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

January 12, 2010

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) met on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the GRADD office in Owensboro, Kentucky. It was determined that a quorum was present with the following persons in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Jody Wassmer, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, Chairman
- James Townsend, Webster County Judge/Executive
(Rep. by Linda Wilson)
- Edna Rice, Citizen Representative
- David Jones, Ohio County Judge/Executive
- Tom Davis, Mayor, City of Henderson
(Rep. by Doug Boom)
- Kim Humphrey, Union County First
- Gary Noffsinger, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
(Rep. by Brian Howard)
- Kevin McClearn, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, District 2
- Ed Riney, Director, Owensboro Riverport Authority
- Dan Lanham, Audubon Area Community Services
- Melvin Smith, Minority Representative
- Ron Payne, Mayor, City of Owensboro
(Rep. by Joe Schepers)
- Reid Haire, Daviess County Judge/Executive
(Rep. by Sinan Rayyan)
- Jimmy VanCleve, Area 3 Training Center
- Captain Bob Shoultz, Kentucky State Police – Post 16
(Rep. by Corey King)
- Sandy Watkins, Henderson County Judge/Executive
(Rep. by Darrel Cummings)

Bill Markwell, *Chairman* ■ Mary Pate, *Vice Chairperson* ■ Jody Jenkins, *Secretary* ■ Bill Parrish, *Treasurer* ■ Jiten Shah, *Executive Director*

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MEMBERS ABSENT

Jack McCaslin, Hancock County Judge/Executive
Jody Jenkins, Union County Judge/Executive
Doug Wells, Community Based Services
Larry Whitaker, McLean County Judge/Executive
Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport
Karen Miller, Owensboro Tourist Commission, Executive Director
Sammy Vinroe, Union County Schools Transportation

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Doug Taylor, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Department of Rural and Municipal Aid
Laura Pugliese, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST)
LEGO League
Dominic Pugliese, FIRST LEGO League
Ryce Carter, FIRST LEGO League
Spencer Truman, FIRST LEGO League
Grant Richeson, FIRST LEGO League
Hannah Zambrano, FIRST LEGO League
Grace Zambrano, FIRST LEGO League
Jamie Zambrano, FIRST LEGO League
Nick Hall, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, District 2
Keith Harpole, Associate Director for Transportation Planning, GRADD
Gina Boaz, Regional Transportation Planner, GRADD
Jennifer Wedding, Transportation Planner, GRADD
Paula Snyder, Support Services Technician, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jody Wassmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Wassmer asked the committee members to please look at the handout included with the RTC meeting packet indicating the 2010 meeting dates. Chairman Wassmer stated that the next meeting in March is tentatively scheduled to be held at the new GRITS office building. Additionally, he said that more information regarding the March meeting would be sent out to the committee as it becomes available.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Chairman Wassmer asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2009, meeting of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee.

A motion was made by Melvin Smith and seconded by Ed Riney to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2009, meeting of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Representation Discussion (Attachment 2)

Chairman Wassmer pointed out to the committee that several positions are vacant; a roster of the Regional Transportation Committee members was presented and discussed. The vacancies are the following: Bikeway/Greenway Organization, Economic Development Representative, Senior Services Representative, and Trucking Representative. Several suggestions were made by the committee members, and chairman Wassmer asked Gina Boaz to follow-up on the recommendations.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST LEGO League – LEGO City Transportation Presentation

Laura Pugliese

B. Interim Federal-Aid Highway Program Project Development Guide for Local Public Agencies

Gina Boaz explained that Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) requests the assistance from the Area Development Districts (ADD) in distributing the Interim Federal-Aid Highway Program Project Development Guide to counties, cities, and local governments who are eligible to receive federal-aid money. It is available for review on GRADD's webpage or online at <http://www.transportation.ky.gov/highways/LPA/index.html>.

V. UPDATES

A. Highway District Office Update

Kevin McClearn presented the following updates:

Debris removal – All 11 counties will be finished by June 6, 2009.

Henderson County – Sand Lane and Watson Lane will be finished by February 2010.

Daviess County – The roundabout project will soon begin after speaking to the consultant. The bypass extension letting date has been moved from June 12 to July 26, 2009.

Webster County – Since US 41A received bond funds, a possible letting out to the consultant will be within the upcoming months.

Hancock County – the KY 69 connector received bond funding; therefore, as soon as design is finished, right of way and utilities can be started.

Mr. McClearn stated the new six year plan will be available in the next few weeks for discussion and review.

B. Other Updates

None.

C. Highway Safety Update

Gina Boaz mentioned this month has been busy with safety events held at some of the high schools in the GRADD counties. The Sweet 16 event was held at Webster County High School and was a good event for participants and parents. The rollover simulator demonstration was held at Ohio County, Hancock County and Trinity High Schools, with St. Mary's Elementary in attendance. During the rollover demonstration, the drunk driving car was also at Ohio County High School and is scheduled to be in Union County this week. Perdue Farms held an awareness week at which Ms. Boaz provided information to the company. Ms. Boaz also attended and spoke to the Ohio County Chamber of Commerce on highway safety and the regional transportation planning process. Webster and Union Counties will host the "World's Greatest Baby Showers" in June. A car seat check is scheduled for June 26, 2009, at Henderson Emergency Services Awareness Day. The Lifesaver's Conference was held in April. Ms. Boaz stated that the Certified Child Passenger Technician program, planned for July 14-17, is still in need for volunteers interested in becoming qualified.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

A. Public Comments

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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