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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE
OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

April 26, 2011

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The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) met on April 26, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 406, City Hall, Owensboro, Kentucky. A quorum was present with the members as listed:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Parrish, Owensboro City Manager, Chairman
Joe Schepers, Owensboro City Engineer
Nick Hall, District Two, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
(Represented by Kevin McClean)
Amy Thomas, KYTC, Division of Planning
Gary Noffsinger, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Phyllis Duel, Owensboro Transit System (OTS)
(Represented by Jennifer Wedding)
Sgt. Robert Duvall, Owensboro Police Department
(Represented by Officer Brad Martin)
Dr. Nick Brake, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation
Jiten Shah, Executive Director, Green River Area Development District (GRADD)
(Represented by Gina Boaz)
John Newland, Kenergy
(Represented by Jr. Roby)
Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport
Mark Brasher, Daviess County Engineer

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

J.D. Marksberry, Daviess County Sheriff's Department
Jim Lambert, Commissioner, Daviess County Fiscal Court, Vice-Chairman
Ian Chidister, Federal Highway Administration, Frankfort
Dean Behnke, Regional Water Resource Agency
Ed Riney, Owensboro Riverport Authority
Tim Lyons, Director, Owensboro Municipal Utilities (OMU)
Jody Wassmer, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Keith Harpole, Associate Director for Transportation Planning, GRADD
Paula Snyder, Support Service Technician, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Parrish called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 25, 2011, meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee were reviewed.

A motion was made by Jr. Roby and seconded by Joe Schepers to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011, TAC Meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Unscheduled Needs List Prioritization

Keith Harpole presented the prioritization of projects that were submitted by the committee. He reported a total of six responses were received from the committee. He said this was just a starting point and the committee may make any necessary changes.

After long discussions, the following Tier 1, Tier 2, and Overall Priorities listings are the final approved prioritizations:

Tier 1

1. KY 331 – Industrial Drive
2. KY 298 – Old Hartford Road (Burlew Blvd. to Harriet Lane)
3. KY 1456 – Thruston-Dermont Road (Hayden Road to KY 144)
4. US 231 – South Burton Road to Owensboro Community College
5. US 431 – Martin Luther King Blvd. to Panther Creek Bridge

A motion was made by Dr. Nick Brake and seconded by Jr. Roby to approve the Tier 1 projects as prioritized. A vote taken and the motion passed.

Tier 2

1. KY 1456 – Thruston-Dermont Road (Hayden Road to KY 54)
2. Old Hartford Road and Fairview Drive (install turn lanes)
3. KY 3335 – Settles Road
4. KY 298 – Old Hartford Road (Breckenridge St. to Burlew Blvd.)
5. Southtown Blvd. – US 431 to J.R. Miller Blvd.
6. KY 144 – KY 1831 to Boteler Road
7. KY 81 – Current four lanes to KY 56
8. Pleasant Valley Road – US 60 to Fairview Dr. extension

A motion was made by Gary Noffsinger and seconded by Joe Schepers to approve the Tier 2 projects as prioritized. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Overall Priorities

1. KY 1456 – Thruston-Dermont Road (KY 54 to Hayden Road)
2. KY 331 – Industrial Drive
3. Old Hartford Road and Fairview Drive (install turn lanes)
4. KY 298 – Old Hartford Road (Burlew Blvd. to Harriet Lane)
5. KY 3335 – Settles Road
6. KY 1456 – Thruston-Dermont Road (Hayden Road to KY 144)
7. KY 298 – Old Hartford Road (Breckenridge St. to Burlew Blvd.)
8. Southtown Blvd. – US 431 to J.R. Miller Blvd.
9. KY 81 – Current four lanes to KY 56
10. KY 144 – KY 1831 to Boteler Road
11. US 231 – South Burton Road to Owensboro Community College
12. US 431 – Martin Luther King Blvd. to Panther Creek Bridge
13. Pleasant Valley Road – US 60 to Fairview Drive extension

A motion was made by Jr. Roby and seconded by Bob Whitmer to approve the Overall Priorities. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The committee, after reviewing the Overall Priorities rankings, decided to amend the Tier 2 rankings. The committee elected to swap numbers six and seven. The following list indicates the new prioritization:

Tier 2

1. KY 1456 – Thruston-Dermont Road (Hayden Road to KY 54)
2. Old Hartford Road and Fairview Drive (install turn lanes)
3. KY 3335 – Settles Road
4. KY 298 – Old Hartford Road (Breckenridge St. to Burlew Blvd.)
5. Southtown Blvd. – US 431 to J.R. Miller Blvd.
6. KY 81 – Current four lanes to KY 56
7. KY 144 – KY 1831 to Boteler Road
8. Pleasant Valley Road – US 60 to Fairview Dr. extension

Additionally, the committee agreed there should be a letter to acknowledge that Highway 54 is in the Six-Year Highway Plan; therefore, not included on the tier prioritization list.

A motion was made by Bill Parrish and seconded by Dr. Nick Brake to amend the Tier 2 rankings by switching numbers six and seven, and a letter acknowledging Highway 54 is in the Six-Year Highway Plan; therefore, not included on the tier prioritization list. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

B. Owensboro Transit System Title VI Report

Jennifer Wedding presented an update to the Title VI Report for 2011, which is updated every three years. The document sets out policies and guidelines for Owensboro Transit System to follow when dealing with Title VI complaints and providing meaningful access of OTS maps and information to persons with limited English proficiency. Once approved, this document will be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

A motion was made by Dr. Nick Brake and seconded by Jr. Roby to submit the Owensboro Transit System Title VI Report to the FTA. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE DISTRICT HIGHWAY OFFICE

Kevin McClearn stated the letting for the Southtown Blvd. project will be in July 2011. He also stated the Bypass Extension is in the July 2011 letting as well.

Kevin McClearn reported the initial planning for KY 54 is to have seven lanes between the bypass and Fairview Drive, with five lanes between Fairview Drive and Thruston-Dermont Road, and then three lanes from Thruston-Dermont Road on as far as funding would allow.

Joe Schepers asked Mr. McClearn when Phase 1 is scheduled to be complete. Mr. McClearn replied that the scheduled completion date is in March 2013.

VII. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

The committee was presented with the **Livability Principles**. Keith Harpole gave a brief overview of the handout, and said the MPO committees are required to acknowledge the principles.

A motion was made by Gary Noffsinger and seconded by Joe Schepers to acknowledge the Livability Principles for the Owensboro-Daviess County MPO. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

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