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**POLICY COMMITTEE
OF THE
OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

May 26, 2011

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The Policy Committee of the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) met on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at City Hall, Room 406, Owensboro, Kentucky, at 11:00 a.m. The following persons were in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Payne, Chairman, Mayor, City of Owensboro
Al Mattingly, Vice-Chairman, Daviess County Judge/Executive
Kevin McClearn, District Office Two, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)

MEMBERS ABSENT

None.

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Amy Thomas, KYTC, Frankfort
Nick Hall, District Two, KYTC
Joe Schepers, Owensboro City Engineer
Nate Pagan, Project Manager, Daviess County Fiscal Court
Steve Vied, Messenger-Inquirer
Keith Harpole, Associate Director for Transportation Planning, Green River Area Development District (GRADD)
Jennifer Wedding, Transportation Planning, GRADD
Paula Snyder, Support Services Technician, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Payne called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Bill Markwell, *Chairman* ■ Jody Jenkins, *Vice Chairman* ■ Bill Parrish, *Secretary* ■ Jack McCaslin, *Treasurer* ■ Jiten Shah, *Executive Director*

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 29, 2011, Policy Committee meeting were reviewed.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Ron Payne to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2011, meeting of the Policy Committee. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Unscheduled Projects List (UPL) Prioritization

Keith Harpole presented the committee with the UPL, which included project details, pictures, and maps. Mr. Harpole explained that each project's rankings were the results of the prioritizations recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Owensboro-Daviess County MPO from the April 26, 2011, meeting. He explained after they prioritized the projects, the committee would combine the projects to form an overall ranking. After much discussion, the committee decided not to make any changes, and elected to keep the following rankings suggested by the TAC:

\$10 Million and Over Projects

1. KY 331 – Industrial Drive
2. KY 298 – Old Hartford Road (Burlew Blvd. to Harriet Lane)
3. KY 1456 – Thruston-Dermont Road (Hayden Road to KY 144)
4. US 231 – South Burton Road to Owensboro Community College
5. US 431 – Martin Luther King Blvd. to Panther Creek Bridge

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Ron Payne to approve the ranking order of the UPL \$10 Million and Over Projects. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

\$2 Million - \$10 Million Projects

1. KY 1456 – Thruston-Dermont Road (Hayden Road to KY 54)
2. Old Hartford Road and Fairview Drive (install turn lanes)
3. KY 3335 – Settles Road
4. KY 298 – Old Hartford Road (Breckenridge St. to Burlew Blvd.)
5. Southtown Blvd. – US 431 to J.R. Miller Blvd.

6. KY 81 – Current four lanes to KY 56
7. KY 144 – KY 1831 to Boteler Road
8. Pleasant Valley Road – US 60 to Fairview Dr. extension

A motion was made by Ron Payne and seconded by Al Mattingly to approve the ranking order of the UPL \$2 Million - \$10 Million Projects. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Overall Priority Rankings

1. KY 1456 – Thruston-Dermont Road (KY 54 to Hayden Road)
2. KY 331 – Industrial Drive
3. Old Hartford Road and Fairview Drive (install turn lanes)
4. KY 298 – Old Hartford Road (Burlew Blvd. to Harriet Lane)
5. KY 3335 – Settles Road
6. KY 1456 – Thruston-Dermont Road (Hayden Road to KY 144)
7. KY 298 – Old Hartford Road (Breckenridge St. to Burlew Blvd.)
8. Southtown Blvd. – US 431 to J.R. Miller Blvd.
9. KY 81 – Current four lanes to KY 56
10. KY 144 – KY 1831 to Boteler Road
11. US 231 – South Burton Road to Owensboro Community College
12. US 431 – Martin Luther King Blvd. to Panther Creek Bridge
13. Pleasant Valley Road – US 60 to Fairview Drive extension

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Ron Payne to approve the UPL Overall Priority Rankings. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Keith Harpole asked the committee to review the handout of a draft letter to Mike Hancock, Secretary KYTC. He said the letter would list the top three projects for the Owensboro-Daviess County MPO Policy Committee. In addition, the letter would indicate a project currently in the Six-Year Highway Plan, KY 54 project, State ID Number 02-8300, is still a priority of the MPO and the citizens of Owensboro and Daviess County, and requests that this project continue to be a high priority of the KYTC as well. Mr. Harpole requested after the committee agreed upon the top three projects, the completed letter be signed by Chairman Ron Payne. The following are the top three projects:

1. **02 030 D1456 1.10** – Address substandard roadway geometrics and safety concerns on KY 1456 from MP 2.278 (at KY 54) to MP 4.71 (at Hayden Rd). Install turn lanes where needed.
2. **02 030 D0331 1.00** – Widen the roadway to two 12 foot driving lanes and add width to the shoulders. The project will begin at US 60 and end at the railroad tracks just past the entrance to the Riverport.
3. **02 030 D0298 27.80** – Provide turn lanes on all four approaches to address congestion. This project is at the intersection of KY 298 (MP 7.70) and Fairview Drive [(KY 3143) – (MP .926)].

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Ron Payne to submit to Mike Hancock, Secretary KYTC the top three projects of the Owensboro-Daviess County MPO Policy Committee, with the request the Six-Year Highway Plan's KY 54 project will remain a High priority with the KYTC. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

B. Owensboro Transit System (OTS) Title VI Report

Jennifer Wedding informed the committee the OTS Title VI Report was an update from the existing report that was submitted three years ago. Ms. Wedding said a policy was put into place for riders to form a Title VI complaint if necessary. While she believes there has never been a complaint, a policy needs to exist.

A motion was made by Ron Payne and seconded by Al Mattingly to approve the OTS Title VI updated report. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

C. 2010 Owensboro Crash Report

Jennifer Wedding informed the committee Wesleyan Park Plaza was the number one parking lot for collisions with a total of 56 in 2010. She explained these were strictly occurring within the parking lot area, and not at the intersections. The number one collision intersection was Frederica Street/Wendell Ford Expressway. Ms. Wedding said unfortunately she was not able to separate the two intersections that are located there and did a combined composite. Not every officer working a collision will report on which intersection it occurred. Although she used GPS coordinates, she still was unable to tell the difference. As a result, she was forced to lump them together.

Chairman Payne remarked on the high number of collisions in Wesleyan Park Plaza and asked if the owners were aware. Keith Harpole said that last year it was the highest crash area as well, and Ms. Wedding sent the owners a letter along with the crash report. Mr. Harpole said since the parking lot was private property, very little could be done. There was much discussion regarding the congestion and the lane confusion within the parking lot area.

Chairman Payne inquired about future parking lots, and if this issue might be addressed by planning and zoning from the beginning design. Joe Schepers replied there are policy manuals available and the newer parking lots do put in "canoes" by choice to help channelize the traffic. While there are policy manuals available, there is nothing that requires the owner to put up barriers or islands. Chairman Payne asked Mr. Schepers if he would look at the parking lots receiving a high number of crashes, excluding the hospital, and recommend designs to improve traffic flow to the owners. The committee agreed that a letter from the Policy Committee should be drafted to inform the owners of the number of crashes reported and provide suggestions on how they might improve traffic flow in their parking lots. Additionally, the committee agreed the letter would be presented for review and approval at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Ron Payne to approve the 2010 Owensboro Crash Report. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

D. FY 2011 – 2016 Administrative Modification for Green River Intra-Transit System (GRITS)

Keith Harpole stated that approximately three weeks ago Dan Lanham made a call to Jennifer Wedding stating Vickie Bourne, KYTC informed him they had \$194,000 they wanted to give GRITS. After receiving the information from Mr. Lanham on how they wanted the funds spent, a letter was sent to KYTC. The letter was presented as Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #1 along with TIP tables and the fiscal constraint worksheet. Mr. Harpole said the FY 2011 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program was recently submitted; however, KYTC had yet to sign off on it.

Amy Thomas informed the committee Administrative Modification #1 has been submitted for a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP has to be modified to incorporate the TIP and the modifications. Ms. Thomas said they are being worked on today. Mr. Harpole thanked Ms. Thomas for her help in moving this forward.

VI. COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT OFFICE

Kevin McClearn reported the downtown Owensboro bridge rehabilitation project should be starting in early to mid June 2011. He said the official estimate was for \$4.9 million, and Hall Contracting was awarded the bid for \$3 million on May 20, 2011. It is stipulated in the contracting plan the bridge will be completed by October 2, 2011, and reopen October 3, 2011. He said they will continue to do press releases to keep the public up to date on the progress. Mr. McClearn stated he would like to partner with the city for signage depicting the closing and the reopening dates. Chairman Payne agreed a sign would be useful to the public, and agreed to work with them getting it in place.

Kevin McClearn stated Phase II of the bypass extension is scheduled for a July letting. He further explained the Southtown Boulevard widening project has been moved up to July 2011 for letting as well.

Kevin McClearn said regarding the roundabout, they are in the right-of-way phase and a letting is scheduled for sometime next summer.

VII. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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