SOUTHEAST TN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPO)
EXECUTIVE BOARD & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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TN **TDOT**
Department of
Transportation

AGENDA

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

10:30 a.m. Eastern Time

TDOT Region 2 Auditorium | 7500 Volkswagen Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416

1) Welcome & Introduction.. Marc Holcomb, RPO Coordinator

2) Executive Board / Call to Order / Roll Call.. Clint Huth, EB Chairman

3) Technical Committee / Call to Order / Roll Call.. Dan Evans, TCC Chairman

4) Approval of Previous Minutes EB Meeting.. Clint Huth, EB Chairman

5) Approval of Previous Minutes TCC Meeting.. Dan Evans, TCC Chairman

6) Southeast RPO Updates... Marc Holcomb, RPO Coordinator

7) Grant Opportunities………………………………………………………… Marc Holcomb, RPO Coordinator

8) TDOT Updates ………………………………………………………………………………. TDOT Staff

9) NEVI and Carbon Reduction Updates…………………………............... Andrea Noel, TDOT Air Quality

10) Local Bridge Funding……………………………………….…………….. Lisa Dunn, TDOT Local Programs

11) TCHOA Updates…………………………………………………………….. Marc Holcomb, RPO Coordinator

12) Wildlife Crossing Discussion…………………………………………… Marc Holcomb, RPO Coordinator

13) Other Properly Presented New Business………..…....................................... Clint Huth, EB Chairman

14) Executive Board Adjournment………………………....................................….... Clint Huth, EB Chairman

15) Technical Committee Adjournment……………….....................................….....Dan Evans, TCC Chairman

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Wednesday, December 14th, 2022

10:30 a.m. Eastern Time

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In Attendance:

EB: Keith Cartwright, John Gentry, Robby Hatcher, Clint Huth, Eddie Jewell, Lois Preece, Steven Sherlin, Bently Thomas (Proxy for D. Gary Davis), Jim Vincent (EB member plus proxy for Ron Travis)

TCC: John Bamber, Jake Battles, Ben Burchfield, Shannon Burke, Mary Cookson, Dan Evans, Wanda Fulmer, Andy Morrison, Linda Hixon, Linda Hooper, Chuck Hammonds, Tom Collins, Janis Kyser, Winston Pickett, Karen Rennich, Tobe Smith, Roy Thomason, Tom Trotter, Glen Varner, Bently Thomas

Guests: Chanel Hippix, Garrett Haynes, Annya Shalun, Robert Rodgers, Kelly Ware, Michael O'Donnell, Adam Casteel, Kevin Layne, Chad Reese, Andrea Noel

1) **Welcome & Introduction**...**Marc Holcomb, RPO Coordinator**

   Marc Holcomb verified quorum for EB and TCC has been met based on sign-in sheets and gave a brief overview of the agenda.

2) **Executive Board / Call to Order / Roll Call**......................................**Clint Huth, EB Vice-Chairman**

   Clint Huth called meeting to order at 10:40am. Sign in sheets indicated sufficient attendance EB quorum.

3) **Technical Committee / Call to Order / Roll Call**................................... **Dan Evans, TCC Chairman**

   Can Evans called meeting to order at 10:40am. Sign in sheets indicated sufficient attendance TCC quorum.

4) **Approval of Previous Minutes EB Meeting**.......................................**Clint Huth, EB Vice-Chairman**

   Motion to approve made by Keith Cartwright, seconded by John Gentry. Motion carried.

5) **Approval of Previous Minutes TCC Meeting**..**Dan Evans, TCC Chairman**

   Motion to approve made by Ben Burchfield, seconded by Tom Collins. Motion carried.

6) **Southeast RPO Updates**...**Marc Holcomb, RPO Coordinator**

   Marc Holcomb reminded attendees of the RPO website at sedev.org/rpo and noted that some content from the TDOT project hub will be accessible via the RPO site. Multi-Modal Access Grant awarded to Spring City. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainable Equity (RAISE) Grants awarded to Dunlap and Chattanooga. MMAGs have 95/5 or 90/10 match depending on applicant's economic status. Next MMAG application opens Spring 2023, exact date TBD. Next RAISE Grant application deadline is 2/28/23.

7) **CTPR "New Start" Requests**...**Marc Holcomb, RPO Coordinator**

A copy of the CTPR Request Form is attached to these minutes.

Marc Holcomb explained that TDOT has a request form for submitting new project requests.

Stacy Morrison with TDOT's Office of Community Transportation (OCT) recognized TDOT staff present at the meeting: Robert Rodgers, Brian Hurst, Michael O'Donnell, Kevin Layne, Adam Casteel, Chanel Hippix, Joe Deering.

Stacy Morrison explained the need for a report containing high-level information, history, local perspective regarding a site when submitting a New Start request. This process is intended to get projects into the pipeline more quickly. TDOT Commissioner hopes to set up meetings with MPOs and RPOs during 2023. TDOT website updated with new information. New for project rankings this year is the addition of a "committed list" of projects that move to pipeline without being ranked.

8) **TDOT Projects Presentation**..**Brian Hurst, TDOT Transportation Manager**

Brian Hurst gave a presentation about TDOT projects and encouraged everyone to look up TDOT i-Trip dashboard. ~$900M budget reduced by $90M due to lack of state revenue. ~$500M is for maintenance and repairs. $400M is for new projects. Effort to spread funds evenly around the state. Region 2 gets ~18% of funding, almost $73M. Projects typically take roughly 12-15 years from proposal to completion. Beginning with FY23, any project on the approved list that goes to the governor is moved to the new "committed list." TDOT's goal is to complete committed projects within five years. Region 2 had three projects on the committed list. ~$1.5B of proposed projects in Region 2. New focus on moving projects toward completion rather than phase to phase.

Project rankings count for 11.8% of the overall calculations for committing projects.

Q&A: Partnering with TDEC for concurrent sewer and road improvement projects; Safety and improvements on SR27/Suck Creek Rd and why other roads in better condition receive more attention. Robert Rodgers with TDOT answered briefly and offered more detailed answers later.

9) **TDOT Project Prioritization**...**Marc Holcomb, RPO Coordinator**

A copy of the project rankings list is attached to these minutes.

Marc Holcomb reviewed previous project rankings and explained TDOT updates to the list.

12 projects on the list: 3 Committed, 8 ROW/Construction, and 1 PE.

TCC was instructed to rank all 9 projects together rather than by phase.

Attendees asked for clarification regarding projects in Grundy and Bledsoe listed individually for ranking but are part of one overall large project. TDOT staff explained they are evaluated as multiple small projects. TDOT explained spot improvements on the existing route have replaced plans for a bypass for Corridor K.

There are no wildlife crossings planned for Corridor K at this time, but a bridge installed in recent years was designed to allow wildlife to pass beneath.

10) **Project Prioritization by TCC**..**Dan Evans, TCC Chairman**

Dan Evans asked members of the TCC to take a moment to complete the project ranking form.

11) **Rural Regional Transportation Plan Presentation**.........................**Chanel Hippix, TDOT Planning Specialist**

A digital copy of the RRTP is available at sedev.org/rpo.

Chanel Hippix presented an overview of the final draft of the Rural Regional Transportation Plan (RRTP). This project officially kicked off in May 2020. The RRTP is a comprehensive document linking transportation and land use. The data in the plan can be used to bolster grant applications.

12) **RRTP *TCC Recommendation to EB***...**Dan Evans, TCC Chairman**

Motion to recommend adoption of RRTP made by Ben Burchfield, seconded by John Bamber. Motion carried.

13) **RRTP *EB Approval of TCC Recommendation***..**Clint Huth, EB Vice-Chairman**

Motion to adopt RRPT made by Keith Cartwright, seconded by John Gentry. Motion carried.

14) **Project Prioritization *TCC Recommendation to EB***...**Dan Evans, TCC Chairman**

Motion to recommend approval of project rankings made by Linda Hooper, seconded by Ben Burchfield. Motion carried.

15) **Project Prioritization *EB Approval of TCC Recommendation***.....................**Clint Huth, EB Vice-Chairman**

Motion to accept project rankings made by Lois Preece, seconded by Steven Sherlin. Motion carried.

16) **Other Properly Presented New Business**..**Clint Huth, EB Vice-Chairman**

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for EB: Keith Cartwright nominated Clint Huth for Chairman and John Gentry for Vice Chairman. Motion to approve nominations made by Glen Varner, seconded by Jim Vincent. Motion carried.

Election of Vice Chairman for TCC: Dan Evans nominated Roy Thomason for Vice Chairman. Motion to approve nomination made by Dan Evan, seconded by Karen Rennich. Motion carried.

TACIR Bridge Project Updates: Garrett Haynes with SETD requested attendees with updates on bridge projects for TACIR to meet with him before leaving the meeting.

17) **Executive Board Adjournment**..**Clint Huth, EB Vice-Chairman**

Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm

18) **Technical Committee Adjournment**..**Dan Evans, TCC Chairman**

Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm

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Chairman, RPO Executive Board   **Chairman, RPO Technical Committee**   **RPO Coordinator**

December 2022 Project Rankings

County	PIN	VOTER 1	VOTER 2	VOTER 3	VOTER 4	VOTER 5	VOTER 6	VOTER 7	VOTER 8
Rhea	109410.04	4.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	8.00	1.00	8.00
Marion	124086.00	3	0	8	4	2	7	8	6
Sequatchie	124104.01	2	0	4	2	5	1	2	1
Bledsoe	124104.02	5	0	6	7	6	4	3	2
Bledsoe	124104.03	6	0	7	6	7	3	4	3
Bledsoe	124104.04	7	0	9	8	8	2	5	4
Grundy	124782.00	8	0	5	5	9	6	6	7
Polk	102420.08	1	0	2	1	3	5	9	9
Marion	124785	9	0	1	0	1	9	7	5

County	PIN	VOTER 9	VOTER 10	VOTER 11	VOTER 12	VOTER 13	VOTER 14	VOTER 15	VOTER 16
Rhea	109410.04	2.00	7.00	1.00	4.00	8.00	8.00	2.00	9.00
Marion	124086.00	3	6	6	5	7	7	3	8
Sequatchie	124104.01	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	2
Bledsoe	124104.02	5	4	7	6	5	5	5	5
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Grundy	124782.00	7	8	5	6	9	9	4	7
Polk	102420.08	8	1	4	1	6	6	6	6
Marion	124785	0	9	2	3	1	1	7	1

County	PIN	VOTER 17	VOTER 18	VOTER 19	VOTER 20	VOTER 21	Tally	Rank	
Rhea	109410.04	9.00		2.00	2.00	2.00	87.00	4	
Marion	124086.00	8		5	4	5	105.00	6	
Sequatchie	124104.01	2		1	6	1	42.00	1	
Bledsoe	124104.02	5		4	7	4	95.00	5	
Bledsoe	124104.03	4		6	8	6	107.00	7	
Bledsoe	124104.04	3		7	9	7	112.00	8	
Grundy	124782.00	7		8	3	8	127.00	9	
Polk	102420.08	6		3	1	3	81.00	3	
Marion	124785	1		0	5	9	71.00	2	

Voter 18 did not sign the voting card as required and was therefore excluded.