Bylaws changes and sought input from the Committee.

4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Cost Overruns*

The City of Knoxville is requesting cost overruns for locally managed projects that exceed the limits established in the TIP programming policies adopted with the FY 26-29 TIP. Technical Committee approval is required for cost overruns in excess of 25% of the total project costs or increasing TPO federal funds in excess of $500,000.

> Pleasant Ridge Road: Overrun request totals $807,754 STBG-L ($646,203 federal/$161,551 local) for the construction phase, representing 9.9% of the original total project cost
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> Sevier Avenue - South Knoxville Waterfront Roadway Improvements: Overrun request totals $881,406 STBG-L ($705,125 federal/$176,281 local) for the construction phase, representing 8.8% of the original total project cost
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> Middlebrook Pike (SR-169) ATMS Expansion: Overrun request totals $760,000 CMAQ PM2.5 ($760,000 federal) for the construction phase, representing 31.3% of the original total project cost
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> The total TPO managed funds request is $2,449,1602 ($2,111,328 federal)
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> > $1,689,160 STBG-L ($1,351,328 federal)
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> > $760,000 CMAQ PM2.5 ($760,000 federal)

Attachment #4A 23-2014-037 TIP Page
Attachment #4B 23-2014-032 TIP Page
Attachment #4C 23-2017-051 TIP Page
Attachment #4D TPO Managed Funds Cost Overrun Summary Table
Presenter Craig Luebke, TPO Staff, and City of Knoxville Staff
Discussion

Mr. Leubke reviewed the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project cost overruns as requested by the City of Knoxville. Staff distributed a sheet with numbers revised from what was originally published on the meeting agenda. The revised numbers are reflected in these minutes.

Approved 12-0-0

Mr. Temple made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Cost Overruns for the City of Knoxville, as revised in the handout. Mr. Boone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. McGhee Tyson Airport Updates

The McGhee Tyson Airport continues to see increased passenger demand along with expanded route and airline choices. Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority (MKAA) staff will provide an overview of major initiatives underway as well as future plans that the airport has to accommodate expected growth from parking to security checkpoints and other upgrades.

Presenter Bryan White, Vice President of Planning & Development for Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority

Discussion

Mr. White gave a presentation on the McGhee Tyson Airport Terminal Area Development Program and Security Screening Checkpoint Projects.

6. TDOT and FHWA Updates

Discussion

Mr. Ebbert:

- Long Range Plan Comments end October 15
- Reminder to send SPP Resolutions to TDOT
- Three-Year Safety Plan posted
- RPO Meeting taking place this week

7. Other Business

- Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.
- TPO Technical Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.
- TPO Staff is offering 101 sessions to incoming Executive Board members.

8. 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.

9. Adjournment