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**MINUTES OF THE PENNYRILE ADD  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
Monday, February 18, 2026 at 10:00 AM (CT)

**ATTENDING:**

**Voting Participants**

Dakota Young (V)	Perry Newcom	Amanda Crouch	Scott Marshall
Jerry Gilliam	Jack Whitfield (V)	Mack McGehee	Tiffany Groves
Nikki Steger	Michael Williams	Leslie Cornette	Stan Humphries
Brian Ahart	Pete Shaffer	Ed DeArmond	Jack Lingenfelter
Tom Britton	Jaime Green-Smith	Todd Mansfield	Beth Sumner
Taylor Hayes	Travis Cobb	Arthur Green	

**Advisory Members (Non-Voting)**

JR Knight	Jon Dietzel
Jim LeFevre	Catherine Everett
Carter Hendricks	

**KYTC Staff**

Austin Hart	Christopher Walden
Deneatra Henderson	Matt Hughes
Kyle Poat	Joe Plunk

**Elected Officials**

**PeADD Staff**

Amy Frogue	Melissa Thompson
Angela Herndon	Jason Vincent

## **AGENDA**

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order. The quorum was established with the arrival of a representative from Caldwell County. Judge Young (Caldwell County) joined the meeting via Zoom.

### INVOCATION/PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Judge Todd Mansfield. The Opening Prayer was led by Judge Michael Williams.

### MINUTES

The minutes from the December meeting were presented. Judge Humphries moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Judge Glliam. The motion carried unanimously.

### RTC MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL

The Regional Transportation Committee reviewed the current membership list. Mr. Shaffer was added as an at-large member for Livingston County. The planning commission chair for Lyon County was also updated. Judge Gilliam moved to approve the updated membership list; seconded by Ms. Sumner. The motion carried.

### UPCOMING DELIVERABLES

The Planner facilitated a review of several of the upcoming state-mandated deliverables due to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC).

The Rail Freight Loading and Unloading Inventory is due as a deliverable in February. The planner provided copies of the Work Program which explain the purpose and use for the deliverable as well as principles for classifying such uses. Members reviewed maps of rail freight loading and unloading locations in their respective counties to update existing or missing data.

The Major Freight Users Inventory is due as a deliverable in February. The planner provided copies of the Work Program which explain the purpose and use for the deliverable as well as principles for classifying such uses. The committee verified the major freight users data set, ensuring there was no redundant listing between freight users and rail loading sites.

The Park and Ride Inventory is due as a deliverable in March. The planner provided copies of the Work Program which explain the purpose and use for the deliverable as well as principles for classifying such uses. A review of sparse regional park and ride locations was conducted, including known sites like Lowe's in Hopkinsville and various Pilot Travel Centers.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Data Inventory is due as a deliverable in April. The planner provided copies of the Work Program which explain the purpose and use for the deliverable as well as principles for classifying such uses. Members reviewed and updated data regarding local sidewalks, bike lanes, multi-use paths, and greenways.

### SS4A UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

The Planner gave a brief update advising judges present that the extended agreements needed to be executed in order to process invoicing associated with the grant deliverables.

### District 3 Highway Project Update

District 2 was moved up in the agenda to allow for the KYTC personnel to leave for another meeting. Ben Hunt, representing KYTC District 3, provided an update on the US-79 widening project, also known as project 3-8001.1. This project will widen the roadway to three lanes and improve intersections along the commercial portion of Guthrie, beginning at the Tennessee state line. Construction is expected to begin in the next few weeks and is scheduled for completion in the fall of next year.

### District 1 Highway Project Update

Austin Hart, from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District 1, provided updates on several ongoing projects.

Regarding future initiatives, the study on I-24 continues to advance. The final results are expected in April 2026.

An update was also provided on the Caldwell County rehab project. This \$34 million contract was awarded to Jim Smith Contracting in October. Work is scheduled to begin in the spring and will involve a full-depth asphalt replacement, which includes removing all existing concrete, mirroring previous work done in Trigg County. Work is expected to span two summer seasons.

Mr. Hart reported on the US 641 (Lyon/Caldwell) project that work was progressing with right-of-way acquisitions. Construction is tentatively targeted for 2028–2029.

In summary, the update for District 1 was light, as efforts are centered on wrapping up all outstanding projects discussed earlier in the year.

### District 2 Highway Project Update

Deneatra Henderson, with KYTC District 2, began with Muhlenberg County noting that the KY-181 widening project will be back in the March letting. The design for the Exit 58 Cloverleaf Interchange is in Phase 1.

For Hopkins County, she noted that the North Main Street (US-41) project is delayed due to railroad and eminent domain issues.

Finally for Christian County, she noted that the Eagle Way Bypass (KY-1682) interchange was awarded to Rogers Group. PADD noted significant salt and chloride expenditures (\$1.2 million) during recent winter storms, with nearly half of that amount used specifically in Christian County.

### District 3 Highway Project Update

Mr. Joe Plunk, with KYTC District 3, reported the US-79 widening (first 3 miles) is under contract with a November completion date. The KY-848 bridge project is currently in the design phase.

### Public Comment

During the public comment section, Judge Newcom invited public comments. There were none. It was noted the next meeting of the RTC is scheduled for May 6, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

### Adjournment

Judge Newcom asked if there was a call for adjournment, Mayor Green made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Scott Marshall. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes Drafted & Submitted By:

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Angela Herndon, Regional Planner

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Date

Minutes Approved By The Transportation Committee:

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Judge Perry Newcom, Chair

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