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

August 29, 2023

M-I-N-U-T-E-S

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, August 29, 2023, 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  
Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority  
Joanna Shake, Green River Area Development District  
Candance Brake, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce  
Claude Bacon, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation  
Isidro Delgado, KYTC Division of Planning  
Scott Atherton, Kenergy  
Garrett Gordon, Regional Water Resource Agency  
Janie Marksberry, Daviess County Fiscal Court  
Aron Contratto, Owensboro Police Department  
Sgt. Tyler Free, Daviess County Sheriff's Office  
Tim Lyons, Owensboro Municipal Utilities  
Nick Vail, FHWA representative

**TAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

Pamela Canary, Owensboro Transit System  
Tristan Durbin, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport

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



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POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Tom Watson, City of Owensboro, Chair  
Judge Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Fiscal Court  
Deneatra Henderson, KYTC District 2 Office

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

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

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Senator Gary Boswell, Kentucky Legislature  
Representative Suzanne Miles, Kentucky Legislature  
Brad Davis, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation  
Kevin McClearn, AEI  
Dan Lanham, GRITS  
Josh Kelly, Owensboro Times  
Jennifer Alvey, GRADD  
Tom Lovett, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 25, 2023, joint Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meeting were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Tom Watson and seconded by Nate Pagan to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2023, Technical Advisory/Policy Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. SHIFT Boost

Tom Lovett of GRADD directed members to a spreadsheet showing all the projects the Owensboro-Daviess County MPO submitted to The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) for the 2024 Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) process. Nate Pagan explained the highest scoring projects received funding. This year, the MPO can boost three projects, adding 15 points to the score of each project chosen. The

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District 2 office can also boost projects. They have chosen to boost the 231/US 60 project at Maceo and the intersection at Old Hartford Road and Fairview Drive project. Mark Brasher, Daviess County engineer, suggested the TAC recommend the MPO boost those two projects as well, and the project to improve Fairview Drive from Settles Lane to KY 54. Nate Pagan asked for discussion from the TAC. After discussion, a motion was made.

A motion was made by Candance Brake seconded by Mark Brasher to recommend the MPO use its boosts to support the 231/US 60 project, the Old Hartford Road and Fairview Dr. project, and the Fairview Dr. and Settles Lane project. A vote was held and the motion passed.

Mayor Watson made a motion to use the MPO's three boosts as recommended by the TAC – to boost the 231/US 60 project, the Old Hartford Road and Fairview Dr. project, and the Fairview Dr. and Settles Lane project. The motion was seconded by Judge Castlen. A vote was held and the motion passed.

B. 2023 Participation Plan

Tom Lovett asked the MPO for approval to distribute the 2023 Participation Plan for the required 45-day public comment period. The plan will be available at the GRADD Office, Owensboro City Hall, Whitesville City Hall, the Daviess County Judge/Executive's office, the Owensboro Transit System office, the Daviess-County Public Library and GRADD's website. Mr. Lovett will ask the MPO for approval of the plan after the public comment period has ended at the October MPO meeting. Tom Watson asked the committee for any objections. Hearing none, the plan was approved for distribution for public comment.

C. CRP Funds

Tom Lovett explained Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds are going to be available for the next three years (about \$200,000 a year). These funds could be used for a Greenbelt project. Candance Brake requested the Chamber of Young Professionals be allowed to present to the TAC about using these funds. Members were open to listening to their suggestions.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT



Senator Gary Boswell shared his concern about unsightliness in the city by sharing a video of downed ash trees on the bypass. He thanked Deneatra Henderson of the KYTC District 2 office for her office's assistance in removing the dead and dying trees.

Nate Pagan shared the City receives complaints about time between mowings on the bypass. Deneatra Henderson shared six mowings a year have been added which should help with the issue. Ms. Henderson stated the mowing contractor has had some safety issues on the Hwy 60 corridor.

VI. UPDATES

**District 2 update:** Deneatra Henderson offered the following updates:

- Hwy 54 has been let and is in the utility phase. By next summer, construction should begin.

**MPO update:** Mr. Lovett offered the following updates:

- Attending a Freight Conference (big trucks) September 5-7 in Cincinnati.
- Attending a conference September 11-13 in Oklahoma City.
- Spoke at a gathering of the Shively York neighborhood regarding concern over the intersection of Barron Dr. and Carter Road. They specifically asked for a traffic light. Deneatra Henderson stated approval has been made for a signal at that intersection.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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