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

January 28, 2020

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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 Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 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)

Sean O'Bryan, Regional Water Resource Agency (RWRA)

Jiten Shah, Green River Area Development District (GRADD)

Scott Atherton, Kenergy

Barry House, KYTC Division of Planning

Brittaney Johnson, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation (GO-EDC)

Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission (OMPC)

Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority

Candance Brake, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce

Mark Brasher, Daviess County Engineer

Sgt. Mike Page, Owensboro Police Department (OPD)

Kevin Collignon, Owensboro City Engineer

Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Commissioner

Sgt. Tyler Free, Daviess County Sheriff's Office

Bernadette Dupont, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

David Johnston, Chairman 🌞 Brad Schneider, Vice Chairman 🥷 Al Mattingly, Jr., Secretary 🍍 Steve Henry, Treasurer 💌 Jiten Shah, Executive Director



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TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Perez, KYTC Office of Transportation Delivery Pamela Canary, Owensboro Transit System (OTS) Rob Barnett, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Watson, City of Owensboro Mayor, Chairman Al Mattingly, Daviess County Judge/Executive, Vice-Chairman Deneatra Henderson, KYTC District 2 Todd Jeter, KY Division Administrator, FHWA

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, FTA

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Trey Crumbie, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer Kevin McClearn, American Engineers, Inc. Keirsten Jaggers, KYTC District 2 Gina Boaz, GRADD Tom Lovett, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 26, 2019, joint Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meeting were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Candance Brake and seconded by Jiten Shah to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019, Technical Advisory/Policy Committee meeting.

Barry House asked for a clarification about a comment about the timing of stoplights on both South Frederica Street and Kentucky 54. Al Mattingly asked if altering the timing hypothetically December 1 through January 1 was possible. Mr. House replied it is potentially possible but probably not with the equipment that is in place in Owensboro. Mark Brasher said, in the past, the timing of lights on South Frederica had been altered from after Thanksgiving through the end of the year, so this type of thing is physically possible. Al Mattingly then asked Deneatra Henderson to see if it could be done. She said the problem on KY 54 is not timing of the lights but the capacity.

A vote was taken and the motion carried.

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III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Todd Jeter, the new division administrator for Kentucky, introduced himself and FHWA Planner Bernadette Dupont.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Survey Data

Tom Lovett informed committee members that, during the last meeting, it was agreed he would pull a list of about 25 potential projects from comments received during the MTP survey and present them to the MPO for their consideration. He referred to attachment #2 in the handout as this requested list.

V. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

A. Obligated Projects List

Tom Lovett explained that every year, he is required to produce a report listing all projects to which federal funds have been committed, and the Unified Planning Work Program required he present the completed report to the MPO. He referred everyone to attachment #3 in the handout.

B. <u>Metropolitan Transportation Plan</u>

Tom Lovett stated he has started writing the new MTP. Attachment #4 in the handout is a look at the table of contents and chapter one of the document. He said he included the table of contents so committee members would have some idea of what he was planning for the document. He hopes to bring chapter two, which would contain demographic information, to the next meeting. He mentioned, one area he is looking at is commuter patterns in the MPO – specifically how many county residents leave the county for work and how many residents from other counties come to Daviess County for work.

Ms. Dupont asked why there were question marks next to "freight" in the table of contents. Mr. Lovett said he wasn't sure where to go to obtain freight data for the MPO. Judge Mattingly suggested speaking with David Smith at the Daviess County Courthouse.

VI. UPDATES

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

Deneatra Hall provided the following updates:

 US 60 flooding construction project has been open since before Thanksgiving and work is wrapping up now; Joint Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee Meeting Minutes January 28, 2020 – Page 4

- Resurfacing projects have been let on:
 - o KY 554 between KY 81 and US 431;
 - o KY 405 between Graves Lane and KY 662; and
 - o KY 54 between Waterwheel Way and Jack Hinton Road.
- All the guardrail end treatments on US 431 have been upgraded; and
- KY 54 is in design and KYTC is in the process of purchasing right-of-way for the expansion to six lanes from US 60 to Bold Forbes Way. Neither funds for utility work nor construction have been authorized for this section. Nor have funds been made available for future sections of the project.

B. MPO Update

Tom Lovett gave the following updates:

- He will be going to Chicago for a Transportation Planning course;
- The county engineer's office has requested a radar study on Lee Rudy Road; and
- OTS is applying for an FTA grant for an electric bus and charging station.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Owensboro Mayor Tom Watson asked about several potential projects:

- Adding a turn light on KY 54 at The Springs;
- Adding a stamp or signage on the pavement of US 60 indicating how to get to the hospital;
- Adding a monorail linking the KY 54 area to downtown; and
- A secondary bypass. Mr. Lovett said there is already an outer loop project in the CHAF database, and it would need to be added to the MTP.

A motion was made by Jiten Shah and seconded by Al Mattingly that the mayor appoint a committee to study possible routes for an outer loop. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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