

**Purchase Area Development District
Transportation Committee Meeting
Minutes
September 22, 2010**

Transportation Committee Members present (categorized by representation):

Committee members' attendance, asterisk denotes absent

City/County Government

Greg Pruitt
Vickie Viniard*
Tommy Hodges
Harry Green/Proxy for Jessica Scillian
Tony Smith
Dennis Thompson/Proxy for Matt Mattingly
Kenny Etherton*
Brad Rogers
Steve Ervin

Intermodal/ Freight

Richard Roof
David Graham
Ken Canter

Commerce/Economic Development

Dan Key

Local Roads

Gary Atkins*
Larry Tolbird

Public & School Transportation

Richard Overby
Jennifer Smith/Proxy for Jason Riley
Paul Maxwell*

Citizen Members

Penny Wheeler/ Proxy for Juliana Reyes
Jimmy Henley
William Higginson / Proxy for Eugene McDonald*
Howard Dillard/Proxy for Leann Wilkerson*
Dwayne Stice
Douglas Tucker
Delphine Operle*

KYTC District One

Jessica Herring

Guests

Jeff Thompson, KACO
Charlie Spalding, KYTC
Shane Tucker, KYTC

Purchase ADD Staff

Mark Davis
Stacey Courtney
Cathy Holshouser

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Tony Smith welcomed the guests and members of the Transportation Committee to the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Tony Smith asked the board to read the Minutes of March 24, 2010 meeting. Following the review of the minutes, **Mr. Richard Roof made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented and was seconded by Mr. Dennis Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.**

III. KYTC DIVISION OF PLANNING: STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

Mr. Shane Tucker, with the KYTC Central Office presented a Power Point Presentation about the Regional Planning Program. After the presentation there was a time for questions & answers for the committee.

Mr. Charlie Spalding, with the KYTC Central Office presented a Power Point Presentation on the upgrades for the Unscheduled Project Listings website. The upgrades will provide the most current data. Mr. Spalding stated that there will be more revision made to the websites in the future. There was a brief time for questions & answers for the committee.

Mr. Stacey Courtney thanked Mr. Tucker & Mr. Spalding for coming today.

Next, Mr. Courtney announced that Mr. Tim Choate has retired from the District 1.

IV. REVIEW FY 2011 GOALS & OBJECTIVES, COMMITTEE BYLAWS, PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

Mr. Stacey Courtney stated that the Transportation Cabinet requires that each year the committee review the Regional Goals and Objectives and the Committee Bylaws. The committee members were previously provided copies of the two documents in mail outs and e-mails from the staff, asking for input or recommended changes. These documents are also available to view on the Purchase Add Website. Mr. Courtney explained that there were no recommended changes presented for the committee bylaws. Mr. Courtney asked for a motion to re-approve the presented bylaws document for this year. **A motion was made by Mr. Dennis Thompson to approve the current PADD RTC Bylaws and the motion was seconded by Mr. Ken Canter. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Courtney reviewed the regional goals and objectives on page 1-4 in the packet with the committee. Mr. Ken Canter commented on the Promote Waterways goal reporting that Secretary LaHood of the Federal Department of Transportation recently designated water way systems as Marine Highways. The Paducah River Port is on M65 and each one of the river systems has its own designation. This will be a major emphasis from the federal side for the next several years.

Mr. Canter also stated that the 2010 General Assembly passed House Bill 28 establishing the Kentucky Waterway Commission. Senator Bob Leeper & Representative Will Coursey will serve as chairs for this committee. Mr. Canter was appointed by Governor Beshear to serve a four year term on the committee. The committee was set up as an advisory group to the Governor and the General Assembly to address waterway issues for the state.

Based on this information some changes were recommended for the goal of promoting waterways.

A motion was made by Mr. Doug Tucker to change the language in bullet point 3 to: Support the efforts of the KY Water Ways Advisory Group and the motion was seconded by Mr. Richard Roof. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dan Key commented that the committee may want to consider language in the goals and objectives that promotes the regions airports and railroads in addition to the waterways. The committee was receptive this idea and asked Mr. Courtney to develop this for the committee and provide for review at a later time. Mr. Courtney informed the committee he would work on the language and send out in email for the committee to review.

Mr. Courtney asked everyone to look at the FY 2011 Committee Involvement Plan. He discussed the Proposed Plan of Activities with the committee. Mr. Courtney asked them to please call him if you have any recommendations for the meetings.

V. DISTRICT 1 PROJECT UPDATES (I-69 EDYVILLE TO FULTON PLANNING STUDY)

Ms. Jessica Herring with the District 1 announced that due to Tim Choate's retirement, Chief District Engineer Jim LeFevre will be the contact for the Project Development Branch until further notice. Ms. Herring reported there is an ongoing study for I-69 Eddyville to Fulton segment. The firm Palmer Engineering is looking at the existing geometry of the parkway and coming up with recommendations & improvement for the roadway that would bring it up to interstate standards. There will be a public meeting later this year. It will possibly be held in Mayfield. Ms. Herring also reported that they anticipate that US 68 four lane at Land between the Lakes will be open to traffic as early as November of this year. The US 60 Ledbetter Bridge contract was also recently awarded. The bridge over the Tennessee River should be completed in about 3 years.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ken Canter mentioned that the Paducah Chamber of Commerce has taken on the task of exploring having a Transportation Summit next spring or summer. The format will probably resemble a trade show. He would like for the PADD staff to come any of the planning meetings.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURN

Mr. Stacey Courtney thanked the committee for attending today's meeting.

Mr. Doug Tucker made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Dennis Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.