

TPO Technical Committee Minutes
June 12, 2018
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 on June 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building in Knoxville, TN. Chair Jeff Ownby presided and called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum. Committee members were asked to introduce themselves.

*Wayne Blasius	City of Oak Ridge
*Don Brown	ETDD, <i>for Terry Bobrowski</i>
*Rich DesGroseilliers	Lakeway MTPO
*Troy Ebbert	TDOT, Region 1
*Karen Estes	Knox County CAC Transit
*Deanna Flinchum	Knoxville Commuter Pool
*Gerald Green	Metropolitan Planning Commission
*Jim Hagerman	City of Knoxville
*Chico Messer	Blount County
*Jeff Ownby	Sevier County
*Cindy Pionke	Knox County
*Jack Qualls	City of Loudon and Loudon County
*Melissa Roberson	Knoxville Area Transit
*Blake Sartin	Metro Knoxville Airport Authority
*Darryl Smith	Town of Farragut
*Andrew Sonner	City of Alcoa
*Kevin Stoltenberg	City of Maryville
*Bill Taylor	Anderson County
TPO Staff	
Partner Agency Staff	
Members of the Public	
*voting members	

1. Motion to Approve April 10, 2018 TPO Technical Committee Minutes

Item Summary: Approval of the April 10, 2018 TPO Technical Committee Minutes.

A Motion was made by Jim Hagerman and seconded by Gerald Green to approve the April 10, 2018 TPO Technical Committee Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion to Recommend Adoption of Transit Asset Management Targets to the Executive Board

Item Summary: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires recipients of funding to prepare Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plans. The purpose of these Plans is to create a strategic method for replacing transit capital assets. Each transit agency must prepare a TAM Plan and the TPO is required to set regional performance targets for the urban area. Targets are set by asset category, which includes Rolling Stock, Equipment, and Facilities. The TPO must use these Targets when measuring performance progress when updating the Long Range Mobility Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program. Staff recommends approval.

Discussion: Doug Burton gave an overview of TAM Plans, which come out the FAST Act, noting all recipients of FTA funding that own, operate or manage capital assets used to provide public transportation are required to develop a TAM Plan by October 1, 2018. These plans outline a strategic and systematic practice of procuring, operating, maintaining and replacing transit capital assets. Transit agencies, for our region CAC, ETHRA and KAT, must coordinate with the TPO and TDOT in the development and monitoring of these Plans and further, must report assets inventories, condition and performance measures through the National Transit Database. Mr. Burton reviewed the proposed TAM targets for the Knoxville Regional TPO and closed reviewing the requirements going forward. The presentation is available online and can be found here: <https://knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/tech/jun18/TAM.pdf>

A Motion was made by Melissa Robertson and seconded by Gerald Green to recommend adoption of the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Motion to Recommend Adoption of Performance Measures Addenda for the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program and the Mobility Plan 2040 to the Executive Board**
Item Summary: Approval of addenda to the TIP and Mobility Plan to incorporate Safety Performance (PM1) measures and targets. Addenda also include expanded discussion of Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2), System Performance (PM3) measures, and Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets. Staff recommends approval.

Discussion: Craig Luebke began noting a Performance-based Planning and Programming (PBPP) approach to planning was introduced in MAP-21 and continued into the FAST Act and directs the use of a PBPP process to inform strategic transportation investment decisions with a focus on achieving performance outcomes. He touched on the 7 National goals and performance areas and measures established by Congress. He noted performance targets are established by State DOTs, MPOs and transit agencies also noting MPOs are required to establish regional targets for each performance measure or adopt the state DOT targets. Mr. Luebke noted the TPO adopted TDOT's PM1 (Safety) targets last December and will need to develop targets for PM2 and PM3 within the next 180 days or adopt those targets set by TDOT in May of 2018. He then noted these addenda will bring the Mobility Plan (MP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) into compliance with performance measures requirements and allows the MP and the TIP amendments/adjustments to move forward. Mr. Luebke entertained questions and comments from Committee members. The presentation is available online and can be found here: <https://knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/tech/jun18/Performance Measures Addenda.pdf>

A Motion was made by Jack Qualls and seconded by Chico Messer to recommend adoption of the Performance Measures Addenda for the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program and the Mobility Plan 2040 to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Motion to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to Amend the FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Executive Board.**
Item Summary: This project is exempt from air quality conformity. Staff recommends approval.

Discussion: Craig Luebke reviewed the proposed amendment for the Knoxville Greenway Project Phase II, revising termini to reflect current corridor development and construction status as well as adjusting total project cost.

A Motion was made by Wayne Blasius and seconded by Gerald Green to recommend approval of a Resolution to amend the FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion to Recommend Approval of the FTA Section 5307/5339-FY18-Program of Projects to the Executive Board.

Item Summary: FTA requires a public hearing on the Program of Projects (POP). The POP is a list of projects, for each agency, to be funded with the Section 5307 and 5339 funding. The POP public hearing will be at the June 27, 2018 Executive Board meeting. Staff will update the Technical Committee on the FY18 – FTA Appropriations and the local distribution of funds. Last year, the Executive Board approved a formula for how the funds would be distributed each year. Because the TIP already has both the Section 5307 and 5339 funding pages approved, POP funding and projects will be added through internal adjustments. Staff recommends approval of the FY18 – POP.

Discussion: Doug Burton gave an overview of the history of the program and reviewed the current formulaic distribution of these funds, distributed on an annual basis. He reviewed this year's allocations to CAC, ETHRA and KAT, further highlighting how each agency plans to utilize these funds. ETHRA continues to work towards being able to utilize these funds for operating projects. The presentation is available online and can be found here:
<https://knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/tech/jun18/FY18 POP.pdf>

A Motion was made by Jack Qualls and seconded by Cindy Pionke to recommend approval of the FTA Section 5307/5339-FY18-Program of Projects to the Executive Board. The Motion carried unanimously.

6. Presentation on SR 449 Corridor Management Agreement

Item Summary: Mr. Ebbert, along with representatives from the Cities of Pigeon Forge and Sevierville will present an overview of the SR 449 Corridor Management Agreement.

Discussion: Troy Ebbert, TDOT Region 1 introduced David Taylor, City of Pigeon Forge and Dustin Smith, City of Sevierville who will also be speaking and who are available for questions. He began noting a Corridor Management Agreement (CMA) is a collaborative agreement among multiple communities or agencies that addresses the development, management and operations of a roadway corridor, and then touched briefly on the CMA process. Mr. Taylor noted the City of Pigeon Forge is excited to be involved in this Agreement and in being proactive as opposed to reactive as this corridor (Veterans Boulevard) has been identified as a very high growth area. Mr. Smith gave an overview of how they developed this Agreement and touched on a few of it's key components, also noting the City of Sevierville is looking to be proactive with regards to controlling access management across the entire corridor and future land management. The presenters entertained questions and comments from Committee members who also shared their experiences noting both opportunities and challenges. The presentation is available online and can be found here: <https://knoxtrans.org/meetings/agendas/tech/jun18/SR 449.pdf>

7. Other Business

- Executive Board meeting Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.
- Technical Committee meeting Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Small Assembly room of the City County Building.

- The next Active Knox Speaker series includes a public presentation on Creating Quality Mixed-Use Places, featuring developer Ben Crenshaw with Southern Land Company.
 - The public event is at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at Knoxville's Public Works Complex, 3131 Morris Ave. RSVP for the public event at: tinyurl.com/ActiveKnoxCrenshawPublic.
- A panel discussion, *Electric Mass Transit as an Option for Urban Mobility*, will take place at the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy Toyota Auditorium June 20-21, 2018. Interested parties can find additional information on this event and register here: <http://bakercents.utk.edu/events/>
- In support of quarterly project status reports and tracking of TPO allocated funding, staff will be contacting agency representatives to schedule meetings this month to discuss their projects. The intent is to briefly discuss each project's development status and timeline, funding and potential delays. TDOT has requested that a completed project status summary report be returned to them by July 2, 2018.
- Ellen Zavisca noted the TPO has developed new infographics reflecting updated traffic crash data for our region which she will share via an email to Committee members.
- Melissa Roberson noted this is *Try Transit* week in Knoxville. She noted they're rolling out a *Travel by Transit* series which are different brochures for different fun places to visit that you can get there using KAT such as the Knoxville Botanical Garden, places to visit on Sevier Avenue as well as Market Square and Gay Street, Knoxville Museum of Art, Fort Kid and N. Central Street. She also noted this Friday is *Free Fare Friday* and encouraged everyone to ride the bus.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

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