



GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

March 23, 2022

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) met on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was via Zoom and teleconference. A quorum was present with the following members in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Henry, Webster County Judge/Executive
Curtis Dame, McLean County Judge/Executive
Nick Hall, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), District Office 2
Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority
Charlotte Whittaker, Senior Representative
Donnie Mayton, Bicycle Owensboro
Jimmy VanCleve, Area 3 Training Center
Dan Lanham, Audubon Area Community Services/Green River Intra-County Transit System (AACS/GRITS)
Doug Boom, Henderson City Engineer (Rep. Steve Austin)
Mark Brasher, Daviess County Road Department Engineer (Rep. Judge Al Mattingly, Jr.)
Candace Brake, President of Greater Owensboro Chamber
Melissa Coker, Union County First (Rep. Adam O’Nan)
Sean Sheffer, Union County Fiscal Court
Kevin Collignon, City of Owensboro (Rep. Tom Watson)
John Licht, TNT Rail Services

MEMBERS ABSENT

Johnny “Chic” Roberts, Hancock County Judge/Executive
David Johnston, Ohio County Judge/Executive
Brad Schneider, Henderson County Judge/Executive
Joanne Kendall, Minority Representative
Mike Baker, Hancock County Industrial Foundation
Missy Vanderpool, Executive Director of Henderson Economic Development
Tristan Durbin, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport
Captain Brenton Ford, Kentucky State Police (KSP) – Post 16

Mark Calitri, Owensboro-Daviess County Convention Center & Visitor's Bureau

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Doug Taylor, KYTC, Rural Roads
Melissa Evans, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Max Gee, GRADD
Tom Lovett, GRADD
Gina Boaz, GRADD
Jennifer Alvey, GRADD
Therese Payne, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Henry called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending today's meeting.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Chairman Henry offered the minutes of the August 18, 2021, meeting of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee for approval.

A motion was made by Curtis Dame and seconded by
Dan Lanham to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021,
GRADD Regional Transportation Committee meeting.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Regional Transportation Committee Membership

Chairman Henry turned the meeting over to Max Gee. Mr. Gee introduced himself and announced he will be reaching out to each member of the committee to get better acquainted with each of them. Mr. Gee shared two vacancies on the committee: the citizen position and the community-based services position. He asked members to contact him should they have any candidates who might be able to fill those vacancies.

B. Recommended Highway Plan

Max Gee shared the 2022-2024 Recommended Highway Plan. The recommended projects for each GRADD county were as follows: Daviess -10; Hancock-4; Henderson-11; McLean -11; Ohio -9; Union -1; and Webster -4 for a total of 50 projects for GRADD for \$172,101,640. A

question was asked about when construction will begin on Hwy 54. Nick Hall replied construction is tentatively set to begin October 2022.

V. UPDATES

A. Highway District Office Update

Nick Hall shared the following updates:

- Daviess County-KY 54-All parcels clear, only a couple of sign demos left, expected completion by end of March; Fairview-Waiting on final Right-of-Way (ROW) plans to request funds-56 parcels, expect 12-18 months to clear; Fairview/298-joint inspection was held 1/20/22, ROW authorized, expected 9-12 months to clear; KY 81 SHIP from Daviess County line to McLean County line-3 parcels; School Safety at Southern Oaks Elementary School is in the design phase
- Hancock County-Hwy 60 has been let, some utility work still going on; Slide on Hwy 60 will take 5-6 weeks to fix. A temporary signal has been set up.
- Henderson County-Watson Lane-joint inspection was held in October, comments being addressed and expect updated ROW plans in April; Spottsville Bridge work is set to begin early next year; I-69 was let; Project for Pratt Industries has begun.
- McLean County-KY 136 bridges work set for this month; KY 593 and KY 258-culvert replacements have been delayed due to weather; Resurfacing on Hwy 81 will be completed this month
- Ohio County-KY 54-alternater review meeting in April; KY 273/Goshen Road work starts tomorrow and will be completed in one day (weather permitting); Bridge over Western Kentucky Westbound lanes will be closed daily until summer; KY 69 signage on-going
- Union County-KY 56 from KY 109 to West of KY 360 work on ROW;
- Webster County-School Safety; Resurfacing on Hwy 41 (weather permitting); School Safety project in design phase at KY 1340.

Charlotte Whitaker thanked Mr. Hall for fixing potholes in Ohio County. Judge Dame asked who to inquire about crosswalks. Mr. Hall replied he would need to contact KYTC permits, specifically, Taylor Franklin. Donnie Mayton mentioned the bike crossing on the Greenbelt was down and has been for some time. Mr. Hall made a note of it. Charlotte Whitaker asked if there were any plans to upgrade Main Street in Beaver Dam. Mr. Hall replied he was not aware of any such plans. Mrs. Whitaker shared many editorials have been written in the Ohio County Times News about drivers who have had car/tire issues because of the road conditions.

B. Other Updates

The next Regional Transportation Committee meeting will be April 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. to accommodate speaker Bernadette Dupont from the Federal Highway Administration, Kentucky Division. Ms. Dupont will discuss electrical vehicles and the new infrastructure bill. Tom Lovett informed the committee the April 26th meeting conflicts with the MPO meeting scheduled at the same time. Chairman Henry thanked Mr. Lovett for letting the committee know of the conflict. Mr. Lovett suggested a joint meeting between the MPO and

Regional Transportation Committee on the 26th. Chairman Henry was very open to the possibility and asked Mr. Lovett to contact Mr. Gee once he had consulted with the MPO.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

A. Public Comments

Doug Taylor addressed the judges in attendance, notifying them the flex money has been delayed this year because the formula is partially based on the census and those numbers are not yet available. Unless the population of a county has drastically changed, the money should be like last year.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

A motion was made by Adam O’Nan and seconded by John Licht to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Judge Steve Henry, Chairman

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