

**TPO Technical Committee Minutes
October 11, 2016
9:00 a.m.
Small Assembly Room
City County Building
400 Main Street
Knoxville, TN**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee met October 11, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building in Knoxville, TN. Chair Kathryn Baldwin presided and called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum. Committee members were asked to introduce themselves.

*Kathryn Baldwin	City of Oak Ridge
*Brian Boone	City of Maryville
*Karen Estes	Knox County CAC Transit
*Gerald Green	Metropolitan Planning Commission
*Jim Hagerman	City of Knoxville
*Jerome Joiner	TDOT Region 1
*John Lamb	Blount County
*Janice Osborne	Knoxville Commuter Pool, <i>for Deanna Flinchum</i>
*Jeff Ownby	Sevier County
*Jeremy Pearson	City of Alcoa, <i>for Andrew Sonner</i>
*Cindy Pionke	Knox County
*Jack Qualls	City of Loudon and Loudon County
*Melissa Roberson	Knoxville Area Transit
*Blake Sartin	Metropolitan Airport Authority
*Darryl Smith	Town of Farragut
TPO Staff	
Partner Agency Staff	
Members of the Public	
*voting members	

1. Motion to Approve September 13, 2016 Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of September 13, 2016 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Gerald Green and seconded by Cindy Pionke to approve the September 13, 2016 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion to Approve Recommendations for Distribution of FTA Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program and FTA Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program Funds

Item Summary: Each fiscal year the urban area receives from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) an allocation of Section 5307 – Urban Area and Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities funds. These funds are used to provide public transit services.

The City of Knoxville is the Designated Recipient of these funds. The City of Knoxville has an application process for agencies interested in receiving these funds. City of Knoxville Mayor Rogero and

the TPO staff reviewed the applications. The City has the responsibility of making the final recommendation for funding distribution.

Staff will review the Mayor's recommendation which will be shared prior to the meeting. TIP changes to reflect the distributions will be done as adjustments, which do not require formal approval. Staff recommends approval.

Discussion: A request has been made to defer consideration of this Agenda Item to the November 8, 2016 TPO Technical Committee meeting. There were no public comments offered at today's meeting, nor other discussion.

A Motion was made by John Lamb and seconded by Gerald Green to defer consideration of this Agenda Item to the November 8, 2016 TPO Technical Committee meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion to Recommend Adoption of the Draft FY 2017-2020 Interim Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Item Summary: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is updated on a 3-year cycle. The new TIP covers the fiscal years of 2017-2020 and will supersede the current FY 2014-2017 TIP. An air quality conformity determination has been prepared demonstrating conformity of the new TIP as required. Comments from TDOT and FHWA have been addressed in the final draft TIP. Staff recommends approval.

Discussion: Elizabeth Watkins explained the need for an Interim TIP noting it was drafted to coincide with the adoption of the FY 2017-2020 TIPs by TDOT and MPO's statewide, with the final FY 2017-2020 TIP being adopted in the spring of 2017 to coincide with adoption of the Mobility Plan update. The Interim TIP contains projects rolled over from the current FY 2014 - 2017 TIP that have not been obligated. Mike Conger reviewed the air quality conformity determination, noting this is required with any TIP or Mobility Plan Update to demonstrate that the implementation of the projects within the program/plan do not cause our area to fail to meet the air quality standards set by the EPA within the timeframe required. Staff were able to do a short conformity report as the projects in the TIP were previously accounted for in the current TIP and Mobility Plan. Mr. Conger touched on the continued monitoring of 2 pollutants as required by EPA, Ozone and PM2.5 (fine particulate matter). Ms. Watkins noted staff have not received any public comment to date. Ms. Watkins further noted the process going forward was adoption by the Executive Board later this month and then to FHWA for final approval, which she anticipates will be in December of 2016.

Public Comment: Prior to action on the TIP, members of the public may address the Technical Committee with a five-minute time limitation for each person. There was no public comment today.

A Motion was made by Jack Qualls and seconded by Jeff Ownby to recommend adoption of the Draft FY 2017-2020 Interim Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as well as to recommend approval of the Air Quality Conformity Report. The Motion carried unanimously.

4. Overview of Vision Zero Efforts in Key Communities in the US

Item Summary: Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. First implemented in Sweden in the 1990s, Vision Zero is gaining momentum in major American cities. Kelley Segars will present highlights from a webinar featuring Leah Shahum, Director of the Vision Zero Network and planners from Los Angeles and Ft. Lauderdale, which have been moving Vision Zero from a concept to implementation.

Discussion: Kelley Segars touched on the history of the Vision Zero Effort. Vision Zero acknowledges that traffic losses are preventable, takes a systems approach to prevention, is data-driven, addresses all road users and engages diverse, critical stakeholders. Two factors stand out; speed is what matters the most and the disproportionate impact of injury crashes in low-income communities.

Ms. Segars reviewed what Fort Lauderdale and Los Angeles are doing in response to this initiative touching on what information was gained from data that was collected. The complete presentation is available online and can be found here:

<http://www.knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/tech/oct16/Vision Zero.pdf>

5. Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building.
- Save the Date: November 29, 2016 ET Competes/Walkability Speaker Series Event featuring Joe Minicozzi, principal of Urban3 of Asheville, NC. More details to follow. John Lamb requested that Planning Commissioner training credits be made available for this presentation.
- Jeff Welch requested Committee Members share any feedback on the list of projects (sent via email last Friday) to be included in the Mobility Plan Update with Mike Conger by October 25th.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Gerald Green and seconded by Cindy Pionke to adjourn the meeting. The Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.