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GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

August 29, 2018

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

The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) met on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the GRADD Office in Owensboro, KY. It was determined a quorum was present with the following persons in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Henry, Webster County Judge/Executive
Adam O’Nan, Union County Judge/Executive (Rep. by Melissa Coker)
Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission (OMPC)
Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport (Rep. by Cameron Howard)
Mike Baker, Hancock County Industrial Foundation
Candance Brake, Greater Owensboro Chamber
Deneatra Henderson, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), District Office 2
Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority
Linda Wilson, Webster County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Al Mattingly, Jr., Daviess County Judge/Executive
Kelly Thurman, McLean County Judge/Executive
Jack McCaslin, Hancock County Judge/Executive
Brad Schneider/George Warren, Henderson County Fiscal Court
David Johnston, Ohio County Judge/Executive
Steve Austin, Mayor, City of Henderson (Rep. by Doug Boom)
Tom Watson, Mayor, City of Owensboro
Donnie Mayton, Bicycle Owensboro
Captain Bob Shultz, Kentucky State Police (KSP) – Post 16 (Rep. by Corey King)
Charlotte Whittaker, Senior Representative
Mark Calitri, Owensboro-Daviess County Convention Center & Visitor’s Bureau
Jimmy VanCleve, Area 3 Training Center
Tony Iriti, Kyndle
Dan Lanham, AACS/GRITS

Kelly Thurman, Chairman ■ David Johnston, Vice Chairman ■ Brad Schneider, Secretary ■ Al Mattingly, Jr., Treasurer ■ Jiten Shah, Executive Director

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GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Nick Hall, KYTC, District Office 2
Mark Welch, KYTC, Rural & Municipal Aid
Kevin McClearn, AEI
Austin Ramsey, Messenger-Inquirer
Gina Boaz, GRADD
Jennifer Alvey, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Henry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Chairman Henry offered the minutes of the May 30, 2018, meeting of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee for approval.

A motion was made by Brian Howard and seconded by Candance Brake to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2018, GRADD Regional Transportation Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. I-165 Update

Deneatra Henderson, Chief District Engineer, KYTC District 2 updated the committee on the progress of establishing the William Natcher Parkway officially as I-165. She stated that KYTC has awarded a \$41 million contract to convert 35 miles in Daviess and Ohio Counties and 37 miles in Butler and Warren Counties of the parkway to interstate standards. The upgrades will include pavement rehabilitation, mainline bridge widening, retrofitting of bridge barriers, improving drainage and ditch condition, as well as lighting upgrades. The \$41 million does not include the retrofitting of the parkway's interchanges at KY 69 in Ohio County and two other interchanges in Butler and Warren Counties. Ms. Henderson advised the Western KY Parkway interchange will be revamped to meet interstate standards due to a \$2.1 million change order KYTC issued to the current rehabilitation project. KYTC is currently negotiating with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to allow the \$2 million-plus award for interstate signage to be erected as soon as funding for the interchanges is authorized in the state road plan.

B. FY 2019 Plan for Committee Activities

Gina Boaz, GRADD, presented the FY 2019 Plan for Committee Activities which outlines topics to be discussed at the RTC meetings through June 2019 for approval.

A motion was made by Candance Brake and seconded by Brian Howard to approve the FY 2019 Plan for Committee Activities. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. FY 2019 RTC Bylaws

Chairman Henry presented the FY 2019 RTC Bylaws. He stated there were no changes to be made. He also stated each year KYTC requests that the bylaws be reviewed and approved.

A motion was made by Candance Brake and seconded by Brian Howard to approve the FY 2019 RTC Bylaws. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. FY 2019 Goals & Objectives

Gina Boaz provided a draft of the FY 2019 Goals & Objectives for committee review and update. She asked that any changes be submitted to her by mid-October.

V. UPDATES

A. Highway District Office Update

Deneatra Henderson reported on the following projects:

Daviess – William Natcher Parkway (I-165) interstate improvements from Owensboro to Bowling Green have begun;
KY 81 bridge should reopen in 2-3 days;
KY 81 widening from US 60 overpass to roundabout should be complete by the end of this year;
US 431 at Salem/Goetz project will begin right-of-way this fall;
US 60 near Oakford Rd flooding relief project is still in right-of-way;
Hancock – US 60 widening project should be complete by June 30, 2019;
Henderson – US 60/Green St paving & utility project is complete;
McLean – US 431 project near Livermore is currently underway;
Ohio – US 231 safety project was let and should be completed by end of 2018;
Union – KY 359 bridge replacements are expected to be completed soon; and
Webster – KY 1046 bridge repair is underway and should be completed in 6-8 weeks.

B. Other Updates

Chairman Henry announced he would appoint a nominating committee for officer elections which will be held at the November meeting. He will contact those appointed.

Gina Boaz advised the committee of the I-69 Final Draft Environmental Assessment Study with a preferred bridge location should be completed by mid-November of this year.

Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport, informed the committee of the riverport's submittal of the federal BRIDGE funding application for the widening of KY 331 (Industrial Drive).

Gina Boaz invited everyone to attend the GRADD 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held on September 21 at the Owensboro Convention Center.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

A. Public Comments

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2018. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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