



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

March 30, 2021

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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 at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2021. The meeting was held via Zoom. Quorums for both committees were present with the members, as listed:

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Nick Hall, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District 2
Tim Lyons, Owensboro Municipal Utilities (OMU)
Joanna Shake, Green River Area Development District (GRADD)
Barry House, KYTC Division of Planning
Brittaney Johnson, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation (GO-EDC)
Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission (OMPC)
Mark Brasher, Daviess County Engineer
Sgt. Mike Page, Owensboro Police Department (OPD)
Scott Atherton, Kenergy
Candance Brake, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce
Kevin Collignon, Owensboro City Engineer
Sean O'Bryan, Regional Water Resource Agency (RWRA)
Eric Perez, KYTC Office of Transportation Delivery (represented by Carrie Elliston)

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Nate Pagan, Owensboro City Manager, Chairman
Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority
Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Commissioner
Pamela Canary, Owensboro Transit System (OTS)
Sgt. Tyler Free, Daviess County Sheriff's Office

Bernadette Dupont, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Al Mattingly, Daviess County Judge/Executive, Chairman
Tom Watson, City of Owensboro Mayor, Vice-Chairman (represented by Nate Pagan)
Deneatra Henderson, KYTC District 2

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Todd Jeter, KY Division Administrator, FHWA
Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, FTA

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Nathan Havenner, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer
Jennifer Alvey, GRADD
Luke Hill, GRADD
Tom Lovett, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Policy Committee Chair Al Mattingly called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 23, 2021, joint Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meeting were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Judge-Executive Al Mattingly and seconded by Mayor Tom Watson to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021, Technical Advisory/Policy Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. SHIFT Prioritization

The members of the committees began a discussion to select a group of road projects to submit to the Kentucky Department of Transportation for scoring in the SHIFT process. As the discussion began, Barry House of the KYTC Division of Planning asked Tom Lovett of the MPO to explain the process.

Mr. Lovett explained that every two years, all the MPOs and planning agencies in the state submit a list of projects to KYTC as part of the SHIFT process. SHIFT (Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow) is a process to prioritize road projects statewide to make the best use of the road improvement funds available. Each agency is given a specific number of projects it may sponsor. He said the Owensboro-Daviess County MPO can sponsor nine projects. Once all the agencies submit their projects, KYTC scores each project based on criteria such as economic benefit, safety and cost/benefit analysis. The state then lists all the projects from highest to lowest score.

Mr. Lovett said that list is sent back to the agencies, which can then add “boost” points to improve a project’s score and move it up the priority list. The final list represents the order in which road projects will be funded. He told committee members that this time, the order of the projects selected is not important, all they need to do is compile a list for sponsorship.

Mr. Lovett reminded committee members that during the last SHIFT, KYTC’s District 2 office sponsored several projects in the MPO area, so he recommended the MPO select a total of 11 or 12 projects, in case that happened again this year.

Mr. Lovett then presented MPO members with a list of all the projects in the MPO’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He said the projects were being presented in the same order in which they are listed in the MTP. The first projects are contained in the current Six-Year Highway Plan. The next group is all the projects that have been assigned to a specific time window in the MTP and the final group are all the remaining projects that have not been scheduled to a specific window of time.

Mr. Lovett informed the members that when the projects were broken up for the MTP, he used the final rankings selected by MPO members for the last SHIFT process two years ago.

Nick Hall of the KYTC District 2 office told member that two years ago, his office sponsored four projects in the MPO area, but no decision had been made yet about how the office would use its 51 sponsorships this year.

Mark Brasher, Daviess County engineer pointed out that a project on Daniels Lane was complete and needed to be removed from the list.

Owensboro Mayor Tom Watson asked for clarification that the list being presented represent the final rankings from two years ago. He was told that was correct. He then asked if anyone wanted to change any of the rankings. He said keeping the list the same would simplify the process and said he didn’t see that a whole lot had changed in the intervening two years. He recommended just adopting the same list.

Daviess County Judge Al Mattingly clarified that he believed the Mayor was suggested just adopting the same top 12 projects, since conditions had not changed. He said he agreed with that logic.

Mr. Lovett was asked that since this project list was developed from the final list two years ago, would the scores from KYTC be the same. He said the criteria had changed

somewhat and been refined, so that could change the scores somewhat, but overall, there probably wouldn't be significant changes.

Deneatra Henderson of the KYTC District 2 office brought up the Mid-State Corridor project and pointed out that a Fairview Drive project on the proposed list was already in the process of being built and could be removed from consideration.

Judge Mattingly asked if anyone had objection to adopting the top 12 projects as listed. Mayor Watson asked Ms. Henderson for clarification about the Mid-State Corridor project.

She said that she knew that the project was of interest to committee members and that if the MPO wanted it to be considered, it should be added to the list to be scored by the state.

Mayor Watson recommended adding the Mid-State Corridor to the recommended list. Judge Mattingly concurred. Judge Mattingly suggested replacing the Grimes Avenue connection to KY 603. Owensboro City Engineer Kevin Collignon said there is still need for the project, but there's problems that would make it difficult, such as grade and right-of-way acquisition.

Judge Mattingly asked for objections to replacing Grime Avenue with the Mid-State Corridor. There were none. He asked whether anyone supported making the change. Mayor Watson said he supported it. Judge Mattingly the told Mr. Lovett to go ahead and make the change and take the remaining top 12 projects as presented.

The members opted to wait until the April meeting to give final approval to the list to allow members to learn how many projects the KYTC District 2 office might be sponsoring in the MPO area.

VI. UPDATES

A. Highway District Office Update

Deneatra Henderson of KYTC's District 2 Office told the member there are several active projects due to begin:

- The southbound lane of KY 331 is to be resurfaced.
- Resurfacing of U.S. 231 from the county line to the Panther Creek bridge.
- Resurfacing three miles on KY 2830 near Iceland Spur

She said the right-of-way on KY 54 continues to progress well and the project will move into the utilities phase. She said the goal is to be ready to begin construction in the summer of 2022.

- The Fairview Drive intersection is still being designed as a roundabout.
- She said there is a safety improvement for the Panther Creek Bridge on KY 81 to be let.

B. MPO Update

Tom Lovett gave the following updates:

- The MPO is working with OTS on several grants including finalizing the FY 2020 formula grant. Work should begin soon on the FY 2021 grant.
- The new Unified Plannig Work Program (UPWP) will come before the MPO at the April meeting for final approval.

- The Outer Loop study committee will hold a second stakeholder meeting in early May. Most, if not all the MPO members would be invited to participate.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

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