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

February 23, 2026
Minutes

The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) met on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the GRADD Office. A quorum was present with the following members in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Adam O’Nan, Union County Judge/Executive
Curtis Dame, McLean County Judge/Executive
Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Judge/Executive (Rep. by Dirk Dooper)
David Johnston, Ohio County Judge/Executive
Steve Henry, Webster County Judge/Executive (Rep. by Randy Norman)
Tom Watson, Mayor, City of Owensboro (Rep. by Kevin Collignon)
Brad Staton, Mayor, City of Henderson (Rep. by Doug Boom)
Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Mike Baker, Hancock County Industrial Foundation
Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority
Amber Gebhard, GRADD Senior Centers
Michael Hughes, Green River Intra-County Transit System (GRITS)
Suzanne Craig, Green River District Health Department
Shelby Basham, Freight Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Johnny “Chic” Roberts, Hancock County Judge/Executive
Brad Schneider, Henderson County Judge/Executive
Donnie Mayton, Bicycle Owensboro
Dave Kirk, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce
Mark Calitri, Owensboro-Daviess County Convention Center & Visitor’s Bureau
Tristan Durbin, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport
Captain Brenton Ford, Kentucky State Police – Post 16
Joanne Kendall, Minority Representative
Chris Stafford, Ohio County School District Transportation
Larry Tellman, Citizens Representative
Jimmy VanCleve, Area 3 Training Center
Missy Vanderpool, Henderson Economic Development
Charlotte Whittaker, Senior Representative

Johnny “Chic” Roberts, Chairman | Adam O’Nan, Vice Chairman | Curtis Dame, Secretary | Charlie Castlen, Treasurer | Kenneth J. Williams, Executive Director



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GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Jason Burden, Ohio County Road Department
Mark Brasher, STV Engineering
Nick Hall, KYTC District Office 2
Tom Lovett, Owensboro MPO
Kenny Williams, GRADD
Kemp Morgan, GRADD
Jacob Matson, GRADD
Jennifer Alvey, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Adam O’Nan called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Chair Adam O’Nan offered the minutes of the December 1, 2025, meeting of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee for approval.

A motion was made by Curtis Dame and seconded by Kevin Collignon to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2025, GRADD RTC meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Park-n-Ride Inventory

Jennifer Alvey presented locations in the region where people park and rideshare and asked the Committee to review the list and suggest updates. Mike Baker suggested adding Hey Buddy, a new gas station in Lewisport that caters to truckers.

B. Major Freight Users Inventory

Jennifer Alvey shared the Major Freight Users Inventory and explained it is updated every year. Please contact her if any changes are necessary. Chair Adam O’Nan recommended the addition of Mine System Solutions in Morganfield.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. New GRADD Leadership

Chair Adam O’Nan introduced two new members of GRADD leadership, Kenny Williams and Kemp Morgan, both of whom joined GRADD in February.

Kenny Williams became the new Executive Director of GRADD following the retirement of Joanna Shake. Mr. Williams brings extensive experience in public service and local government, with a background rooted in collaboration, strategic planning, and community engagement. Most recently, Mr.

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Williams served as Pediatric State Director for Sevita Health/The MENTOR Network, overseeing statewide operations in Kentucky and Alabama. Mr. Williams' career has focused on building strong partnerships, securing resources for communities, and translating regional priorities into actionable outcomes that benefit residents across the area.

Kemp Morgan has taken the newly created position of Deputy Director after relocating from Mississippi. Prior to joining GRADD, Mr. Morgan spent two decades with the Delta Regional Authority (DRA). Mr. Morgan progressed through several leadership positions, ultimately serving as Chief Programs Officer, where he managed annual appropriations exceeding \$70 million and directed grant programs supporting infrastructure, workforce, and business development across eight states and 252 counties. Mr. Morgan's work at DRA gave him firsthand knowledge of GRADD and other area development districts throughout the region. Mr. Morgan brings a wealth of experience to his role overseeing program implementation and internal operations across GRADD's diverse service areas.

B. KYTC Recommended Highway Plan 2026-2032

Jennifer Alvey presented the Committee with a list of the transportation projects included in the Governor's Recommended Highway Plan for 2026-2032. She explained the highway plan is currently in the legislative adjustments phase during the 2026 Session. The final Enacted Highway Plan will be approved by the Legislature in April and published in May or June of this year.

C. Rail Loading & Unloading Inventory

Jennifer Alvey presented the Rail Freight Loading/Unloading Inventory list and asked Committee members if they knew of any changes. Chair O'Nan stated Dotiki is no longer active and should be taken off the list. Brian Wright spoke about upcoming sidetrack agreements between the Owensboro Riverport Authority and rail companies.

D. Sidewalk Inventory

Jennifer Alvey explained that GRADD maintains a map database of all sidewalks and bike lanes in the region. Ms. Alvey will be updating the inventory in the coming months and can provide committee members with an updated printout if requested. Brian Wright mentioned new sidewalks along KY-331.

V. UPDATES

A. Highway District Office Update

Nick Hall provided the following updates:

- The roundabout at Fairview Drive & Old Hartford Road is in right-of-way
- KY-331 has reached substantial completion

B. Safe Streets 4 All

Jennifer Alvey reported that GRADD is still waiting on the Kentucky Transportation Center to make corrections to the draft Safety Action Plan.

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C. Other Updates

Jennifer Alvey reminded the committee to submit any road or street changes to her for inclusion in the Local Road Inventory updates.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

A. Public Comments

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Judge David Johnston made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mike Baker. The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.



Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan, Chair

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