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## Area Development Districts Selected as Peggy Satterly Spirit of Kentucky Award Winners



*Pictured left to right: Green River ADD Director Joanna Shake; Pennyriple ADD Director Jason Vincent; Governor Andy Beshear; Purchase ADD Director Jeremy Buchanan*

At last week's Governor's Local Issues Conference, Senior Advisor to Governor Beshear, Rocky Adkins, presented the Peggy Satterly Spirit of Kentucky Award to the Pennyriple Area Development District, Green River Area Development District and the Purchase Area Development District. The award represents excellence in service to Kentucky and is presented annually at the Governor's Local Issues Conference. The Area Development Districts (ADDs) were chosen for their work on the I-69 Corridor Development and the Ohio River Crossing project.

I-69 in Kentucky runs 148 miles from Fulton to Henderson. The final piece of the project includes constructing a bridge to connect Henderson with Evansville, Indiana. The project is expected to make Western Kentucky a more desirable location for business and relieve traffic regionally.

"The I-69 corridor project has been ongoing for decades, and these Area Development Districts have played a huge role in its success," said **Commissioner of the**

**Department for Local Government Dennis Keene.** “This final piece will build on Kentucky’s incredible economic momentum.”

The award is named for Peggy Satterly who served the Commonwealth of Kentucky for 48 years, working with 11 Governor’s administrations. She was regarded as an outstanding public servant. The Peggy Satterly Spirit of Kentucky Award is presented to the sponsors of a successful project that is the result of multiple government agencies working together in a cost-effective manner.

The I-69 corridor in Kentucky mostly follows existing freeways originally built as toll roads. Upgrades were necessary to bring these freeways to interstate standards but required less work than constructing entirely new highway, saving millions in taxpayer dollars.

The project is divided into three sections. Work has begun on Section 1 of the project, which will extend I-69 by more than six miles and will include interchanges with KY 351, US 41 near Kimsey Lane and at US 60. Construction on the final piece, which will complete the I-69 connection from US 60 in Henderson to I-69 in Evansville, is anticipated to begin in 2027 and continue through 2031.

“Peggy Satterly epitomized a heart and passion for public service,” said **Executive Director of the Green River ADD Joanna Shake**. “To receive an award that pays homage to her work and legacy is extremely humbling and a tremendous honor. The ADDs understand the critical importance of partnerships and working together in advancing the Commonwealth. The I-69 Corridor Development exemplifies how unified efforts cultivate and deliver impactful economic results and improved quality of life.” **Director Shake** continued, “John Mahre recognized this as well and his advocacy, work and mission mirrored those of Peggy’s. Our region is profoundly better because of his efforts.”

More information about the project can be found at [I69ohiorivercrossing.com](http://I69ohiorivercrossing.com).

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