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

November 15, 2011

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) met on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 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)
Jack McCaslin, Hancock County Judge/Executive
(Rep. by Larry Sosh)
Gary Noffsinger, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
(Rep. by Brian Howard)
Kevin McClearn, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), District 2
(Rep. by Nick Hall)
Edna Rice, Citizen Representative
Donnie Mayton, Biking Greenway
Dan Lanham, Director, Green River Intra-Transit System (GRITS)
(Rep. by Cindy Powers)
Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport
Ed Riney, Director, Owensboro Riverport Authority
Captain Bob Shoultz, Kentucky State Police – Post 16
(Rep. by Trooper Corey King)
Ron Payne, Mayor, City of Owensboro
(Rep. by Joe Schepers)
Melvin Smith, Minority Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Hugh McCormick, Henderson County Judge/Executive
Al Mattingly Jr., Daviess County Judge/Executive
Jim Townsend, Webster County Judge/Executive

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

Jody Jenkins, Union County Judge/Executive
Kelly Thurman, McLean County Judge/Executive
Steve Austin, Mayor, City of Henderson
Doug Wells, Department of Community Based Services
Sammy Vinroe, Union County Schools Transportation
Karen Miller, Owensboro Tourist Commission, Executive Director
Jimmy VanCleve, Area 3 Training Center – Public Safety Agencies

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Matt White, City of Owensboro
Gina Boaz, Regional Transportation Planner, GRADD
Jennifer Wedding, Transportation Planner, GRADD
Paula Snyder, Support Services Technician, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Edna Rice called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and welcomed those present.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Secretary Rice asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 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 September 20, 2011, Regional Transportation Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Nominating Committee Report

Ed Riney reported the Nominating Committee consisted of members Brian Howard, Melvin Smith, and himself. Mr. Riney said the Nominating Committee met two weeks ago along with Jiten Shah, Executive Director, GRADD and Keith Harpole, Associate Director for Transportation Planning, GRADD. The committee has submitted two names for consideration for chairman; McLean County Judge/Executive, Kelly Thurman and Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport Director, Bob Whitmer. Mr. Riney has agreed to submit his name for vice chairman, and Brian Howard submitted his name for secretary.

Gina Boaz stated these nominations will be submitted to the GRADD Board at their December meeting. They will vote for chairman, and approve the vice chairman and secretary nominations.

Gina Boaz asked for a motion to approve the Nominating Committee Report.

A motion was made by Joe Schepers and seconded by Donnie Mayton to approve the Nominating Committee Report. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. KYTC Highway District Regional Transportation Plan

Nick Hall presented a PowerPoint which identified the District Regional Transportation Plan process in three phases. Phase I would consist of confirming draft goals and objectives for each district; defining each regional "backbone" network, which includes all arterial roadways and major collector roadways; review the existing transportation needs within each district; and identify any gaps through a data driven analysis including functional class, traffic counts, truck percentages, and crashes with a critical rate factor greater than 1.0. Phase II would confirm the Regional Transportation Network for each district, approve the new project recommendations resulting from the gap analysis, and approve the recommendations of high priority projects for each district. Phase III is to draft the District Regional Transportation Plan document, present the plan to the Area Development Districts and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Committees, share the District Regional Transportation Plan with the state legislators, and update the plan on a cyclical basis. Mr. Hall concluded by saying there would be a top 30 Unscheduled Projects List (UPL). As projects are moved off the UPL, more would be added from the Unscheduled Needs List (UNL) to maintain the top 30 projects.

B. Committee Meeting Date Change

Gina Boaz informed the committee the present meeting date, the third Tuesday every other month, conflicts with some of the fiscal court meetings that are held. After reviewing the calendar of various meetings that are held at GRADD, the last Wednesday or Thursday of every other month are available. After some discussion, it was decided to move the RTC meeting to the last Wednesday of every other month at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Boaz said the bylaws would change to reflect this, and they would be presented at the meeting to be held January 25, 2012. Ms. Boaz asked for a motion to change the RTC meeting to the last Wednesday of every other month.

A motion was made by Ed Riney and seconded by Melvin Smith to change the RTC meeting to the last Wednesday of every other month. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Committee Member Representatives

Gina Boaz reported there are some new members to fill the vacancies as representatives. Brad Schneider with the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce and Mike Baker with the Hancock County Industrial Foundation will be the new representatives. Ed Riney has

asked Kevin Atwell with Atwell Inc., in Hancock County to be the trucking representative. There are still member vacancies for economic development and senior citizens.

V. UPDATES

A. Highway District Office Update

Nick Hall reported there have not been any changes since the last report in September.

B. Other Updates

Bob Whitmer provided the committee with a brochure of the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport. Mr. Whitmer gave a brief update on the flights that are available, and stated Cape Air will have flights to St. Louis starting December 5, 2011.

Gina Boaz presented pictures from the I-69 Shielding Ceremony on October 25, 2011. The state recently secured federal authority to erect the I-69 shields along the Western Kentucky Parkway from Nortonville (south of Madisonville) to Eddyville and a few miles of I-24 in the lakes area near Eddyville.

Gina Boaz reminded the committee the week of Thanksgiving (November 20-26) is Stop Red Light Running Week. Ms. Boaz said she would be at the Owensboro Towne Square Mall, Tuesday, November 22, 2011, to hand out information to the public.

Gina Boaz informed the committee she would be attending the 24th Annual Kentuckians for Better Transportation (KBT) Annual Conference on January 20-21, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. The topic will be "Investing in OUR Future with Transportation."

VI. OTHER ITEMS

A. Public Comments

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Gina Boaz reminded the committee the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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