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

September 21, 2010

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) met on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at 10:00 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

Jody Wassmer, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, Chairman

Hugh McCormick, Henderson County Judge/Executive

(Rep. by Darrel Cummings)

Jim Townsend, Webster County Judge/Executive

(Rep. by Linda Wilson)

Tom Davis, Mayor, City of Henderson

(Rep. by Doug Boom)

Gary Noffsinger, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission

(Rep. by Brian Howard)

Kevin McClearn, Kentucky Department of Highways (KYTC), District 2

(Rep. by Nick Hall)

Captain Bob Shoultz, Kentucky State Police – Post 16

(Rep. by Trooper Corey King)

Ed Riney, Director, Owensboro Riverport Authority

Sammy Vinroe, Union County Schools Transportation

Doug Wells, Community Based Services

Edna Rice, Citizen Representative

Melvin Smith, Minority Representative

Donnie Mayton, Biking Greenway

(Rep. by Gary Emrod-Netzley)

Kim Humphrey, Union County First – Industrial Authority

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

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MEMBERS ABSENT

Reid Haire, Daviess County Judge/Executive
Jack McCaslin, Hancock County Judge/Executive
Jody Jenkins, Union County Judge/Executive
Larry Whitaker, McLean County Judge/Executive
David Jones, Ohio County Judge/Executive
Ron Payne, Mayor, City of Owensboro
Dan Lanham, Audubon Area Community Services
Karen Miller, Owensboro Tourist Commission, Executive Director
Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport
Jimmy VanCleve, Area 3 Training Center – Public Safety

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Charlie Spalding, KYTC, Central Office, Division of Planning
Shane Tucker, KYTC, Central Office, Division of Planning
John Licht, Western Kentucky Bluegrass Terminal, LLC
Gina Boaz, Regional 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. Gina Boaz then directed the committee to the projection screen to view a congratulatory slide for Jody Wassmer receiving the Charles Reid Regional Citizenship Award that was presented at the GRADD Annual Dinner on September 20, 2010.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Chairman Wassmer asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2010, meeting of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee.

A motion was made by Edna Rice and seconded by Melvin Smith to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2010, Regional Transportation Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Plan for Transportation Committee Activities/Programs for FY 2011

Gina Boaz gave a brief overview of the suggested topics for future RTC meetings. She reminded the committee that they would begin the prioritization for the Unscheduled Projects List (UPL) in January; as a result, those items would take up most of the topics for the first few meetings at the beginning of the year. In addition, she thanked Kim Humphrey for inviting the

committee to Union County for the next meeting in November. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., as agreed upon by the committee at the July 20, 2010, meeting.

A motion was made by Kim Humphrey and seconded by Melvin Smith to approve the Transportation Committee Activities/Programs for FY 2011. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Committee Bylaws Update

Chairman Wassmer reviewed the proposed changes to the committee bylaws and asked the committee for any additional comments. There being none, it was presented for approval.

A motion was made by Melvin Smith and seconded by Kim Humphrey to approve the proposed changes to the committee bylaws. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speakers Charlie Spalding and Shane Tucker with KYTC Division of Planning

1. KYTC UPL Prioritization Process

Charlie Spalding gave an overview of the scope of what the KYTC Division of Planning primary duties are. He then presented a PowerPoint presentation showing the Unscheduled Prioritization Process and the additional upgrades that have been added to make obtaining and categorizing the data more efficient.

2. Local Public Agency (LPA) Guidance for Federal Funding

Shane Tucker presented the committee with a PowerPoint presentation giving a brief overview for those that may be interested in applying for federal funds in the future. He stated for District 2 projects, Nick Hall was the LPA coordinator. Additionally, he pointed out the manual that is available is in the process of being simplified, making it easier to use as a reference document. Mr. Tucker then took questions from the committee, and there was much discussion regarding projects on a local level.

Gina Boaz pointed out that the Unscheduled Project Lists are available on the GRADD web site, as well as the PowerPoint presentations given by Charlie Spalding and Shane Tucker.

B. FY 2011 Regional Goals & Objectives Update

Gina Boaz made the comment that the Regional Goals and Objectives are from FY 2010, and asked the committee to look over the document and suggest any additions or changes they would like to have made. She asked the committee to send their requests to her by October 15, 2010.

C. FY 2011 Public Involvement Plan & Tool Box Update

Gina Boaz gave a brief review of what the Public Involvement Plan is, and the role the Regional Transportation Committee has in the plan, how information is gathered for the prioritization, and how that information is passed on to the different communities. She also pointed out that the Public Involvement Plan is available on the GRADD web site on the Regional Transportation page.

D. FY 2011 List of Groups to Address

Gina Boaz stated that each year a list is provided reporting what meetings and various speaking events the GRADD transportation staff will be attending. She informed the committee that the list shows the numerous ways information on transportation plans are made available to the public. Ms. Boaz concluded by asking the committee if anyone was involved with a group that may be interested in hearing more about Regional Transportation Planning, and she would be happy to attend and speak.

E. Nominating Committee

Chairman Wassmer reported that every year in November, the committee makes a recommendation to the GRADD Board for a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary for the coming year. At the present time, there is himself, as chairman, Kim Humphrey as vice chairman and Edna Rice as secretary. Chairman Wassmer asked for three people to serve on the nominating committee, which will meet once either by phone or in person, and will report their recommendations at the November RTC meeting. The results would then go before the GRADD Board of Directors.

Chairman Wassmer opened the floor to ask for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. The results where: Ed Riney, Kim Humphrey, and Melvin Smith. Additionally, the nominating committee will be coordinated by Gina Boaz.

V. UPDATES

A. Highway District Office Update

Nick Hall from KYTC, District 2 reported there would be a public meeting that evening at Sorgho Elementary School at 6:00 p.m., for the roundabout at KY 81/56 intersections in Daviess County. He also said for Daviess County, there should be a letting for the second phase of the bypass extension in May 2011. In Hancock County, the widening of the west bound lanes between Hawesville and Lewisport is progressing. In Henderson

County has finished the work on Highway 60, and design has begun on KY 351 in Zion. In Union County, there isn't much change to report on the work done on Highway 56. In Webster County, work is still ongoing for the Breathitt Parkway/KY 56 interchange. In Ohio County, the US 231 widening at the Western Kentucky Parkway is still in design.

B. Other Updates

None

VI. OTHER ITEMS

A. Public Comments

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wassmer informed the committee the next meeting is set for November 16, 2010, and will be held at the Sturgis Airport in Union County, starting at 9:00 a.m. Gina Boaz made the comment that if anyone needs a ride to be at the GRADD office at 7:30 a.m.; she has GRADD vehicles on reserve.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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