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

May 17, 2011

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) met on Tuesday, May 17, 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

Jody Wassmer, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, Chairman  
David Johnston, Ohio County Judge/Executive  
(Rep. by Brandon Thomas)  
Hugh McCormick, Henderson County Judge/Executive  
(Rep. by Darrel Cummings)  
Gary Noffsinger, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission  
(Rep. by Brian Howard)  
Kevin McClearn, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), District 2  
Edna Rice, Citizen Representative  
Donnie Mayton, Biking Greenway  
Dan Lanham, Director, Audubon Area Community Services (AACS)  
Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Jack McCaslin, Hancock County Judge/Executive  
Al Mattingly, Daviess County Judge/Executive  
Jim Townsend, Webster County Judge/Executive  
Jody Jenkins, Union County Judge/Executive  
Kelly Thurman, McLean County Judge/Executive  
Captain Bob Shoultz, Kentucky State Police – Post 16  
Steve Austin, Mayor, City of Henderson  
Ron Payne, Mayor, City of Owensboro  
Ed Riney, Director, Owensboro Riverport Authority  
Doug Wells, Community Based Services

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

Kim Humphrey, Union County First – Industrial Authority  
Sammy Vinroe, Union County Schools Transportation  
Melvin Smith, Minority Representative  
Karen Miller, Owensboro Tourist Commission, Executive Director  
Jimmy VanCleve, Area 3 Training Center – Public Safety Agencies

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Nick Hall, KYTC, District 2  
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 9:00 a.m., and welcomed those present.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Chairman Wassmer asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2011, meeting of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee.

A motion was made by Kevin McClearn and seconded by Edna Rice to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2011, Regional Transportation Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Unscheduled Projects List (UPL) Prioritization

Gina Boaz presented the committee with the UPL document, the projects binder, which included pictures and maps, and large table maps to aide in the prioritization process. She asked everyone to breakup into two groups with each forming their own rankings of the projects in Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3. After long discussions, the results are the following:

Tier 1

1. Ohio County – KY 54 74.00 - Reconstruct intersection at KY 2671
2. Webster County – KY 138 2.00 - Correct flooding between KY 120 and RR bridge in Slaughters
3. McLean County – KY 81 63.00 - Reconstruct intersection at KY 85 on the north side of Sacramento

4. Ohio County – KY 54 75.10 - Improve Turning Radius of the Intersection at KY 54 and KY 69
5. Webster County – KY 283 1.00 - Reconstruct intersection at KY 1191
6. Union County – KY 666 1.00 - Realign Hilltop Road at KY 666 to the east of the current intersection to improve sight distance
7. Webster County – US 41A 90.17 - Reconstruct intersection at Wright-Clayton/Stan Hope Road near Providence
8. Hancock County – KY 69 78.42 - Reconstruct intersection at B. Rice Road

Tier 2

1. Ohio County – US 231 3.00 - Address left turn lane issues on US 231 at Southern Elementary School
2. McLean County – US 431 64.00 - Address condition, safety, and service issues on US 431 from the north end of the bridge in Livermore to a point south of KY 136
3. Webster County – KY 132 88.20 - Address safety, condition and service concerns of KY 132 from KY 1340 to KY 857
4. Hancock County – KY 271 1.00 - Minor widening from KY 1847 to US 60 to provide for four foot shoulders
5. Ohio County – US 231 2.00 - Address left turn lane issues on US 231 at Perdue's main entrance
6. Ohio County – US 231 1.00 - Add a left turn lane and storage on US 231 at Cromwell Road
7. McLean County – KY 85.10.00 - Widen to 12 foot lanes with four foot shoulders from 0.1 mile south of the Green River Bridge
8. Ohio County – KY 273 1.00 - Reconstruction with urban section from US 231 to Goshen Church Road
9. Webster County – KY 132 88.10 - Widening/Reconstruction from KY 109 to KY 1340
10. Webster County – US 41A 90.10 - Reconstruction from KY 670 at Providence to Bull Creek

Tier 3

1. Hancock County – US 60 33.00 - Reconstruct westbound lanes from Lewisport to Hawesville
2. Ohio County – KY 69 78.10 - Reconstruction from William H. Natcher Parkway at Hartford to Sunnydale Road
3. Union County – US 60 82.20 - Major widening to four lanes from KY 492 to Morganfield bypass

A motion was made by Dan Lanham and seconded by Brandon Thomas to approve the UPL prioritization rankings for Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Gina Boaz asked the committee to combine the rankings for Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 to form an overall prioritized ranking. Upon beginning the overall ranking process, Brandon Thomas, Ohio County Magistrate, Third District, asked the committee to amend Tier 2 to show the project for Ohio County (address turn lane issues on US 231 at Perdue's main entrance) be moved up the ranking from project five to project three. Chairman Wassmer asked the committee for a motion to accept the amended ranking order in Tier 2.

A motion was made by Brandon Thomas to amend Tier 2 by moving project five for Ohio County (address turn lane issues on US 231 at Perdue's main entrance) up the ranking order to project three. The motion died for lack of a second. Motion was denied.

After much discussion, the committee completed the overall ranking prioritization. The following are the ranking positions:

#### Overall

1. Hancock County – US 60 33.00 - Reconstruct westbound lanes from Lewisport to Hawesville
2. Ohio County – US 231 3.00 - Address left turn lane issues on US 231 at Southern Elementary School
3. McLean County – US 431 64.00 - Address condition, safety and services issues on US 431 from the north end of the bridge in Livermore to a point south of KY 136
4. Ohio County – KY 54 74.00 - Reconstruct intersection at KY 2671
5. Webster County – KY 138 2.00 - Correct flooding between KY 120 and RR bridge in Slaughters
6. Webster County – KY 132 88.20 - Address safety, condition and service concerns of KY 312 from KY 1340 to KY 857
7. Ohio County – KY 69 78.10 - Reconstruction from the William H. Natcher Parkway at Hartford to Sunnydale Road
8. Hancock County – KY 271 1.00 - Minor widening from KY 1847 to US 60 to provide for four foot shoulders
9. Union County – US 60 82.20 - Major widening to four lanes from KY 492 to the Morganfield bypass
10. McLean County – KY 81 63.00 - Reconstruct intersection at KY 85 on the north side of Sacramento
11. Ohio County – US 231 2.00 - Address left turn lane issues on US 231 at Perdue's main entrance
12. Ohio County – US 231 1.00 - Add a left turn lane and storage on US 231 at Cromwell Road
13. Ohio County – KY 54 75.10 - Improve turning radius of the intersection at KY 54 and KY 69
14. McLean County – KY 85 10.00 - Widen to 12 foot lanes with four foot shoulders from 0.1 mile south of KY 1412 to 0.1 mile south of the Green River Bridge
15. Webster County – KY 283 1.00 - Reconstruct intersection at KY 1191

16. Union County – KY 666 1.00 - Realign Hilltop Road at KY 666 to the east of the current intersection to improve sight distance
17. Webster County – US 41A 90.17 - Reconstruct intersection at Wright Clayton/Stan Hope Road near Providence
18. Ohio County – KY 273 1.00 - Reconstruction with urban section from US 231 to Goshen Church Road in Beaver Dam
19. Hancock County – KY 69 78.42 - Reconstruct intersection at B. Rice Road
20. Webster County – KY 132 88.10 - Widening/Reconstruction from KY 109 to KY 1340
21. Webster County – US 41A 90.10 - Reconstruction from KY 670 at Providence to Bull Creek

A motion was made by Dan Lanham and seconded by Donnie Mayton to accept the overall ranking positions made by the committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

## V. UPDATES

### A. Highway District Office Update

Kevin McClearn reported on Hancock County stating of the \$1 million funded for US 60 westbound lanes project from Lewisport to Hawesville, \$200,000 has been designated for design and environmental. He is doubtful they will have right-of-way, and utilities relocation may be minimal. They plan to start at Hawesville and go west as far as funding will allow. The Highway 69 approach to the bridge in Hawesville is still in the works with sufficient funding. They have data from the new judicial center that has been taken into consideration. This project will continue to move forward.

In Ohio County, the US 231 interchange on the Western Kentucky Parkway will be let in July 2011, and it should include lighting at the interchange as well. Lighting at the Western Kentucky/William H. Natcher Parkways in Ohio County should have a July 15, 2011, letting; however, he has not gotten that verified, but he is confident it will let sometime this year.

In Union County, Highway 56 from Morganfield out a third of the way to the Shawneetown Bridge is in the right-of-way phase now.

In Daviess County, the bypass is in the second phase. Southtown Blvd. is currently scheduled for a July 2011 letting. The blue bridge in downtown Owensboro will be let Friday, May 20, 2011. The bridge will be closed for painting starting the early part of June and the funding will be split with Indiana with an estimated expense of \$17 million. The bridge is to be closed for four months, opening again October 3, 2011.

B. Other Updates

Gina Boaz asked the committee to review the handout provided regarding Stan Lampe, Kentuckians for Better Transportation (KBT). He will be the featured speaker at “Good Morning, Henderson!” at the Henderson Country Club, July 9, 2011. Ms. Boaz encouraged everyone to attend.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

A. Public Comments

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wassmer informed the committee the next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2011. It will be held at GRADD in the boardroom at 9:00 a.m., and Donnie Mayton will speak to the committee on biking issues.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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