

LAKEWAY AREA
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Executive Board

Agenda
Wednesday July 8, 2026



1. Approval of the April 2, 2026 TAC meeting minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

2. Approval of the April 8, 2026 Executive Board meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

3. Welcome Brent Gagley New ETHRA Transportation Director

4. Proposed expansion of existing fixed-route for Jefferson/ Hamblen Counties (Brent Gagley)

Motion to continue the process of exploring the expansion route.

5. TDOT Rural Service Patrol Program Information

No action required

6. TDOT and FHWA Updates

Update on the Pavement Management Plan

7. Other Business

- Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, October, 1, 2026 (Annual Meeting)
- Executive Board Meeting, October 7, 2026 (Annual Meeting)

8. Public Comment

9. Adjournment

Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (LAMTPO)

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

April 2, 2026

Minutes

Board Members Present

Andrew Ellard, City Administrator, City of Morristown
Porter Massengill, Director of Public Works, Jefferson City
Shannon Collins, Lakeway Transit Manager
Mike Richardson, Hamblen County Asst. Road Superintendent
Jodi Barnard, Morristown Chamber of Commerce
Jeremy Stewart, Public Works Director, White Pine
Troy Ebbert, TDOT

Others

James Gallup, City Manager, Jefferson City
Steve Neilson, Development Director, City of Morristown
Tina Whitaker, MTPO Coordinator

1. Approval of the November 12, 2025 Joint meeting minutes.

Andrew Ellard noted corrections needed to the draft minutes and called for a vote.
Shannon Collins made a motion to approve subject to the corrections, seconded by
Jeremy Stewart. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. SY 2026 State of Good Repair Performance Measure Target-Resolution 2026-001

Tina Whitaker explained that this resolution is to adopt the Transit Asset Management (TAM) performance target, which is required by federal law, in coordination with LAMTPO, ETHRA/Lakeway Transit and TDOT. These targets essentially are the useful life of transit vehicles and transit facilities. Porter Massengill made a motion to recommend approval to the Executive Board, seconded by Shannon Collins. All were in favor. Motion carried

3. FY 2026-2027 UPWP Amendment-Resolution 2026-002 Amendment No. 1

Andrew Ellard, representing the City of Morristown, explained the reasoning for conducting corridor studies on Spout Springs, Veterans Parkway, and an extension of Morristown's ITS Corridor.
Tina Whitaker noted that the remaining contract balance of \$89,759, along with additional funds reallocated from Tasks 1, 3, and 5, would be applied to these studies. This adjustment increases funding for Task 6, Special Studies from \$228,991 to \$418,750. The City is requesting the use of these

funds to complete the studies and will provide the required local match. Jeramy Steward made a motion to recommend approval to the Executive Board, seconded by Troy Ebbert. All were in favor. Motion carried.

4. TDOT and FHWA Updates

Troy Ebbert updated the Board on the Transportation Planning Grant (TPG) award for Morristown and Hamblen County for a CTAIP (Inventory and resurfacing plan). He noted that project scoping will begin after April 6, 2026. The anticipated release of the 10-year Plan and SPP announcements is expected in April, pending approval of the state budget by the Legislature. Mr. Ebbert also explained that under the new STIP procedure, all TIP amendments will be pre-approved moving forward, eliminating the need for additional approvals.

Mr. Ebbert also provided a presentation on Region 1 Programs, updating the Board on the Project Delivery Network, the new organizational structure for programs, the Total Process flowchart, and contact information for project updates.

5. Other Business-No action required

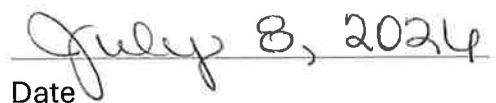
Staff has submitted TIP modification for Jefferson City and Morristown
Executive Board meeting is Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 10 a.m.
Joint Meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, 2026

6. Public Comment-None

7. Adjournment-With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.



LAMTPO Secretary



Date

Lakeway Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (LAMTPO)
Executive Board Meeting
April 8, 2026
Minutes

Board Members Present

James Gallup, City Manager, Jefferson City
Chris Cutshaw, Hamblen County Mayor
Gary Chesney, Morristown City Mayor
Mark Potts, Jefferson County Mayor
Troy Ebbert, TDOT

Others

Stacy Morrison, TDOT Planning Manager
Andrew Ellard, City Administrator, City of Morristown
Steve Neilson, Development Director, City of Morristown
Tina Whitaker, MTPO Coordinator

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4. TDOT and FHWA Updates

Stacy Morrison with TDOT updated the board on the anticipated release of the 10-year Plan and SPP announcements expected in April, pending approval of the state budget by the Legislature. He also explained that under the new STIP procedure and new program, all TIP amendments will be pre-approved moving forward, eliminating the need for additional approvals and will hopefully make the process faster and more efficient.

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5. Other Business-No action required

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LAMTPO Secretary



LAKEWAY TRANSIT ROUTE
EXPANSION PRESENTATION TO THE
LAMTPO BOARD ON JULY 8, 2026

Proposal

Currently

- Operating 3 fixed routes in 2021, on a pulse system in the city of Morristown.
- Services- Monday - Friday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm which also operates 2 vehicles for Lift passengers during the same service hours.

Proposing

- Expand existing fixed route service in the urbanized areas of Hamblen and Jefferson counties.
- Expansion proposal is to add an ADA paratransit loop and a fixed route from Morristown, Tennessee to Jefferson County, Tennessee.
- This expansion will add to and improve existing fixed route service in the city of Morristown to better serve a larger population of both communities.

Requests

A request for 3 buses to be purchased; 2 for the fixed route and 1 for the ADA paratransit loop expansion.

This project will serve individuals and families in areas where currently, there is no fixed route bus service.

Involvement and partnerships with local County and City Government in both Hamblen and Jefferson Counties.



TDOT RURAL SERVICE PATROL PROGRAM INFORMATION



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Rural Service Patrol is an extension of the existing HELP program, which will provide free roadside assistance and incident response to improve safety and reduce travel time on **rural interstates**.

Rural HELP will:

- Extend the successful HELP Program into **rural areas**.
- **Cover 870+ miles** of interstates across all four regions.
- Be delivered through a performance-based contract to **ensure quick, safe, coordinated roadway clearance**.

PROGRAM EFFECTIVE DATE

The Rural HELP program will go into effect beginning in **Region 2 on March 29, 2026**. After the program deploys in Region 2, the program will deploy in Regions 4, 1 and 3 on the dates shown in the table below. **TDOT Rural HELP will be in full effect and 100% operational by July 2026.**

Region	Deployment Date
2	March 29, 2026
4	April 28, 2026
1	May 28, 2026
3	June 27, 2026

TDOT'S ROLE

- **Regional Leadership:** Regional staff oversee daily Rural HELP operations and staffing.
- **Traffic Operations HQ:** Manages statewide contract and overall contractor performance.
- **Transportation Management Center (TMC):** Monitors traffic, supports incident management, coordinates Rural HELP and HELP.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROVIDED

16 HRS a day • **7 DAYS** a week • **6 am - 10:30 pm**

ON-CALL OVERNIGHT for special events & emergencies



NEED HELP? CALL: 511 or *THP (*847)

Rural HELP	HELP
Interstates not covered by HELP	Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis Areas
7 days/week, 16 hrs/day + On-call Overnight/Special Events	7 days/week, 16 hrs/day, On-call Overnight/Special Events
Arrival within 60 min or faster	Arrival within 60 min or faster
37 Designated Coverage Routes	21 Designated Coverage Routes
Disabled/Abandoned Vehicles, Crashes, Debris Removal, Motorist Assist	Disabled/Abandoned Vehicles, Crashes, Debris Removal, Motorist Assist

FIRST RESPONDERS' ROLE

- **Assist TDOT in Program Rollout:** Support coordination and communication during implementation phases.
- **Respond Appropriately to Incidents:** Coordinate through Regional TMC for Rural HELP support in quick clearance and safety during emergencies.
- **Information Sharing:** Provide timely updates on incidents, hazards, and emergency conditions to Regional TMC.