

**West Tennessee Rural Planning Organization (WTRPO)  
Executive Board and Technical Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Virtual Meeting/GoToMeeting

December 8, 2020  
10:10 A.M. CST

**Executive Board Voting Members Present:**

Hon. Maurice Gaines Jr., Mayor of Lauderdale County, Vice Chairman  
Executive Jeff Huffman, Mayor of Tipton County  
Mr. Alan Cherry, Public Works Director, Halls, TN (Proxy Hon. Eugene Pugh, Mayor of Halls)  
Mr. Robert Turner, Town Administrator, City of Somerville (Proxy Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of Somerville)  
Mr. Glen Stringfellow, Building Inspector, City of Munford (Proxy Hon. Dwayne Cole, Mayor of Munford)

**Executive Board Voting Members Absent:**

Hon. Rhea “Skip” Taylor, Mayor of Fayette County, Chairman  
Hon. Dwayne Cole, Mayor of Munford  
Hon. Eugene Pugh, Mayor of Halls  
Hon. Ronnie Neill, Mayor of Somerville  
State Senator Paul Rose  
Representative Chris Hurt, District 82

**Technical Committee Voting Members Present:**

Mr. Danny Hartsfield, Director of Maintenance Lauderdale County, Lauderdale County  
Ms. Mendi Donnelly, Community Development Director, Town of Somerville  
Mr. Robert Turner, Chairman, Town Administrator, City of Somerville (Proxy Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of Somerville)  
Mr. William Veazey, Vice-Chairman, Director of Planning for Tipton County  
Mayor Craig Fitzhugh, Ripley, TN (Proxy Lin Thompson, Ripley, TN Representative, City of Ripley)  
Mr. Glen Stringfellow, Building Inspector, City of Munford (Proxy Hon. Dwayne Cole, Mayor of Munford)  
Mr. Wayne Dowdy, Public Works Director, Fayette County, TN  
Mr. Derek Kissell, Road Superintendent, Lauderdale County  
Mr. Shannon Reed, Public Works Director, Tipton County  
Mr. Ralph Moore, MAAG Executive Director  
Mr. Hugh Davis Jr., Citizen Representative

**Technical Committee Voting Members Absent:**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava, MPO Representative  
Mr. Lin Thompson, Ripley, TN Representative, City of Ripley)

**Also Present:**

Amanda Ciapponi, Atoka, TN  
Marc Woerner, Atoka, TN  
Shelton I. Merrell, Southwest RPO  
Ben Bradberry  
Ben Ledsinger, Atoka, TN  
Gwyn Fisher, TNECD  
W. T. Bailey, Tipton County, TN  
Brian Hurst, TDOT  
Matt Meservy, TDOT  
Kwabena Aboagye (KB), TDOT  
Ashley Owens, OCT Region 4 TDOT  
Courtney Cotton, TDOT  
Elizabeth Watkins, FHWA  
Eric Goodwin, TDOT  
Antoine Hawkins, OCT Region 4 TDOT  
Gary Scruggs, TDOT  
Jennifer Marshall, TDOT  
Jonathan Russell, TDOT  
Veronica Allen, TDOT  
Cody Roberts, TDOT

**1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**

Executive Board Vice Chairman Hon. Maurice Gaines Jr., Mayor of Lauderdale County, called the meeting to order at 10:10AM.

**2. Roll Call**

Ms. Kamillah Kelly, WTRPO Coordinator, called the roll. **Establish Quorum Meeting**

**3. Approval of the Joint Executive Board and Technical Committee Virtual Meeting**

**MOTION** by Technical Committee member Mayor Craig Fitzhugh, Ripley, TN (Proxy Lin Thompson, Ripley, TN Representative, City of Ripley) to approve the Virtual Meeting in accordance with Tennessee Governor Bill Lee’s Executive Order 16. **SECONDED** by Mr. Derek Kissell, Road Superintendent, Lauderdale County. Unanimously **APPROVED**.

**4. Approval of Joint Executive Board and Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION** by Mr. Glen Stringfellow, Building Inspector, City of Munford (Proxy Hon. Dwayne Cole, Mayor of Munford) to approve the minutes. **SECONDED** by Mayor Craig Fitzhugh, Ripley, TN (Proxy Lin Thompson, Ripley, TN Representative, City of Ripley). Unanimously **APPROVED**.

**5. Ranking of TDOT 3 Year Plan**

Mr. Hawkins presented the Data Visualization Story Maps for the WTRPO project ranking information.

## 6. Questions/Discussion

Survey Monkey Typo, TACIR and TDOT information consistency, Fayette County project phases, Highway 19 ROW, and Fast Track projects. Ms. Kelly presented Survey Monkey information. Twenty-minute pause for voting and tallying.

## 7. Results of Project Ranking

Sequ.	Region	15 Distressed Counties	29 At-Risk Counties	RPO	County	PIN	Route	Description	Length	Phase	Est.	Notes	2020 Rank	Comments
184	4	1		WT	Dyer-Lauderdale	100329.11	I-69	From North of SR-88 to North of Unionville Road (Not IA Project)	5.6	Right-of-Way	5.2	2024	4	
179	4			WT	Fayette	101607.02	SR-460 PROP US-64	(Somerville Beltway), From Near SR-76 South of Somerville to Near SR-15(US-64) East of Somerville (IA)	2.6	Construction	13.5	2024	1	
304	4	1		WT	Lauderdale, Tipton	100329.06	I-69	From Leigh's Chapel Road to South of SR-87 (IA)	3.3	Right-of-Way	15.0	2024	2	
306	4	1		WT	Lauderdale	100329.07	I-69	From South of SR-87 to South of SR-19 (IA)	5.4	Right-of-Way	24.8	2024	5	
308	4	1		WT	Lauderdale	100329.08	I-69	From South of SR-19 to South of Coffee Shop Road (IA)	4.1	Right-of-Way	10.5	2024	6	
314	4	1		WT	Lauderdale	102251.01	SR-19	From East of Eastland Ave. to Haywood County Line (***) (IA)	3.1	Construction	11.8	2024	3	
PE														
335	4	1		WT	Lauderdale	100329.14	I-69 Prop	Ripley By-Pass, From SR-3 south of S.R. 209 to SR-3 north of Chipman Rd. (IA)	12.5	PE	7.6	2024	1	
							NOTE	Yellow notes same phase ranked last year						
							BLUE	Blue notes new project to the list including an existing project broken into phases						
							GREEN	Green notes project moving to new phase						

**8. Approval of TDOT Project Ranking MOTION** by Mr. Robert Turner, Chairman, Town Administrator, City of Somerville (Proxy Hon. Ronnie Neil, Mayor of Somerville) to approve the WTRPO TDOT Project Ranking as presented from the Technical Committee. **SECONDED** by Mr. Glen Stringfellow, Building Inspector, City of Munford (Proxy Hon. Dwayne Cole, Mayor of Munford). Unanimously **APPROVED**.

## 9. Questions/Discussion

No Questions/Discussion

## 10. WTRPO Updates

Ms. Kelly presented grant updated information about the WTRPO area as well as the Community Transportation Planning Grant (CTPG) and Multimodal Access Grant (MMAG) grants.

## 11. TDOT Comments

Mr. Hawkins mentioned the Interstates 40 and 81 Multimodal Corridor Study public meeting and new Long Range Planning Director

## 12. Other Business

No other business

## 13. Public Comment

No public comment.

**14. Adjournment**

No public comment.

**MOTION** by Technical Committee Citizen Representative Mr. Hugh Davis Jr., **SECONDED** by Mayor Craig Fitzhugh, Ripley, TN (Proxy Lin Thompson, Ripley, TN Representative, City of Ripley). Unanimously **APPROVED**. Meeting end 11:07 am.

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