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August 3, 2009

Director Keith Damron  
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet  
Division of Planning  
200 Mero Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor West  
Frankfort, KY 40622

Dear Mr. Damron:

Attached are the minutes and sign-in sheet from the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee meeting held on July 21, 2009.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gina Boaz  
Regional Transportation Planner

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Attachments

cc: Alvin Wilson, OBOD  
Boday Borres, KYTC Planning  
Charlie Spalding, KYTC Planning

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

July 21, 2009

M-I-N-U-T-E-S

The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Regional Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the GRADD office in Owensboro, Kentucky. It was determined that a quorum was present with the following persons in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jody Wassmer, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, Chairman  
Reid Haire, Daviess County Judge/Executive  
(Rep. by Sinan Rayyan)  
Edna Rice, Citizen Representative  
Hon. Tom Davis, Mayor of Henderson  
(Rep. by Doug Boom)  
Kim Humphrey, Union County First  
Gary Noffsinger, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission  
(Rep. by Brian Howard)  
Melvin Smith, Minority Representative  
Dan Lanham, Audubon Area Community Services  
Kevin McClearn, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), District 2  
Sandy Watkins, Henderson County Judge/Executive  
(Rep. by Darrell Cummings)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sammy Vinroe, Union County Schools Transportation  
James Townsend, Webster County Judge/Executive  
Jody Jenkins, Union County Judge/Executive  
Larry Whitaker, McLean County Judge/Executive  
Jack McCaslin, Hancock County Judge/Executive  
Karen Miller, Owensboro Tourist Commission

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David Jones, Ohio County Judge/Executive  
Ron Payne, Mayor of Owensboro  
Doug Wells, Community Based Services  
Ed Riney, Owensboro Riverport Authority  
Jimmy VanCleve, Public Safety Agencies  
Ron Ambrose, Western KY Trucking  
Ryan Clark, Bikeway Representative  
Captain John Blanton, Kentucky State Police  
Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Gene Steinkamp, US 231 Coalition  
Nick Hall, KYTC, District 2  
Nate Pagan, Daviess County Fiscal Court  
John Licht, Western Bluegrass Terminals  
Gina Boaz, Regional Transportation Planner, GRADD  
Echo Melton, Support Services Technician, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jody Wassmer called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., and asked everyone to introduce themselves and state who they represent.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Chairman Wassmer asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2009, meeting of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee.

A motion was made by Sinan Rayyan and seconded by Melvin Smith to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2009, meeting of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. US 231 Coalition

Chairman Wassmer introduced Gene Steinkamp. Mr. Steinkamp presented a map pointing out US 231 Coalition's immediate and future goals. He stated that US 231 should be a four lane highway, routing about 22 miles from the 231 bridge to I-64, in 2011. Phase one consists of US 231 becoming an alternative route for I-65 and be moved up to Crane to connect to I-69.

The next goal of the coalition would be to introduce this plan to Indiana's governor and the director of INDOT to show possibilities for connectivity to I-65 and I-69. Mr. Steinkamp expressed that the importance of this corridor could lead to a potentially huge increase in the market for energy resources for Kentucky due to the Ohio River and coal supply.

B. HB 4 Public Infrastructure

Chairman Wassmer was pleased to inform the committee that the General Assembly passed three of the four initiatives that Governor Steve Beshear presented, one of those being the Public Infrastructure Authority Bill, which was a big step in moving forward. A copy of the bill was presented to the committee.

C. FY 2010 Plan for Committee Activities/Program

Gina Boaz presented the committee's anticipated itinerary of upcoming meetings and events, as requested by KYTC for submittal. Ms. Boaz asked that if anyone had suggestions for potential guest speakers, to please contact her.

A motion was made by Kim Humphrey and seconded by Edna Rice to approve the Regional Transportation Committee's anticipated schedule to be presented to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. FY 2010 Regional Goals and Objectives

Gina Boaz presented the committee with the Regional Transportation's Goals and Objectives for FY 2009 for review to be approved at September's meeting.

E. Committee Bylaws

Gina Boaz reported the bylaws do not contain any recommended changes as of March 18, 2008; however, the committee is asked to review this document and look over the membership standing to assure a broad, diverse committee. Ms. Boaz added that the senior centers and economic development positions still need to be filled.

V. UPDATES

A. Highway District Office Update

Kevin McClearn presented the following updates:

Daviess County – The letting for construction of the US 60 Bypass Extension will occur Friday, July 24, 2009, which should start four to six weeks after. The section open for construction will be from Highway 144 over to the east at Hawesway Truck Stop. The

western portion of this project is still in the right of way phase. The Roundabout project is waiting for funding to be approved; therefore, the consultant has yet to get started.

Henderson County – The letting of both projects at the intersections of Watson Lane and Sand Lane are planned to be let in February 2010.

McLean County – In the process of formulating a priority list of some bond projects on US 431.

Hancock County – The approach to the Cannelton Bridge in Hawesville is still under way with the six-year highway plan showing the state funding construction in 2012.

Union County – Highway 56 will hopefully move right of way soon, but due to state funding, there may be a delay.

There was a short discussion about the McLean County projects on US 431 in the six-year highway plan.

B. Other Updates

Gina Boaz stated that Jennifer Wedding and an AmeriCorps worker will be working on a data collection project. Ms. Boaz also reviewed the current 2008 Kentucky Highway Plan with the committee.

C. Highway Safety Update

Gina Boaz presented the following updates:

The 3D drunk driving car was at Union County High School on May 21, 2009.

The “World’s Greatest Baby Showers” presentation was held in Union and Webster County.

A car seat check was held in Henderson and at Lowe’s in Owensboro.

There will be some upcoming safety events at some of the high schools.

Ms. Boaz added that as of September 30, 2009, the Highway Safety contract with GRADD will end. The transportation cabinet and the district office will be taking over highway safety for our area.

Kevin McClearn reported that a traffic signal is being replaced at US 431 and Southtown Boulevard.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

A. Public Comments

None.

B. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for September 15, 2009, at the Hancock County Airport.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

# SIGN IN SHEET

MEETING: Regional Transportation Committee Meeting

DATE & TIME: July 21, 2009 - 10:00 a.m. - GRADD Boardroom

NAME	ORGANIZATION/COUNTY
1. Gene Sturkamp	Hwy 231 Coalition
2. Brian Howard	OMTA
3. Melvin J. Smith Sr	Daviess Co., Miss Rep
4. SINAN, RAYAN	DCFC
5. Kim Hyong	UC First
6. DAN LANHAM	BACS / GRSTS TRANSPORTATION
7. Doug Brown	City of Henderson
8. Nate Perry	DCFC
9. Edna Rice	City of Hovee
10. Kevin McQueen	KYTC - D2
11. Zach Hays	KYTC - D2
12. Dawn Combs	Henderson County Road Dept super
13. John Lucke	Western Bluegrass Council
14. Edw Melton	
15. Jody Wassmer	Oboro Chamber of Commerce
16. Gina Boaz	GRADD
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