

Dale Hollow RPO Technical & Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Upper Cumberland Development District, Cookeville, TN  
May 20, 2021  
Held virtually due to COVID-19

**Technical Members Present:** Mark Dudney, Joey Reagan, Jordan Hunter, Evan White, Chris Ballou, Sonya King (Chair), Ray Evans (Vice Chair), Dr. Doug Young, Mary Turner, Lloyd Williams, Kurt Heischmidt, Tommy Lee, Tara Wohlgemuth, Chuck Sutherland

**Executive Members Present:** Dale Reagan (Chair), Mark Dudney, Tonya Spears, Jimmy Johnson, Randy Heady, Lloyd Williams, Curtis Hayes via proxy Ray Evans, Jeff Mason, John Potts, Stephen Chambers

**Others Present:** Andrea Noel, TDOT; Ian Preston, TDOT, Michele Price, Upper Cumberland Business Journal, John Brock, UCHRA; Virginia Alexander, UCDD; Marcie Ackerman, UCDD

**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, these committee meetings were held simultaneously.**

**Welcome & Introduction:**

Mark Dudney welcomes the Dale Hollow RPO Committee members at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Dudney outlines the contents of the packet provided via email. Mr. Dudney then asked Technical Committee Vice Chair, Sonya King to call the meeting to order and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

**Technical Committee Call to Order and Roll Call:**

At 10:31 a.m. Sonya King, the Technical Committee Chair, calls the Technical Committee to order. Mark Dudney conducts a roll call of the Technical Committee and announces that a quorum has been obtained.

**Approval of December 17, 2020 Technical Committee Meeting minutes:**

Sonya King opens floor for the approval of the December 17 2020, meeting minutes. Evan White makes a motion to approve, the motion is seconded by Lloyd Williams. The motion passes unanimously.

**Executive Committee Call to Order and Roll Call:**

At 10:36 a.m. Mark Dudney on behalf of Dale Reagan, the Executive Committee Chair, calls the Executive Committee to order. Mark Dudney conducts a roll call of the Executive Committee and announces that a quorum has been obtained.

**Approval of December 17, 2020 Technical Committee Meeting minutes:**

Mark Dudney opens floor for the approval of the December 17, 2020 meeting minutes. Randy Heady makes a motion to approve, the motion is seconded by Lloyd Williams. The motion passes unanimously.

**Presentation of Dale Hollow RPO updates:  
Multimodal Access Grants (MMAG)**

Results of TDOT's most recent cycle of applications has not yet been announced. The Dale Hollow RPO submitted one Hartsville. This proposed project was for sidewalk work/construction

Celina and Lafayette's MMAG are underway and going well.

Celina: TDOT has agreed to manage the project which involved sidewalks.

Lafayette: Waiting on report verifying aquatic features.

### **Community Transportation Planning Grants (CTPG)**

Byrdstown working with Neel-Schaffer on a corridor study on SR 111 access points

Lafayette working with Neel-Schaffer on a community mobility study of the square and industrial access

Gainesboro working with Stantec on a community mobility study (waived match)

Jamestown working with Gresham Smith on a complete streets plan (waived match)

### **Rural Planning Initiative (RuPI – Pilot Project)**

Three of the six applications submitted were funded and have been bundled together. Mattern and Craig is working with Jackson County, Gainesboro and Celina on re-surfacing and striping plans.

### **Tennessee Historical Development Grant Program**

TN Economic and Community Development announced in April the General Assembly will provide \$4.8 million to renovate and preserve the state's historical buildings. Buildings must be on the historic registry and help with job creation and commercial opportunities.

### **National Scenic Byway Applications**

Last summer Mark Dudney, Mike McClanahan and Rachael Bergmann, both of TDOT, worked on two applications for National Scenic Byways in the region. In February it was announced one of those was successful. The Cumberland Historic Byway has been designated a National Scenic Byway now known as Cumberland National Scenic Byway. The byway is roughly 156 miles and has the new tagline of "From the Cumberland Gap to the Cumberland River."

### **UCHRA Updates**

Lloyd Williams and John Brock spoke on the importance of an inner-city bus survey. TDOT conducts the survey every three years and the results help determine how funds will be allocated.

### **TDOT Partner, Mike McClanahan**

Expanded on the National Scenic Byway. This designation will open up opportunities for federal funding, up to \$16 million this summer. Those funds can be used for planning documents, safety improvements, construction of byway facilities (i.e., welcome center) and more.

### **Resurfacing List, Andrea Noel**

<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/maintenance/pavement-office/future-paving-projects.html>

Shows fiscal year 2022 proposed list but will soon show final list. Reminder resurfacing can include bike lanes, road diets, rumble strips, etc. Mentioned Governor Lee's Three Year Transportation Plan is now call the Comprehensive Multimodal Program and was announced in April. This plan covers fiscal year 2022 – 2024.

### **Highway Safety Improvement Program**

Ian Preston spoke on behalf of Brandon Davis. Due to the meeting being switched to Google Meet from Zoom, Mr. Davis could not log in and was not able to send his presentation due to the potentially

sensitive information. Mr. Preston mentioned Mr. Davis would be happy to setup in-person meetings with the mayors and discuss any pertinent information.

**There was no additional discussion or public comments.**

**Adjourn Technical Committee:**

With no other business to discuss both the Technical Committee and Executive Board meetings were adjourned at 11:07 a.m.