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

January 25, 2012

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) met on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the GRADD office in Owensboro, KY. It was determined that a quorum was present with the following persons in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Johnston, Ohio County Judge/Executive
(Rep. by Brandon Thomas)
Al Mattingly Jr., Daviess County Judge/Executive
(Rep. by David Smith)
Jim Townsend, Webster County Judge/Executive
(Rep. by Linda Wilson)
Hugh McCormick, Henderson County Judge/Executive
(Rep. by Kerry Dame)
Kevin McClearn, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), District 2
(Rep. by Nick Hall)
Donnie Mayton, Biking Greenway
Dan Lanham, Director, Green River Intra-Transit System (GRITS)
(Rep. by Cindy Powers)
Ed Riney, Director, Owensboro Riverport Authority
Ron Payne, Mayor, City of Owensboro
(Rep. by Matt White)
Melvin Smith, Minority Representative
Brad Schneider, Henderson Chamber of Commerce
Steve Austin, Mayor, City of Henderson
(Rep. by Doug Boom)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jody Jenkins, Union County Judge/Executive
Kelly Thurman, McLean County Judge/Executive

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

Jack McCaslin, Hancock County Judge/Executive
Doug Wells, Department of Community Based Services
Sammy Vinroe, Union County Schools Transportation
Karen Miller, Owensboro Tourist Commission
Jimmy VanCleve, Area 3 Training Center – Public Safety Agencies
Edna Rice, Citizen Representative
Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport
Captain Bob Shoultz, Kentucky State Police – Post 16
Gary Noffsinger, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Mike Baker, Hancock County Industrial Foundation
Kevin Atwell, Lewisport Transport

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Todd Morrison, P.E., University of Kentucky Transportation Center
Bailey Bennett, KYTC, District 2
Michael Hughes, Green River Intra-Transit System (GRITS)
Jennifer Wedding, Transportation Planner, GRADD
Paula Snyder, Support Services Technician, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

In absence of Chairman Judge Kelly Thurman, Vice Chairman Ed Riney called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., and welcomed those present. Vice Chairman Riney informed the committee there are three new members; Brad Schneider, Henderson County Chamber of Commerce, Mike Baker, Hancock County Industrial Foundation, and Kevin Atwell, Lewisport Transport.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Riney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2011, meeting of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee.

A motion was made by Melvin Smith and seconded by Donnie Mayton to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2011, Regional Transportation Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Safety Circuit Rider Program

Todd Morrison, P.E., University of Kentucky Transportation Center, Safety Circuit Rider, provided an overview of the Safety Circuit Rider Program that promotes technologies, and furnishes technical support and training for local governments. He emphasized the main focus areas are: 1) Roadway departure and collisions with fixed objects; 2) Crashes at intersections; and 3) Pedestrian crashes. He informed the committee that Henderson County is currently utilizing several low-cost safety improvements and provided several examples. He also provided information about the new Free Equipment Loan Program available to all agencies in Kentucky. He stated interested agencies may contact him about the availability of equipment. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and Kentucky's Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) housed in the KY Transportation Center at the University of Kentucky have made funding for the Safety Circuit Rider Program available.

B. RTC Committee Meeting Guide 2012

Jennifer Wedding, Transportation Planner, reviewed the Regional Transportation Committee Meeting Guide, which was updated for 2012. The guide is available on the GRADD Regional Transportation web page.

C. Committee Bylaws Change

Vice Chairman Riney reviewed the committee bylaws, noted the date change on page three, and presented the change for approval.

A motion was made by Brandon Thomas and seconded by Melvin Smith to approve the date change to the committee by laws. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. FY 2012 Major Traffic Generators Update

Jennifer Wedding informed the committee that GRADD maintains a database of major traffic generators in the GRADD region. Ms. Wedding provided maps of the traffic generators available and requested the committee members mark the maps with any changes of which they were aware in their area.

V. UPDATES

A. Highway District Office Update

Nick Hall discussed the recently released Recommended Kentucky Six-Year Highway Plan and presented an update of highway projects in the GRADD region.

Daviess County

- The moving of utilities on Southtown Boulevard is on schedule.
- The US 60 extension is on schedule.
- The roundabout at KY 56/KY 81 is scheduled for a December 2012 letting.

Hancock County

- The KY 69 bridge connection project in Hancock County is in the design phase.

Ohio County

- The US 231/West KY Parkway project in Ohio County is finished except for lighting.
- The William H. Natcher and Western KY Parkway lights will be done by summer of 2012.

B. Other Updates

Jennifer Wedding asked the members to fill out the contact information form.

Brad Schneider reported that I-69 is in the Recommended Six-Year Highway Plan and includes money for an interchange and a designated route around Henderson.

Donnie Mayton asked about breaks in the transverse rumble strips for cyclists. The guidelines for repair are in the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Brad Schneider informed everyone that a Thank You Night will be held in Frankfort, KY, on February 9, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Mr. Schneider also stated that Ted Merryman had retired again.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

A. Public Comments

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Riney reminded the committee the next meeting will be Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

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