

**MINUTES OF THE PENNYRILE ADD  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 10:00 AM (CT)

**ATTENDING:**

Voting Participants

Brock Thomas	Diane Ford-Benningfield	Leslie Cornette
David Waldrum	Jack Whitfield	Arthur Green
Jerry Gilliam	Ken Todd	Scott Marshall
Tom Britton	Bruce Akin	Stan Humphries
Taylor Hayes	Jaime Green-Smith	Beth Sumner
Rachel McCubbin	Matt Cartwright	John Oliphant
Brian Ahart	Mack McGehee	
Perry Newcom	Ed DeArmond	

Advisory Members (Non-Voting)

Bill Corum  
Jim LeFevre  
Carter Hendricks

KYTC Staff

Deneatra Henderson	Jessica Waddle
Nick Hall	Matt Hughes
Joe Plunk	

Elected Officials

Rep. Jason Petrie  
Rep. Chris Freeland  
Rep. Mary Beth Imes  
Rep. Randy Bridges

PeADD Staff

Angela Herndon  
Amy Frogue  
Jason Vincent

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order by Judge Perry Newcom, at 10:02 AM (CST).

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE**

Judge Newcom added an invocation and the Pledge to the agenda moving forward.

#### ROLL CALL

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Judge Newcom asked everyone to review the minutes from the July 24, 2024 of the RTC that were included in the packet. Judge Whitfield made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Smith. All Ayes. Motion carried.

#### 1ST QUARTERLY REPORT

Transportation Planner, Angela Herndon, reviewed the purpose and content of the Quarterly Report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2025. She offered to answer any questions. Being none, Mayor Green made the motion to approve the quarterly report as presented. The motion was seconded by Scott Marshall. All Ayes. Motion carried.

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

Transportation Planner, Angela Herndon, advised the Committee that the only change proposed to the bylaws was regarding the composition of the Committee. The current bylaws included the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). In the past year the region has had the addition of another MPO and as such the bylaws were amended to include multiple MPOs if they exist. She offered to answer any questions. Being none, Judge Gilliam made the motion to approve the bylaws as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Smith. All Ayes. Motion carried.

#### REGIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Transportation Planner, Angela Herndon, explained that she had reached out to the District leadership regarding the Goals and Objective to obtain feedback. The recommended amendments that were made to the Goals & Objectives were as a result of those consultations. She offered to answer any questions. There was conversation within the group regarding the verbiage for the objective related to I-24. Once the verbiage had been discussed and a satisfactory version had been drafted, Judge Whitfield made the motion to approve the Goals & Objectives as presented. The motion was seconded by Diane Ford-Benningfield. All Ayes. Motion carried.

#### SHIFT UPDATE

Transportation Planner, Angela Herndon, briefed the RTC on the fact that the SHIFT process would be set to begin again in early 2025 and as such she would be looking set up project meetings in late 2024 or early 2025. She reminded people to be thinking about the projects that needed to be added for the upcoming cycle and which projects would be priority projects for each of the communities.

#### SS4A UPDATE

Adam Kirk, PE, PhD, PTOE, Safety Circuit Rider / Research Engineer for the University of Kentucky, Kentucky Transportation Center joined the meeting virtually give an update on the progress of the SS4A project in the region. Mr. Kirk provide the background history of the project in the Commonwealth and an overview of project milestones. He also provided for an overview of the milestones to anticipate in the forthcoming months. He offered to answer questions. Lincoln Fugal from the City of Madisonville inquired about if the collected crash data included pedestrian versus vehicle crashes were included. Mr. Kirk assured the RTC that it did. There was some additional conversation about pedestrian safety and the role of public perception and participation in the safety action plan.

### DISTRICT 1 HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE

Kyle Poat with District 1 was unable to be present for the meeting due to another obligation that presented itself that morning and as such there was no report from District 1.

### DISTRICT 2 HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE

District 2 Highway Chief Engineer, Deneatra Henderson, introduced Matt Hughes who has taken the position of Public Information Officer for District 1 and 2. She noted that he had previously been employed by the Madisonville Messenger newspaper. She advised anyone that wanted to receive district informational emails they should get in touch with Matt about getting on those mailing lists. Ms. Henderson provided a few updates on Kyle's behalf. She stated one the Tennessee River Bridge Rehab project is undergoing the eastbound bridge painting right now. According to Kyle, its slated to be completed by December 1<sup>st</sup>. She also complimented Judge Newcom on his work to get the Cave and Rock ferry operating on the weekends again. Ms. Henderson also mentioned the announcement of the dates for the bridge program. She mentioned that Bobby Joe Lewis sent out a reminder that phase, one funding closes on December 13<sup>th</sup>. She went on further to note that Phase 2 will close on February 28<sup>th</sup> and phase 3 on May 16<sup>th</sup>. She highlighted the I-169 signage was being installed in phases. As the project is in the last phases of the construction for the Interstate Conversion Project, the sign installations were part of that of that construction project. She explained that they are working on ice preparations and maintenance within District 2.

Judge Humphries asked about the progress on the I-24 project. Ms. Henderson indicated that the Cabinet has selected Stantec as the consultant for the I-24 study. She also indicated that Santec would be covering both districts even though its 2 separate projects. They're finishing the conversations about timeline and negotiating those contracts. Next year the project should be able to progress to some team meetings.

Bill Corum requested an update on I-369. Ms. Henderson indicated that she believed this project would be the District's next priority, following I-169 being converted completely. She indicated she anticipated that in the coming year there would be conversation and interest about converting the Audubon to I-369 followed by I-569 in Muhlenberg County.

### DISTRICT 3 HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE

District 3 Highway Chief Engineer, Joe Plunk, announced that due to limitations on time he would present on Local Saferoad Solutions at the next RTC meeting. He indicated that the District has finished the Todd County Middle School Turn Lane. He indicated that US79 remains a priority project for Todd County, which also connects from Clarksville into Kentucky, and on to Russellville. He indicated there was one parcel remaining and utilities are ongoing. He anticipated a letting during the summer of 2025. The remainder of the route from Novellis into Russellville will be moving into the final design phase. To date they have looked at concepts and had public meetings. They intend to keep the project moving forward to the next phase where they anticipated there will be some time looking at drainage and all the details.

### LOCAL SAFEROAD SOLUTIONS

In the consideration of time, this item will be moved to the January meeting.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Representative Bridges spoke briefly about his support for the I-24 project.

Representative Freeland agreed with Rep. Bridges and spoke briefly about safety on the Tennessee Bridge Project.

Representative Imes agreed with Rep. Bridges and Rep. Freeland and reiterated the importance of transportation to them and their appreciation for the dedication of the RTC to the cause.

Judge Newcom spoke briefly about the County Bridge program and an experience with the program from Crittenden County. He expressed concerns regarding how the completed project failed to score high enough to achieve the needed weight grading even after the plans had been thoroughly discussed with KYTC throughout the project.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes Drafted & Submitted By:

Angela Herndon

1/29/2025

Angela Herndon, Regional Planner

Date

Minutes Approved By The Transportation Committee:

Perry A. Newcom

1-29-2025

Judge Perry Newcom, Chair

Date