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**GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

November 28, 2018

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) met on Wednesday, November 28, 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
Tom Watson, Mayor, City of Owensboro (Rep. by Kevin Collignan)
Steve Austin, Mayor, City of Henderson (Rep. by Doug Boom)
Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission (OMPC)
Mike Baker, Hancock County Industrial Foundation
Deneatra Henderson, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), District Office 2
(Rep. by Nick Hall)
Linda Wilson, Webster County
Captain Brenton Ford, Kentucky State Police (KSP) – Post 16 (Rep. by Corey King)
Charlotte Whittaker, Senior Representative

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
Adam O’Nan, Union County Judge/Executive
Donnie Mayton, Bicycle Owensboro
Mark Calitri, Owensboro-Daviess County Convention Center & Visitor’s Bureau
Jimmy VanCleve, Area 3 Training Center
Tony Iriti, Kyndle
Dan Lanham, AACS/GRITS

Jack McCaslin, *Chairman* ■ Steve Austin, *Vice Chairman* ■ Kelly Thurman, *Secretary* ■ David Johnston, *Treasurer* ■ Jiten Shah, *Executive Director*

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Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport
Candance Brake, Greater Owensboro Chamber
Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Suzanne Miles, Congressman Brett Guthrie's office
Beau Wright, Ohio County Parks
Kevin McClearn, AEI
Austin Ramsey, Messenger-Inquirer
Joanna Shake, GRADD
Gina Boaz, GRADD
Cyndi Isbill, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Henry called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Chairman Henry offered the minutes of the August 29, 2018, meeting of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee for approval.

A motion was made by Charlotte Whittaker and seconded by Mike Baker to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2018, GRADD Regional Transportation Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2019 Election of Officers

Charlotte Whittaker, Nominating Committee Chair, reported the Nominating Committee, consisting of Mike Baker, Linda Wilson and herself, met prior to the meeting to consider the slate of officers for 2019. She presented the nomination of officers for 2019 to remain the same as 2018 being Judge Steve Henry, Chair; Brian Howard, Vice-Chair; and Donnie Mayton, Secretary.

A motion was made by Charlotte Whittaker and seconded by Doug Boom to approve the nominating committee's report.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Resolution to Support the Transportation Funding Mechanisms

Chairman Henry presented a resolution that will be provided to the Kentucky General Assembly in support of the modernization of Kentucky's transportation funding mechanisms. He stated that numerous county governments and Area Development Districts have adopted a similar resolution. (Attached)

A motion was made by Mike Baker and seconded by Linda Wilson to adopt the Resolution of the Regional Transportation Committee to Support the Modernization of Kentucky's Transportation Funding Mechanisms. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Inactive Unscheduled Needs Projects Review

Gina Boaz informed the committee the current unscheduled needs list will be reviewed in the upcoming months in conjunction with GRADD staff, KYTC District Highway Office Two planning staff, and local elected officials to determine if there are projects on the list that are no longer considered needed or viable that can be removed. The committee will be informed of any desired changes.

D. FY 2019 Public Involvement List of Resources

Gina Boaz provided a draft of the FY 2019 Public Involvement List of Resources for committee review and update. This list is used as a public involvement tool during transportation studies and during public involvement periods for transportation documents. She asked that any changes be submitted to her by mid-January.

V. UPDATES

A. Highway District Office Update

Nick Hall reported on the following projects:

Daviess – William Natcher Parkway (I-165) narrow bridge interstate improvements from Owensboro to Bowling Green should be completed by the end of the month;
KY 81 widening from US 60 overpass to roundabout should be completed in December;
US 431 at Salem/Goetz safety project should begin construction soon;
US 60 near Oakford Rd flooding relief project is still in right-of-way;
Hancock – US 60 widening project should be completed by the end of the year;
Henderson – US 60/Green St paving & utility project undergoing minor corrective work;

McLean – US 431 project near Livermore is currently underway;
Ohio – US 231 safety project completion date has been extended to next
construction season due to additional utility work needed; and
Union – KY 359 bridge replacements are expected to be completed soon.

B. Other Updates

Charlotte Whittaker invited committee members to attend the ribbon cutting of the Beaver Dam Village Myra Manor Apartments on January 19. She indicated an additional 20 apartments for persons over age 55 are being considered resulting in additional safety concerns for the entrance at US 231 and Rochester Road.

Ms. Whittaker also expressed concern that due to Medicaid reimbursement cuts, Audubon Area Community Services has eliminated free transportation for veterans to medical appointments and honor flights. Judge Henry stated that local governments are now having to make up the loss of funds. He indicated that Webster County Fiscal Court is providing funds for transportation for four local residents to obtain dialysis. Suzanne Miles interjected that the Department of Veteran Affairs offers free transportation for veterans.

Gina Boaz invited the committee to attend the Kentuckians for Better Transportation (KBT) Annual Conference, January 16-18, 2019, in Lexington. She stated the registration information is available on the KBT website and in their weekly newsletters.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

A. Public Comments

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2019. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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