

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

October 31, 2023

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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, October 31, 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
Kevin Collignon, Owensboro City Engineer
Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority
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
Pamela Canary, Owensboro Transit System

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Candance Brake, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce
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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Joanna Shake, Green River Area Development District
Nick Vail, FHWA Kentucky Division
Eric Perez, KYTC Office of Transportation Delivery

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Watson, City of Owensboro, Chair
Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Fiscal Court
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

Brad Davis, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation
Jared Revlett, Chamber of Young Professionals
Don Wilkins, Messenger-Inquirer
Josh Kelly, Owensboro Times
Jennifer Alvey, GRADD
Tom Lovett, GRADD
Therese Payne, 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 August 29, 2023, joint Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meeting were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Judge Charlie Castlen and seconded by Mayor Tom Watson to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2023, Technical Advisory/Policy Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2023 Participation Plan

Tom Lovett of GRADD shared no public comments were received during the

public comment period of the 2023 Participation Plan. Mr. Lovett asked the TAC to recommend approval of the 2023 Participation Plan to the policy committee.

A motion was made by Brian Howard seconded by Tim Lyons to recommend approval of the 2023 Participation Plan to the policy committee.

Judge Castlen made a motion to approve the 2023 Participation Plan as recommended by the TAC. The motion was seconded by Mayor Watson. A vote was held and the motion passed.

B. Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Update

Tom Lovett shared the two-year timeline for the SS4A grant to study roads. Data from Kentucky State Police will indicate which roads need to be studied. Data collection in the GRADD region will take place from January through June of 2024. In November, Mr. Lovett will bring the findings before the MPO for their input.

C. Bike Project

Jared Revlett of the Chamber of Young Professionals presented a proposal to use Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds to fund a two-part project. The first part of the project includes installing bike stations at 10 locations throughout the community to provide better safety and accessibility to high-traffic areas. The estimate for the bike stations is \$18,575.55 from Dero. The following locations for bike stations were identified in partnership with Amanda Rogers from the City of Owensboro and Ross Leigh from the Daviess County Parks Department:

- Hidgon Rd. Greenbelt Access Point
- Moreland Park
- Smothers Park
- Kendall Perkins Park
- Greenbelt Expansion near the hospital
- Fisher Park
- Legion Park
- Dugan Best Park
- Brookhill/Heartlands Greenbelt Access Point
- Shifley Park

The second part of the project recommends moving forward with the installation of the following yet-to-be completed paths/routes to improve bikeability/walkability:

- Cravens Ave > W 5th St > Castlen/Hanning
(Completes Greenbelt to English Park)
- Hanning > W 1st St
(Connects English to Smothers)
- Hwy 54 from E Byers Ave to Leitchfield Rd
(Connects Greenbelt to Chautauqua Park)
- CS-1029 > Alsop Ln > E 4th/E 2nd
(Connects east Greenbelt to downtown)
- Old Hartford > 22nd St > Daviess
(Provides access for east side of center of town)

Questions were raised about the challenge of adding bike lanes to streets, leading to the loss of parking and other issues. Judge Castlen asked where bike stations like the ones proposed could be found. Mr. Revlett stated Evansville and Louisville both have them. Nate Pagan thanked Mr. Revlett and the Chamber of Young Professionals for their work on this proposal and stated it aligned well with plans the city is currently updating.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Watson voiced his concern about the mid-state corridor at the bypass and the parkway. The mayor contacted Mike Hancock in Frankfort who suggested a clover leaf to fix the issue. Nick Hall and Tom Lovett recommended the project be submitted to the Continuous Highway Analysis (CHAF).

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. UPDATES

District 2 update: Nick Hall offered the following updates:

- Old Hartford/Fairview project-in Right of Way
- KY 54 project-Phase 3 and 4-skipped phase 2; joint inspection was in September
- Thruston/Dermont project-joint inspection meeting before January

MPO update: Mr. Lovett offered the following updates:

- Working on submitting obligated projects report for KYTC
- Attended conference in Oklahoma City and learned of a van pool project with Enterprise. Contact is sending information.
- Will learn more about CRP funds on a zoom call in November.
- State Transportation Block Grants (STBG) may also be available.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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