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JOINT SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE **OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY** METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

October 16, 2018

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The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Policy Committee of the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) met in a joint special called meeting on October 16, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 406, City Hall, Owensboro, Kentucky. A quorum was present with the members, as listed:

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Nate Pagan, Owensboro City Manager, Chairman

Nick Hall, KYTC District 2

Tim Lyons, Owensboro Municipal Utilities (OMU)

Lt. Scott Wedding, Daviess County Sheriff's Office

Sgt. Mike Page, Owensboro Police Department

Dean Behnke, Regional Water Resource Agency (RWRA) (Repre. by Sean O'Bryan)

Jiten Shah, GRADD (Repre. by Joanna Shake)

Scott Atherton, Kenergy

Barry House, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), Division of Planning

Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission (OMPC)

Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport (Repre. by Cameron Howard)

Sharla Wells, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation (GO-EDC)

Mark Brasher, Daviess County Engineer

Kevin Collignon, City of Owensboro, City Engineer

Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Commissioner

Pamela Canary, Owensboro Transit System (OTS)

Candance Brake, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce



Steve Austin, Vice Chairman Kelly Thurman, Secretary David Johnston, Treasurer

Jiten Shah, Executive Director





TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority Eric Perez, KYTC Office of Transportation Delivery Bernadette Dupont, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

POLICY MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Watson, Mayor, City of Owensboro, Chairman Al Mattingly, Daviess County Judge/Executive, Vice-Chairman Deneatra Henderson, KYTC District 2 (Repre. by Nick Hall)

POLICY MEMBERS ABSENT

None

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Austin Ramsey, Messenger-Inquirer David Smith, City of Owensboro Kevin McClearn, American Engineers, Inc. Tom Lovett, GRADD

I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

Policy Chairman Tom Watson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 28, 2018, meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Tim Lyons and seconded by Candance Brake to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018, Technical Advisory Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

The minutes of the August 28, 2018, meeting of the Policy Committee were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Nick Hall to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018, Policy Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Tom Lovett presented an amendment to the TIP, adding \$15 million for the project to widen Kentucky 54 between Owensboro and Whitesville for right-of-way acquisition. This appears to be the result of the State Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) Plan. Under SHIFT, if a funded project doesn't proceed in a timely manner, funds can be reallocated to another project that is able to use them.

Initially, the project was to receive \$10.5 million for right-of-way in FY 2019 and \$4.5 million in FY 2021. The state informed Deneatra Henderson to anticipate only seeing \$7.5 million in FY 2019; however, federal funds became available to get the project the full \$15 million in FY 2019 and this amendment added those funds to the TIP. Barry House added that the more significant step for the project is that because these funds are federal, the project becomes a federal project and, therefore, will be more likely to proceed on pace. Mr. Lovett suggested that TAC recommend the Policy Committee approve the amendment.

A motion was made by Charlie Castle and seconded by Sharla Wells to recommend approval of the TIP Amendment to the Policy Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Having received the recommendation, Chairman Watson brought the issue before the Policy Committee.

A motion was made by Tom Watson and seconded by Al Mattingly to approve the TIP Amendment. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Performance Management 2 and Performance Management 3 Targets

Tom Lovett offered two sets of Performance Management (PM) Targets: one addressing pavement and bridge conditions; the other addressing system performance and travel time reliability. He apologized that the figures provided in the emailed packet differed from those sent out with the agenda. He explained the state had revised some of the targets only the day before. The updated data was included in the packets provided. The changes involved loosening the percentage of pavement that could be rated in "poor" condition. Initially, the state set a farget of two percent of the interstate highways rated as poor, and four percent of non-interstate highways rated as poor. The new targets changed those to three percent and six percent, respectively.

The other changes related to travel time reliability. The ratio was changed from 1.19 to 1.25. Barry House explained that the ratio was an indicator of how reliably a shipping truck could travel through an area in the estimated time. A rating of "1" indicated that a truck could reasonably be expected to pass through an area in the estimated time. A rating of "1.25" indicated it might take up to 25 percent longer than estimated to travel through an area because of congestion.

Mr. Lovett stated these targets were similar to safety performance targets approved by the TAC and Policy Committee during their February meetings. MPOs are being required to adopt targets for these issues and KYTC offered a set of numbers and recommended the MPOs agree to support those numbers. He mentioned that all MPOs in the state, with the exception of Louisville, were agreeing to support the state's targets. Mr. Lovett suggested that the TAC recommend the Policy Committee agree to support the state's targets.

A motion was made by Candance Brake and seconded by Charlie Castlen to recommend support of the state targets to the Policy Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Having received the recommendation, Chairman Watson brought the issue before the Policy Committee.

A motion was made by Tom Watson and seconded by Al Mattingly to support the state's Performance Management 2 and Performance Management 3 Targets. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. TIP Administrative Modifications #13 and #14

Tom Lovett advised the committees of two completed Administrative Modifications to the TIP. Modification #13 corrected the identification of funding for bridge and pavement projects added to the TIP in Modification #12. Modification #14 was to add FY 2019 maintenance funds for the Owensboro Transit System (OTS). This presentation was informational only; no action was required.

VI. UPDATES

A. <u>Highway District Office Update</u>

Nick Hall gave the following updates:

- KY 81 Work continues on the widening of KY 81 from US 60 to the roundabout.
- Salem Drive Right-of-way acquisition was proceeding on a safety project to improve the Salem/Grimes intersection with Frederica Street.

B. MPO Update

Tom Lovett informed the committees he would be attending the quarterly KYTC Planning/MPO meeting, of which he'd report back at the next TAC/Policy meeting.

During the August meeting, there were several questions raised about incorporating more data into the annual crash reports — issues such as the age of the driver(s) involved, and whether factors such as weather or use of a cell phone contributed to the crash. Mr. Lovett said there is a second set of crash data that contains that information, but the two sets of data use different systems to identify crashes and he didn't see a way to marry the two reports. He hadn't figured out a way to put his finger on an incident in each of the two reports to say "this is the same incident." He will continue trying to find a way to put the data together.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Watson asked about two legislative bills — one that would rebrand the state's parkways as freeways, and one that would change the formula used to calculate road funds. Nick Hall was unsure of the status of those bills, therefore, he would look into it.

VIII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

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