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

February 26, 2019

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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 meeting on February 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 406, City Hall, Owensboro, Kentucky. Quorums for both committees were present with the members, as listed:

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nate Pagan, Owensboro City Manager, Chairman  
Nick Hall, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District 2  
Tim Lyons, Owensboro Municipal Utilities (OMU)  
Lt. Scott Wedding, Daviess County Sheriff's Office  
Dean Behnke, Regional Water Resource Agency (RWRA)  
Jiten Shah, Green River Area Development District (GRADD) (Repre. by Joanna Shake)  
Scott Atherton, Kenergy  
Barry House, KYTC Division of Planning  
Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission (OMPC)  
Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority  
Mark Brasher, Daviess County Engineer  
Kevin Collignon, Owensboro City Engineer  
Candance Brake, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce  
Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Commissioner  
Pamela Canary, Owensboro Transit System (OTS)

**TAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

Sgt. Mike Page, Owensboro Police Department (OPD)  
Brittaney Johnson, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation (GO-EDC)  
Rob Barnett, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport

David Johnston, Chairman ■ Brad Schneider, Vice Chairman ■ Al Mattingly, Jr., Secretary ■ Steve Henry, Treasurer ■ Jiten Shah, Executive Director

Eric Perez, KYTC Office of Transportation Delivery  
Bernadette Dupont, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Watson, City of Owensboro Mayor, Chairman  
Al Mattingly, Daviess County Judge/Executive, Vice-Chairman  
Deneatra Henderson, KYTC District 2

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Gina Boaz, GRADD  
Tom Lovett, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Policy Vice Chairman Al Mattingly called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 29, 2019, joint Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meeting were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Deneatra Henderson to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2019, Technical Advisory/Policy Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Tom Lovett informed committee members that the KYTC District 2 office had committed to sponsoring three projects in the MPO's area for the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) road prioritization. The three are:

- Improvement of Fairview Drive from Settles Road to KY 54;
- Improvement of Thruston-Dermont Road from KY 54 to Hayden Road; and
- Reconstruction of the intersection of Fairview Drive and Old Hartford Road.



He stated that left the MPO with 11 projects that were selected in a work session held on February 21 and nine slots available for sponsorship. After a brief discussion, members decided to eliminate the two projects they felt had the least likelihood of being funded:

- Extending E. Byers Road to Old Hartford Road; and
- Adding an interchange on the Natcher Parkway at KY 142.

These are the nine projects that were recommended for SHIFT sponsorship:

- Widen Old Hartford Road from Harriet Lane to Burlew Blvd to improve traffic flow and safety;
- Address poor pavement conditions and congestion on Old Hartford Road from Burlew Blvd to Breckenridge St.;
- Reconstruct W. 18th St. from Frederica St. to JR Miller Blvd, to allow for center turn lanes as needed;
- Reconstruct E. 18th St. from JR Miller Blvd to Breckenridge St., to allow for center turn lanes as needed;
- Reconstruct E. 18th St. from Breckenridge St. to Leitchfield Road, to allow for center turn lanes as needed;
- Construct a connector to link the end of Grimes Ave. to KY 603;
- Study access management and make intersection improvements on Frederica St. from the US 60 overpass to 25th St.;
- Reconstruct E. Ninth St. away from the railroad tracks from Breckenridge St. to Leitchfield Road; and
- Reconstruct Southeastern Parkway from Old Hartford Road to New Hartford Road to address safety issues.

A motion was made by Charlie Castlen and seconded by Candance Brake for the TAC to recommend the nine projects be sponsored for the 2020 SHIFT. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Deneatra Henderson for the Policy Committee to sponsor the nine projects for the 2020 SHIFT. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Safety Performance Targets

Tom Lovett informed the committees that KYTC has once again established Safety Performance targets and once again recommended the Owensboro-Daviess County MPO support those targets. The targets represent a five-year rolling average; therefore, the 2019 targets reflect data from 2014-2018. The targets are:

- Number of Fatalities: 737
- Number of Serious Injuries: 2,991
- Fatality Rate (per 100M Vehicle Miles Traveled): 1.5
- Serious Injury Rate (per 100M Vehicle Miles Traveled): 6.07
- Total Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries: 276

A motion was made by Dean Behnke and seconded by Charlie Castlen for the TAC to recommend supporting the KYTC Safety Performance targets. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Tom Watson to support the KYTC Safety Performance targets. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Draft UPWP (Unified Planning Work Program)

Tom Lovett informed the committees that he has begun writing a new Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which outlines the scope of work for the MPO. He stated it lays out each of the nine work areas the MPO has and the documentation the MPO coordinator must produce.

He said one element of the UPWP, listed under Technical Assistance to Owensboro and Daviess County, is the annual crash report. He told the committees the crash report is not required by state or federal officials; the MPO does it as an additional service. Mr. Lovett said after speaking with law enforcement, GRADD staff believed the report wasn't terribly helpful in its current form and suggested the possibility of either altering it or doing away with it.

Mr. Lovett said the data the current report provides is available to law enforcement in a more useful form and suggested a reconsideration of the report was in order.

Barry House of KYTC pointed out the Owensboro MPO is the only one that produces this sort of report and said he wasn't sure it was useful.

Mark Brasher and Kevin Collignon, the county and city engineers, respectively, said their offices use the report. Judge Mattingly suggested Mr. Lovett meet with the engineers to discuss the situation and report back to the MPO.

VI. UPDATES

A. Highway District Office Update

Deneatra Henderson gave the following update:

- Work on US 60 at Oakford Road will be let in April.

B. MPO Update

None.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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