

**MINUTES OF THE PENNYRILE ADD
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**
Tuesday, February, 27, 2024 at 10:00 AM (CT)

ATTENDING:

Voting Participants

Dakota Young	Taylor Hayes	Jaime Green-Smith	Tiffany Groves
Brock Thomas	Perry Newcom	Greg Greene	Scott Marshall
David Sullenger	Anita Black	Rebecca Pagan	Stan Humphries
Heather Riley	Lisa Miller	Matt Cartwright	Todd King
David Waldrum	Ken Todd	Mack McGehee	Todd Wallace
Jerry Gilliam	Teris Swanson	Ed DeArmond	Beth Sumner
J.R. Knight	Bill Hesser	Leslie Cornette	John Oliphant
Jackie Oliver	Terry Teitloff	Arthur Green	
Tom Britton	Bruce Akin	Charlotte Myers	

Advisory Members (Non-Voting)

Bill Corum	Brian Ahart	Chris Brown	Jill Hall
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KYTC Staff

Kyle Poat	Deneatra Henderson	Joe Plunk	Nick Brown
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Elected Officials

Morgan Alvey	Austin Wetherington
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PeADD Staff

Angela Herndon	Amy Frogue
Melissa Thompson	Jason Vincent

AGENDA

**The District Updates were moved to the beginning of the meeting to allow for extra time for the quorum of members to arrive.*

DISTRICT 1 HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE

Kyle Poat provided the KYTC District 1 Update.

641 Project (Lyon, Crittenden, and Counties)

A REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Caldwell Christian Crittenden Hopkins Livingston Lyon Muhlenberg Todd Trigg

KYTC has right-of-way funds for the project that will be ready to start expending as of July 1st of 2024. It is anticipated the right-of-way phase will begin in the August/September timeframe. There are some minor adjustments being made to the design in and around the prison farm. This property will be one of the first pieces of property acquired to help facilitate the relocation of the firing range.

Intersection Project (Trigg County)

Two parcels remain to be acquired at the intersection. The first is the lumberyard and the other is the store that sits in the corner. The properties are in the condemnation phase currently. Once complete the project would move to the construction letting which is anticipated in the July 2024 timeframe. The project is anticipated to require a year and a half to complete.

Secondary Resurfacing Projects

Representatives from District 1 will be meeting with the judges and the magistrates and commissioners sometime in March and April time frames and presenting those roads. and then also we're in the season where February March April lettings when there are a lot of FDO-5 resurfacing projects that are coming out as the weather continues to get better.

Roadway Departure Corridors

There was a call last week with the HSIP division where we were to start identifying several projects that could be roadway departure corridors. Conversations internally will be continuing next week with Kyle, Jason, Everett, and Austin.

DISTRICT 2 HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE

The update was provided by Deneatra Henderson from KYTC District 2.

Transportation Budget

Mrs. Henderson reported that the House has approved the transportation budget and with that their version of the highway plan. The actual transportation, budget and highway plan isn't expected to be finalized until mid April which will outline what the highway plan will include and as such there aren't many project updates at this time.

I-169 Upgrades

There are currently lane closures in Hopkins County coming south and those are on schedule. Before the shields are installed to identify the corridor as I-169, the 1682 interchange cloverleaf will need to be under construction. The project is in the design phase. There will not be a letting date until the construction plan is complete.

US-41 (Pembroke Road)

The surface is in terrible shape after the winter freeze /thaw cycles. An estimate has been generated and the process has begun to approve the funding for a pavement rehab on that section of US 41. The concrete pavement is past its lifespan.

Hopkins County

There is a project on North Main Street that's in design near the hospital involving access control as well as some improvements progressing through the design phase. South Main Street is also in need of a pavement rehab. South Main Street also needs modifications to the drainage design.

Muhlenberg County

There is planned work on Dean Road and 181 widening.

Mrs. Henderson indicated she would provide a more thorough update after the finalization of the highway plan and can report on a more accurate schedule.

DISTRICT 3 HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Joseph Plunk announced that in Todd County the main project was the US 79 Widening and as of the week before Christmas all of the bridges are opened. The next section is from the state line up to Novellus that completes the gap and is in the property acquisition phase. There are 32 proposed parcels to acquire 26 of those have been acquired and are working with utility companies as well. There are seven utility companies and 3 miles of power lines and waterlines to be relocated. It is anticipated the project will move into the construction phase in 2025. There is 17 miles to complete the project which is currently in the design phase and the environmental clearances needed.

The rural secondary projects are coming soon and KYTC will be setting up meetings with the fiscal court.

Mr. Plunk reminded everyone that during the winter there may not be a lot of work seen being completed on these projects but the necessary design and planning work is going on in the office on these projects during the times of the year that are outside of the construction season.

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Chair, Judge Perry Newcom, at 10:16 AM (CST).

ROLL CALL

Angela Herndon reviewed the sign in sheet and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Judge Perry Newcom asked everyone to review the minutes from the September 12th, 2023 of the RTC that were included in the packet. Judge Jerry Gilliam made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Bill Hesser. All Ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RTC MEMBERSHIP

Angel Herndon stated that the membership listing had been provided in the packet and that membership was updated each year, typically at the January meeting of the RTC. Scott Marshall made the motion to approve the RTC Membership Listing as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Bill Hesser. All Ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF FY2024 RTC UPDATE/AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Mrs. Angela Herndon provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the bylaws. The amendments are intended to make it easier to achieve a quorum for meetings of the RTC. Judge McGehee made the motion to approve the RTC Membership Listing as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Smith. All Ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF FY2024 RTC REVIEW OF GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Mrs. Angela Herndon provided an overview of the addition of the I-24 Project to the Goals & Objectives. Mayor Bill Hesser made the motion to approve the RTC Membership Listing as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge McGehee. All Ayes. Motion carried.

I-24 IMPROVEMENT DISCUSSION

Ms. Jill Hall with the CUAMPO was present to speak on the planned work and timeline for the I-24 improvements on the Tennessee side of I-24.

She indicated the project was put in the CUAMPO TIP by TDOT. The planning and engineering is estimated to be \$2 million and they're working on that phase now. At the January meeting TDOT explained their project plan and I-24 was identified in that for the widening of I-24 from 4 to 6 lanes. Construction is anticipated to start in 2034 at an estimated cost of \$234 million. The project will include upgrades to I-24 between the state line up to exit 11. Construction is anticipated to occur in three phases. It is believed they are committed in the 10 year plans for this project to begin roughly around 2030 for the construction phase.

Mrs. Henderson brought to everyone's attention the enormous price tag that Ms. Hall mentioned at over \$20 million per mile. She also indicated that she had been informed that the funding for the planning study for I-24 on the Kentucky side was kept in the House version of the Recommended Highway Plan.

Mr. Poat indicated the planning study originally was to run from the Ohio River to the Tennessee state line but it had been reduced to run between the Illinois State Line and Exit 11 in District 1. They were able to merge the I-24 project with a project to look at what happens when the Brookport Bridge in Paducah also becomes non-viable. There will be a gap from exit 11 to the District 2 boundary but they will continue to pursue that.

Judge Humphries expressed that he was under the impression that he believed that the project was on a faster track to be addressed than 10 years. He expressed concern for the local economies that are derived off the interstate travel and commerce. He thanked everyone for what help has been given on the study funding. He also mentioned that a number of local elected officials will be in DC in a couple weeks and urged everyone to discuss some of the I-24 promotional stuff and they will have some stuff already kind of put together on that. It's a problem for lots of ways from Fort Campbell and service to economies and transportation and all the things go along with that so there are lots of conversations to be had. He indicated disappointment but hope to have the studies beginning.

There was a question from Judge Smith about traffic counts and Mrs. Henderson answered her that counts are updated every 3 years and it may take some time to get them updated on the website.

Mayor Green stated that even though Todd County doesn't touch 24, but it's very important to the County. He further indicated that the whole project is very significant to this region whether a community is touching it or not.

Mr. Poat mentioned the organization and establishment of the new MPO in McCracken County which actually covers Paducah, McCracken, a portion of Livingston County and Brookport, Illinois. As they begin to develop the transportation plan in the MPO, he is confident I-24, especially through the Paducah area heading east, will be one of the top projects.

SS4A DISCUSSION

Mrs. Angela Herndon went over the next steps and indicated that any future schedule updates would be communicated with the committee. She also noted the next regularly scheduled meeting would be October 25, 2023 and asked for everyone to check their schedules for conflicts.

SHIFT SCHEDULE UPDATE/RECOMMENDED HIGHWAY PLAN

Mrs. Angela Herndon re-stated that the update given by the District Personnel present was the most current information available on the Recommended Highway Plan progress.

ADJOURNMENT

Judge Humphries made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hesser. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Drafted & Submitted By:

Angela Herndon
Angela Herndon, Regional Planner

4/24/2024
Date

Minutes Approved By The Transportation Committee:

Perry A. Newcom
Judge Perry Newcom, Chair

4-24-2024
Date