

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

January 30, 2024

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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, January 30, 2024, in Owensboro's City Hall. Quorums for both committees were present with the members, as listed:

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Nate Pagan, Owensboro City Manager, Chair
Nick Hall, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 2
Mark Brasher, Daviess County Engineer
Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Claude Bacon, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation
Isidro Delgado, KYTC Division of Planning
Scott Atherton, Kenergy
Garrett Gordon, Regional Water Resource Agency
Aron Contratto, Owensboro Police Department
Sgt. Tyler Free, Daviess County Sheriff's Office
Tim Lyons, Owensboro Municipal Utilities
Candance Brake, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce
Vickie Pennington, Owensboro Transit System
Derek Moris, KYTC Office of Transportation Delivery
Nick Vail, FHWA Kentucky Division

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Collignon, Owensboro City Engineer
Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority

Steve Henry, Chairman | **Adam O'Nan**, Vice Chairman | **Johnny "Chic" Roberts**, Secretary | **Curtis Dame**, Treasurer | **Joanna Shake**, Executive Director



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Janie Marksberry, Daviess County Fiscal Court
Tristan Durbin, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport
Joanna Shake, Green River Area Development District

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Fiscal Court, chair
Tom Watson, City of Owensboro
Deneatra Henderson, KYTC District 2 Office (represented by Nick Hall)

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

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

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Dirk Dooper, Daviess County engineer's office
Brad Davis, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation
Tom Lovett, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Policy Chair Thomas Watson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 31, 2023, joint Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meeting were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mayor Tom Watson and seconded by Judge Charlie Castlen to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2023, Technical Advisory/Policy Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2024 Transit Asset Management Targets

Vickie Pennington, Owensboro Transit's manager, presented OTS's 2024 Transit Asset Management Targets to the MPO. She stated OTS is required to evaluate the targets annually. She has reviewed the targets and saw no reason to change them from 2023.

A motion was made by Brian Howard seconded by Tim Lyons to recommend approval of Owensboro Transit's TAM Targets to the policy committee. A vote was held and the motion passed.

Mayor Watson made a motion to approve Owensboro Transit's TAM Targets as recommended by the TAC. The motion was seconded by Judge Castlen. A vote was held and the motion passed.

B. PL request for I-165 study

Tom Lovett reported he requested Planning funds to study the feasibility of an Interchange in southern Daviess County on I-165. He reminded the members there had been interest in such a study during the 2024 SHIFT project ranking, and he informed them there was planning money available for such studies.

He shared after consultation with KYTC, he requested \$200,000 for the study, which would be \$160,000 in federal funds with a \$40,000 local match. Candance Brake, president and CEO of the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, stated she remembered a similar study being done at some point in the past and asked Mr. Lovett and Nick Hall of the KYTC District 2 office to check their files to see what the outcome was at the time. They both agreed to look for it.

Owensboro City Manager and TAC Chair Nate Pagan asked how the study would be conducted. Mr. Lovett shared the MPO would hire a consultant to do the study. Mr. Pagan also asked about the source of the local match. Mr. Lovett responded it would need to come from local government.

C. Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Update

Mr. Lovett presented an update on the Safe Streets for All action plan grant. He shared GRADD was still waiting on UK to provide road safety data so work could begin. Once GRADD received the data, staff would contact county engineers to begin gathering road survey data.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. UPDATES

District 2 update: Nick Hall offered the following updates:

- Construction funds for the Old Hartford/Fairview intersection are in the recommended Highway Plan. Project is in Right of Way
- Thruston/Dermont project-joint inspection meeting in March
- Fairview Drive from KY 54 to Settles is in Right of Way

MPO update: Mr. Lovett offered the following updates:

- Two of the three projects boosted by the MPO in the 2024 SHIFT are included in the recommended Highway Plan. Few other SHIFT projects were included. After consulting with the other MPOs, it was determined this issue is not just us. All the MPOs got pavement and bridge maintenance projects and not much else. There was some speculation that the two Ohio bridge projects and the Mountain Parkway widening were taking up much of the available funds. KYTC recommended MPO members contact their legislators to push for projects to be included in the final Highway Plan.
- KYTC and WKU produced a survey on roundabouts. He asked members to take the survey and to pass it along.
- Greenhouse Gas targets are coming. The state is not going to meet its deadline to set its target. Once it does, the MPO has 180 to decide to support that target. Kentucky is one of 25 states suing to block the target.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Watson asked about the project to realign the intersection of I-165 and US 60. Mr. Lovett told him the project has been added to the Continuous Highway Analysis Framework (CHAF). This is the first step to getting it included in the Highway Plan. Mr. Hall added to raise the US 60 extension to interstate standard, all the at-grade intersections along it would have to be eliminated or converted into interchanges.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

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