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**POLICY COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

February 27, 2018

M-I-N-U-T-E-S

The Policy Committee of the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) met February 27, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held at Owensboro City Hall, in Room 406, Owensboro, Kentucky. A quorum was present with the members as listed:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Watson, Mayor, City of Owensboro, Chairman  
Al Mattingly, Daviess County Judge/Executive, Vice-Chairman  
John Rudd, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), District 2

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Bill Parrish, City Manager, City of Owensboro  
Kevin Collignon, City Engineer, City of Owensboro  
Mark Brasher, Daviess County Engineer  
Barry House, KYTC, Division of Planning  
Nick Hall, KYTC, District 2  
Jiten Shah, GRADD  
Joanna Shake, GRADD  
Gina Boaz, GRADD  
Jennifer Alvey, GRADD  
Jennifer Marks, GRADD  
Tom Lovett, GRADD

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Watson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 25, 2017, meeting of the Policy Committee were reviewed.

A motion was made by John Rudd and seconded by Al Mattingly to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2017, Policy Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Al Mattingly addressed the committee about the flooding along US 60, west of Owensboro, which forced the closure of the Kimberly-Clark plant in Western Daviess County. The committee questioned Barry House and John Rudd about the SHIFT reprioritization of highway funds in light of the deletion of \$2.9 million for work to prevent flooding on this portion of US 60 from the Highway Plan. Mr. House and Mr. Rudd explained the breakdown of points assigned to each project and that the US 60 project was eliminated when it amassed too many points to merit consideration. Chairman Watson and Judge Mattingly expressed their displeasure with the outcome and asked if the potential for flooding was among the criteria used in prioritizing projects. They replied, it was not.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by John Rudd to send a letter to each member of Owensboro and Daviess County's statehouse representation on behalf of the Owensboro-Daviess County MPO supporting the effort to have the money restored. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan

MPO Coordinator Tom Lovett indicated the bike portion of the plan is in pretty good shape so efforts would be shifting to strengthen the pedestrian data in the document.

B. Safety Performance Measures Resolution

Jennifer Alvey addressed the committee about the adoption of the Safety Performance Measures laid out by KYTC. Discussion ensued whether to adopt the state's benchmarks or have the MPO develop its own.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by John Rudd to approve a resolution adopting the measures. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft FY '19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Gina Boaz presented the committee with an update on the progress being made on the FY '19 UPWP.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by John Rudd to approve sending the draft to KYTC, FHWA, and other groups to seek input before the document is finalized. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Kentucky Recommended Highway Plan

Gina Boaz addressed the committee regarding the Kentucky Recommended Highway Plan. This presentation was for information only; no action was needed.

C. Administrative Modifications #5, #6, #7, #8, #9

Jennifer Alvey updated the committee on several administrative modifications to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). This presentation was for information only; no action was needed.

VI. UPDATES

A. Highway District Office Update

John Rudd gave the following updates:

- KY 54 – the Cabinet is completing an environmental document so the project will be eligible for Federal funding for right-of-way. The money is in the Highway Plan.
- I-65 Corridor (from Bowling Green to Owensboro) – work is beginning. The Cabinet is hoping to let the highway improvements to the Natcher Parkway in April; the interchange at Hartford would be let later in the year; however, that project is not funded in the next biennium. The road cannot be signed as I-65 until the interchange work has begun; although, exceptions to that rule have been made on other projects.

B. Other Updates

None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Watson asked John Rudd about the possibility of adding a decal to the US 60 roadway indicating the exit for the hospital in Owensboro since, he said, it is confusing and could be a life-or-death issue. Mr. Rudd said KYTC doesn't frequently do that; however, he would talk with Kenny Potts at the KYTC District 2 office.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m., on April 24, 2018, at Owensboro City Hall. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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