



MEMORANDUM

TO: South RPO Executive Board and Technical Committee Members
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FROM: Don M. Brown, Transportation Planner

DATE: May 3, 2023

SUBJECT: South RPO Joint Executive Board and Technical Committee Meeting

The East Tennessee South Rural Planning Organization, RPO, Executive Board and Technical Committee will meet jointly Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. eastern time. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium in the TDOT Regional Administration Building located at 7345 Region Lane in Knoxville, TN. A map with directions is enclosed.

Also enclosed are the agenda, a proxy letter, a list of voting members, minutes from previous meetings and other documents.

If you are a voting member and unable to attend, please designate a proxy in writing to represent you at this meeting. A list of the voting members is attached. If designating a proxy, please advise me by email at dbrown@etdd.org or complete the enclosed proxy form and return to me by email at dbrown@etdd.org or by fax at 865-273-6010.

Please contact me at 865-273-6003 or dbrown@etdd.org if you have any questions.

	South RPO Voting Members May 2023		
Executive Board			
County Mayor	Ed	Mitchell	Blount County
<i>Proxy</i>	<i>Jeff</i>	<i>Headrick</i>	<i>Perm Proxy for Blount Cnty Mayor</i>
County Mayor	Robert	Mathis	Cocke County
County Mayor	Mark	Potts *	Jefferson County
County Mayor	Rollen	Bradshaw	Loudon County
County Mayor	Mitch	Ingram	Monroe County
County Mayor	Wade	Creswell	Roane County
County Mayor	Larry	Waters	Sevier County
<i>Proxy</i>	<i>Stacey</i>	<i>Whaley</i>	<i>Perm Proxy for Sevier Cnty Mayor</i>
Municipal Representative	Don	Prater	Townsend Mayor
<i>Proxy</i>	<i>Joe</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Perm Proxy for Mayor Prater</i>
Municipal Representative	Roland "Trey"	Dykes III **	Newport
Municipal Representative	George	Gantte	Dandridge
<i>Proxy</i>	<i>Donald</i>	<i>Whaley</i>	<i>Perm Proxy for Mayor Gantte</i>
Municipal Representative	Jeff	Harris	Loudon
<i>Proxy</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Qualls</i>	<i>Perm Proxy for Mayor Harris</i>
Municipal Representative	Doyle	Lowe	Sweetwater
Municipal Representative	Tim	Neal	Kingston
<i>Proxy</i>	<i>David</i>	<i>Bolling</i>	<i>Permanent Proxy for Mayor Neal</i>
Municipal Representative	Mike	Werner	Sevier Co. cities
Legislative Representative	Lowell	Russell	State Representative 21st District
Legislative Representative	Randy	McNally	State Senate 5th District
<i>Proxy</i>	<i>David</i>	<i>Bradshaw</i>	<i>Permanent Proxy for Senator McNally</i>
Technical Committee			
Road Superintendent	Jeff	Headrick	Blount County
Road Superintendent	Dwayne	McCallister	Cocke County
Road Superintendent	Charles	Tipton	Jefferson County
Road Superintendent	Billy	Pickel	Loudon County
Road Superintendent	Steve	Teague	Monroe County
Road Superintendent	Dennis	Ferguson	Roane County
Road Superintendent	Jonas	Smelcer	Sevier County
County Representative	Lauren	Emert	Blount County
County Representative	Lucas	Graham	Cocke County
County Representative	Marty	Mills	Jefferson County
County Representative	Jack	Qualls	Loudon County
County Representative	<i>Stacy</i>	Chambers	Monroe Cnty
County Representative	Rene'e	Crowe	Roane County
County Representative	Stacey	Whaley	Sevier County
Municipal Representative	Becky	Headrick	Blount County
Municipal Representative	James	Finchum	Cocke County
<i>Proxy</i>	<i>Gary</i>	<i>Carver</i>	<i>Perm Proxy for James Finchum</i>
Municipal Representative	Donald	Whaley	Jefferson County
Municipal Representative	Ty	Ross	Loudon County
<i>Proxy</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Qualls</i>	<i>Perm Proxy for Ty Ross</i>
Municipal Representative	Jon	Campbell	Monroe County
Municipal Representative	Becky	Ruppe **	Roane County
Municipal Representative	Dustin	Smith	Sevier County
Modal Representative	Mike	Patterson	Public Transportation
Modal Representative	Ellen	Zavisca	Bike/Ped
Citizen Representative	E. L.	Morton	ETHRA
ETDD	Rick	Yakubic *	ETDD
TPO Representative	Mike	Conger	Knoxville Regional TPO

PROXY LETTER

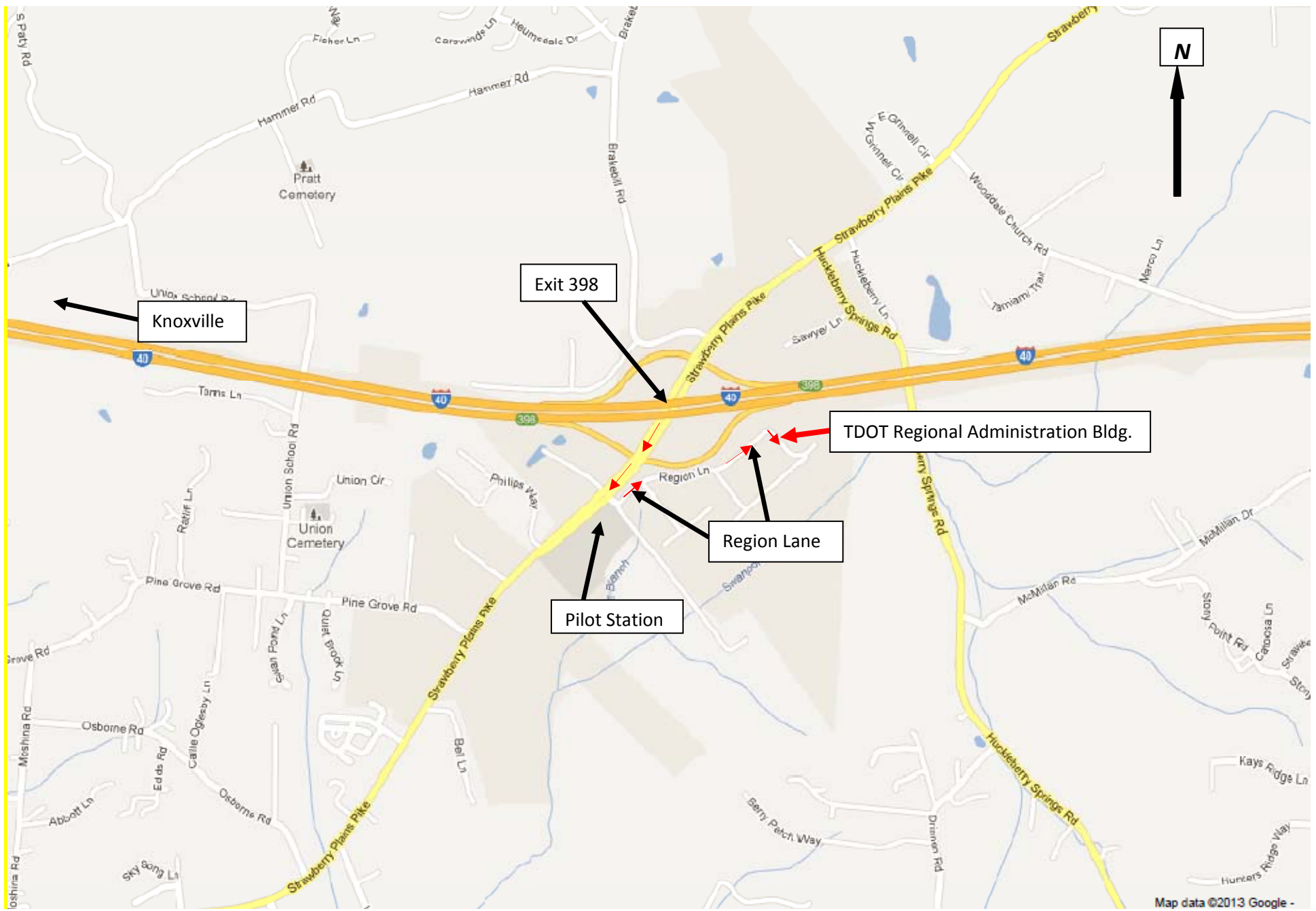
Date: _____

I, _____ (name), of _____ (agency), hereby designate _____ (name of proxy) to represent me and to vote as my proxy during the _____ (meeting date) meeting of the South Rural Planning Organization.

Sincerely,

Name

Title



Directions: Take I-40 to Exit 398 – Strawberry Plains Pike. Turn south onto Strawberry Plains Pike. Turn left onto Regions Lane and continue to TDOT Regional Administration Bldg. On the front of the building, you will see “Fred B. Corum, Regional Administration Building, Tennessee Department of Transportation”.

AGENDA
East Tennessee South Rural Planning Organization
Joint Technical Committee & Executive Board Meeting
May 18, 2023
10:00 a.m. Eastern Time
TDOT Region 1 Auditorium

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| 1. Welcome / Call to Order | Mayor Potts
Chairman Executive Board |
| 2. Determination of Quorum / Roll Call | Don Brown |
| 3. Approval of November 15, 2022 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes ** | Rick Yakubic
Chairman Technical Committee |
| 4. Approval of November 15, 2022 Executive Board Meeting Minutes ** | Chairman Potts |
| 5. Tennessee Transportation Legislative Update | Brett Howell
TCHOA, Executive Director
and TDOT Staff |
| 6. TDOT's FY 2024 - 2026 Multimodal Program | TDOT Staff |
| 7. TDOT Project Updates | TDOT Staff |
| 8. Protect 1 – Resiliency Plans, Carbon Reduction & NEVI Funding | TDOT Staff |
| 9. Coordinator's Report | Laura Smith |
| 10. Questions / Discussion / Other Business | Chairman Potts |
| 11. Public Comment | Chairman Potts |
| 12. Adjourn | Chairman Potts |

**** Requires Action by Voting Members**

Lunch served around 12:00 noon, after the meeting.

**ETDD South Rural Planning Organization
Joint Executive Board and Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
TDOT Region 1 Headquarters Auditorium
November 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Knoxville, TN**

MINUTES

Voting Members Present

Executive Board: County Executive Wade Creswell, Mayor Mike Werner (by proxy Larry Henderson), Mayor Mark Potts, Mayor Ed Mitchell (by proxy Don Walker), Mayor Larry Waters, Mayor Jeff Harris (by proxy Jack Qualls), Mayor Mitch Ingram, State Representative Lowell Russell, Mayor Don Prater (by proxy Joe Barrett), Mayor Roland “Trey” Dykes, State Senator Randy McNally (by proxy David Bradshaw), Mayor Doyle Lowe, Mayor Robert Mathis

Technical Committee: Mike Patterson (by proxy Brent Gagley), Dennis Ferguson (by proxy Brian Matthews), Becky Ruppe, Lucas Graham, Ellen Zavisca, Dustin Smith, Stacey Whaley, Rick Yakubic, Jack Qualls, Jonas Smelcer, Rene’e Crowe, Jon Campbell, Stacy Chambers, Billy Pickel, Marty Mills

TDOT and Agencies Support Present

Troy Ebbert (TDOT), Don Brown (ETDD), Stacy Morrison (TDOT), Christie Burt (ETDD), Randy Busler (TDOT), Laura Smith (ETDD), Dexter Justis (TDOT), Christie Brown (TDOT), Mike Conger (Knox TPO), Rich DesGroseilliers, Kristin Qualls (TDOT), Rachel Bentley (TDOT), Bryan Bartnik (TDOT), Todd Sexton (TDOT), Ronda Sawyer (TDOT), Michelle Christian (TDOT), David Williams (ETDD)

Others Present

Marc Holcomb, Tammy Watts, Heather Hunt, Jeff Mize

Welcome / Call to Order

The meeting began at approximately 10:00 a.m. Technical Committee Chair, Rick Yakubic called the joint meeting of the Executive Board and Technical Committee to order.

Determination of Quorum / Roll Call

Quorums were present for both the Technical Committee and Executive Board. The roll call was waived.

Election of New Executive Board Chairperson

Jack Qualls nominated Mayor Mark Potts as chair which was seconded by Mayor Doyle Lowe and unanimously approved.

Election of New Executive Board Vice Chairperson

David Bradshaw nominated Mayor Trey Dykes as vice chairperson which was seconded by Mayor Rob Mathis and approved unanimously.

Approval of June 29, 2022, Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Yakubic asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2022, Technical Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Dykes to approve the minutes and seconded by Dustin Smith. Members of the Technical Committee approved the minutes.

Approval of June 29, 2022, Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Executive Board Chairman Mark Potts asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2022, Executive Board Meeting. A motion was made by David Bradshaw to approve the minutes and seconded by Jack Qualls. Members of the Executive Board approved the minutes.

Discussion of the Project Ranking Procedure

Don Brown discussed the process to be used in prioritizing the projects and the two options available for the prioritizations process. Mr. Brown also discussed the criteria ranking of the information on the “SRPO Project Ranking List November 15, 2022” as contained in the meeting folder.

TDOT Presentation of the List of Projects to be Ranked

Dexter Justis, Director of TDOT’s Region 1 Project Development, discussed each of the projects on the “SRPO Project Ranking List December 2, 2021”. Just prior to the presentation by Mr. Justis, Randy Busler commented on working in a railroad right-of-way and the process for obtaining a letter from the mayor of the local jurisdiction regarding any zoning applicable. Mr. Justis then discussed each project description, project status, within the three-year plan, and a proposed or committed project. Projects are not ranked by phase anymore, but by project.

Technical Committee Vote on Project Ranking

A motion was made by Lucas Graham and seconded by Jack Qualls to adopt the project ranking shown on the column “Potential November 15, 2022, Ranking Based on Previous Rankings” on the presented “SRPO Project Ranking List November 15, 2022”. The motion passed.

Executive Board Vote on Project Ranking

A motion was made by Jack Qualls and seconded by Wade Creswell to adopt the same project ranking adopted by the Technical Committee. The motion passed. The attached “SRPO Project Ranking List November 15, 2022” shows the adopted project rankings.

Presentation of “New Start” Projects

Don Brown explained the new start project on State Route 72 from US 411/SR 33 to Rarity Bay Parkway in Monroe County.

Technical Committee Vote & Endorsement of New Starts

Jack Qualls moved to approve the “New Start” project which was seconded by Lucas Graham and approved unanimously.

Executive Board Vote & Endorsement of New Starts

Lowell Russell moved to approve the new start project as approved by the Technical Committee which was seconded by Doyle Lowe and approved unanimously.

Coordinator's Report

Don Brown provided the RPO Coordinators report including and noted addition of introduced Laura Smith as new staff member at ETDD.

Other Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

