



ATTACHMENT 1

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**COMBINED MEETING
OF THE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE
OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

September 29, 2009

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

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) of the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) met on September 29, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. The combined meeting was held at City Hall, Room 406, Owensboro, Kentucky. A quorum was present with the members as listed:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Parrish, Owensboro City Manager, Chairman – TAC
John Medley, Chairman – CAC
Joe Schepers, Owensboro City Engineer
(Represented by Sean O'Bryan)
Nick Hall, District Two, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Gary Noffsinger, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Jiten Shah, Green River Area Development District
John Newland, Kenergy
(Represented by Jr. Roby)
Sgt. J. Scott Steward, Owensboro Police Department
Dean Behnke, Regional Water Resource Agency
Nick Brake, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation
(Represented by Madison Silvert)
Dick Chapman, Owensboro Municipal Utilities ;
(Represented by Tim Lyons)
Lt. Col. Jeff Jones, Daviess County Sheriff Department
Jeff Barber, Owensboro Medical Health System
(Represented by Steve Johnson)
Sinan Rayyan, Daviess County Engineer
Jody Wassmer, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce

Tim Thompson, *Chairman* ▫ Bill Markwell, *Vice Chairman* ▫ Mary Pate, *Secretary* ▫ Jody Jenkins, *Treasurer* ▫ Jiten Shah, *Executive Director*

Amy Thomas, KYTC, Division of Planning
Abby Shelton, Neighborhood Alliance, Citizens Advisory Committee
Ed Riney, Owensboro Riverport Authority
Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport
Louis Lindsay, Owensboro Transit System
Tom Curtsinger
Mike Bruce, JDQ

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Lambert, Commissioner, Daviess County Fiscal Court, Vice-Chairman
David Whitworth, Federal Highway Administration, Frankfort
Junior Young, Owensboro Public Schools
Ken Rasp, Owensboro Catholic Schools
Mark Rust
Edwin Funk
Ron Logsdon

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McClearn, Chief District Engineer, District 2, KYTC
Keith Harpole, Associate Director for Transportation Planning, GRADD
Jennifer Wedding, Transportation Planner, GRADD
Echo Melton, Support Staff, GRADD
Chuck Crabtree, AmeriCorps Member, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Parrish called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 25, 2009, Combined Meeting of the Policy Committee, Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen's Advisory Committee were reviewed.

A motion was made by Scott Steward and seconded by Gary Noffsinger to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2009, Combined Meeting of the Policy Committee, Technical Advisory Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
Project Placement in Outer Years

Keith Harpole presented a display showing each project and the out year each was placed in. Mr. Harpole stated that this display is an average based on the 15 – 16 responses received from the committees.

Mr. Harpole stated there is a possibility that the MPO could get by with the approximate \$53 million shortfall in the initial listing by the committees; however, the committees need to reduce that number.

Mr. Harpole gave a brief description of each project while a location map for each project was displayed on a screen for everyone to view.

Mr. Harpole explained that if any project is actually opened to traffic after 2010, then that project is to be placed into the following time frame, such as Year 2020. He clarified that if traffic cannot drive on the new road until after 2010, then that project has to be placed into Year 2020.

Jr. Roby suggested the KY 298-Old Hartford Road project be moved from Year 2040 to an earlier date. He stated that as development transpires, this section of KY 298 will have heavier traffic and quicker action will need to be taken to alleviate the congestion.

The committee expressed that if the KY 298-Old Hartford Road project was to be moved up, then the Fairview Drive/KY 298 intersection project needed to be moved to the same year.

The committee agreed to move the KY 298-Old Hartford Road project, from Burlew Boulevard to Harriet Lane, and the Fairview Drive/KY298 projects from Year 2040 to Year 2020. This will be done to determine the effect on the budget.

The committee also discussed the position of the Southtown Boulevard project, from Frederica Street to J.R. Miller Boulevard, being placed in Year 2020. The committee agreed that this project is hoped to be constructed by a developer.

The committee also decided that the KY 144 project, from Boetler Road to Hancock County, should also be moved from Year 2020 to Year 2040.

After making the above changes, the proposed Metropolitan Transportation Plan was approximately \$85 million over budget.

It was proposed that the KY 144 project, from Boetler Road to Hancock County, be moved to the MTP's Illustrious Section. This project would still be a part of the MTP; however, the project would not be counted towards the total budget and would be available for funding at a future date.

A motion was made by JR. Roby and seconded by Jiten Shah to recommend the amended Metropolitan Transportation Plan to the Policy Committee. The amendments were: moving the KY 298 project, from Burlew Boulevard to Harriet Lane, and the Old Hartford Road/Fairview Drive Intersection project from 2040 to 2020; to move the Southtown Boulevard project, from Frederica Street to J.R. Miller Boulevard, from 2020 to 2040; and to move the KY 144 project, from Boetler Road to Hancock County, to the Illustrious Section. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE DISTRICT HIGHWAY OFFICE

Kevin McClearn reported that the district staff will be studying the access on south Frederica Street, between Wal-Mart and Towne Square Mall. He noted that district staff will be looking at all options and at a minimum, traffic will be denied direct access between Wal-Mart and Towne Square Mall. Staff will also be looking at allowing left turns from Frederica Street to Wal-Mart and Towne Square Mall.

Mr. McClearn stated that a new traffic signal will be installed on KY 54 at the Springs Development and should be functioning within a couple weeks. He further stated that the signal at West Second Street and Cedar Street will be converted to an actuated signal, therefore, reducing the wait times on West Second Street.

Mr. McClearn mentioned that the signal at Southtown Boulevard and Frederica Street is being updated and no wires will be visible. This project will be completed within a couple of weeks. He added that on US 431, at the new Southern Elementary School, work is taking place to correct turn lanes.

Mr. McClearn stated the roundabout project will have heavy progress this winter and more public meetings will be held. He also stated that Worthington Road will be addressed by either including it in the roundabout or improving the road at KY 56. The Southtown Boulevard project, from Carter Road to Frederica Street, has only five parcels remaining to be purchased and utility work could possibly start soon.

Mr. McClearn reported the completion date for Phase 1 of the US 60 Bypass Extension project is scheduled for November 5, 2012, and a letting date has not been given for Phase 2 of the project.

Mr. McClearn added that Ted Merryman is working out of the district office and is overseeing I-69, the bridge projects at the lakes and the Owensboro river front.

VII. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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