

**GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
FY 2011**

Mission

To promote the efficient and effective movement of people and goods into and through GRADD by linking population centers with accessible transportation facilities, thereby enhancing the quality of life and economic development in the Green River Area Development District

Goal 1

Improve access to all modes of transportation within the Green River Area Development District

Objectives

- ◆ More efficient movement of people, goods and services throughout the region
- ◆ Increased federal and state funding for transportation projects (highway, rail, air, water, mass transit, and bikeways)
- ◆ Establishment of a Truck Network in all GRADD counties
- ◆ Development of a major east to west interstate highway through or near the district
- ◆ Construction of interchanges to provide direct access to all industrial parks within the region
- ◆ Construction of new I-69 bridge connecting Evansville, Indiana and Henderson, Kentucky
- ◆ Restriction of heavy truck traffic in downtown business districts within the region
- ◆ Improved access to regional transportation services between the seven area counties with attention on the elderly and persons with disabilities

Strategies

- ◆ Support and endorse projects that impact the region currently listed in the Transportation Cabinet's Six-Year Plan and the Statewide Transportation Plan
- ◆ Support new funding mechanisms and streams for transportation projects
- ◆ Support and endorse the mission and recommendations of the Mississippi Delta Commission
- ◆ Support and endorse the mission and recommendations of the Chamber Leadership Initiatives for Northwestern Kentucky (C-LINK)
- ◆ Strongly support the construction of a new approach to the Hawesville bridge
- ◆ Restrict heavy truck traffic through downtown Hawesville and Owensboro
- ◆ Incorporate paved shoulders along newly paved roadways
- ◆ Repave all existing shoulders along state roadways in Owensboro-Daviess County
- ◆ Reconstruct KY 69 through Hancock and Ohio Counties
- ◆ Reconstruct US 60 throughout the entire district
- ◆ Strongly support the construction of a new bridge at Spottsville (Henderson County)
- ◆ Strongly support reconstruction of KY 132. Priority being US 41A to KY 109 (Webster County)
- ◆ Reconstruct KY 136 from KY 56 to US 431 in McLean County
- ◆ Reconstruct US 431 through Daviess and McLean Counties
- ◆ Reconstruct KY 56 through Webster, Union, Daviess, and McLean Counties (straighten curves and upgrade pavement depth and width)

Goal 1 Strategies cont.

- ◆ Reconstruct KY 109 in Union County and Webster County to meet the standards for 102” wide trucks
- ◆ Widen KY 109 in Webster County from US 41A to US 60
- ◆ Widen US 41A in Webster and Henderson Counties from Madisonville to Henderson
- ◆ Widen KY 266 in Henderson County from Smith Mills to Corydon
- ◆ Reconstruct KY 416 in Henderson County from US 41A to Audubon Parkway
- ◆ Reconstruct KY 2183 in Henderson County from US 60 to KY 351
- ◆ Convert the two-legged KY 416 interchange on the Edward T. Breathitt Parkway in Henderson County to a four-legged interchange
- ◆ Construct new Edward T. Breathitt interchange at KY 2678 in Henderson County to provide access to the Four Star Industrial Park
- ◆ Widen KY 136 from US 60 to the airport in Henderson County
- ◆ Reconstruct Western Kentucky Parkway and William H. Natcher Parkway interchange in Ohio County
- ◆ Construct new William H. Natcher Parkway interchange at Bluegrass Crossing Industrial Centre in Ohio County
- ◆ Reconstruct intersection of KY 54 and KY 2671 near Fordsville in Ohio County

Goal 2

Improve safety of the region’s transportation system

Objectives

- ◆ Improve safety of transportation infrastructure throughout all the region
- ◆ Reduce the highway fatality rate in the region to 1.0 per 100 Million Vehicle Miles *by 2011*
- ◆ Establish increased funding for highway safety initiatives

Strategies

- ◆ Support the Highway Safety Initiative Program, Drive Smart, and Safety Corridor initiative
- ◆ Support the establishment of additional funding sources for highway safety efforts
- ◆ Support and promote ongoing highway safety and drivers’ education initiatives
- ◆ Support the efforts of regional agencies to promote highway safety

Goal 3

Improve intermodal access of the district’s transportation system

Objectives

- ◆ Continue to foster and promote the existing intermodal operations in the district to assist in increased economic growth and the more efficient movement of people and goods

Strategies

- ◆ Support and endorse intermodal projects in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s Six-Year Highway Plan and Statewide Transportation Plan
- ◆ Support infrastructure improvements to the existing airports, riverports, rail and transit operations in the region
- ◆ Support infrastructure projects to improve access to the multimodal and/or modal facilities in the region
- ◆ Support the upgrade of all airports throughout the district to comply with existing airport master plans
- ◆ Assist with development of master plans for those airports which do not currently have such
- ◆ Promote and support the continuation of the Federal Essential Air Service Program
- ◆ Continue to promote and foster the waterways in the district as functional intermodal transportation and economic development tools
- ◆ Support the expansion of the physical facilities of the riverports by focusing on intermodal development as it relates to market conditions for riverport users thereby creating more flexibility for product delivery and shipment
- ◆ Support and collaborate with the marketing efforts of the riverport facilities in Henderson, Owensboro, Spottsville, Calhoun, Hancock and Union Counties
- ◆ Promote and support the development of the Whaylon D. Coleman Terminal (former Green River Steel mill site) as an Intermodal Industrial Park to serve Owensboro and the region
- ◆ Support the construction of rail lines and spurs to new and existing industrial parks as needed
- ◆ Evaluate the relocation of existing rail lines/or the construction of overpasses where rail crossings prevent access for emergency vehicles
- ◆ Promote the development of a north to south passenger train route through or near the region
- ◆ Promote and support the continued development of bikeways within the region
- ◆ Support the construction of a pedestrian bridge over Frederica Street at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd intersection in Owensboro

Goal 4

Provide access to tourism and agri-tourism related venues in the district

Objectives

- ◆ Continue to foster and promote the tourism and agritourism industries by providing adequate access to the tourism-related aspects of the district

Strategies

- ◆ Support improvements to existing routes that provide access to established tourism and agri-tourism venues in the district
- ◆ Continue to support the designation of the “Blues to Bluegrass Scenic Byway” within the region and its potential boost to tourism
- ◆ Support and collaborate with the marketing efforts of the tourism industry in the area - especially within the “Blues to Bluegrass Scenic Byway”

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- ◆ Support the efforts to designate the “Blues to Bluegrass Scenic Byway” as an America’s Byway and/or National Scenic Byway
- ◆ Encourage the continued development of new tourism and agritourism industries within the district