

**Purchase Area Development District  
Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2025**

**Transportation Committee Members present** *(categorized by representation):*  
*Committee members' attendance, asterisk denotes absent*

**City/County Government**

Kenny Imes, Chairman  
Kenny Wilson\*  
April Gallimore\*  
Bethany Cooper \*  
Josh Sommer\*  
Ricky Stewart\*  
Bill Marcum  
Jim Osborne\*

**Guests**

Justin Tidwell, Calloway County  
Bob Rogers, City of Murray Mayor  
Mark Welch, Fulton Hickman EDP  
Ricky Stewart, Calloway County  
Carol Downing, City of Murray  
Morgan Alvey, Sen. McConnell's Office  
Alex Caudill, Governor's Office

**Intermodal/ Freight**

Jim Garrett  
Dennis Rouleau

**Purchase ADD Staff**

Jon Young  
Jim Lefevre  
Kim Toon

**Commerce/Economic Development**

J/E Todd Cooper\*  
Jason Lemle\*

**Local Roads**

Tim Pearson  
Roy Wadkins\*  
Randy Williams

**Public & School Transportation**

Jeremi Bumpus  
Kevin Kelley

**Citizen Members**

Brandon Marbry/Judge Terry  
Dwayne Stice\*  
Ruth Taylor\*  
Aaron Blount  
Mike McGregor\*  
Tony Smith  
Jerome Jenkins

**KYTC**

Kyle Poat  
Jason looper  
Bryce Benifield

***1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS***

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

## **2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 19, 2025 MINUTES**

Chairman Imes directed attention to the March 18, 2025 meeting minutes.

**Mr. Jim Garrett made a motion to approve the August 18, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Kevin Kelly seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

## **3. GUEST SPEAKER – JIM GARRETT (PADUCAH-MCCRACKEN COUNTY RIVERPORT AUTHORITY)**

The committee heard a special presentation from Jim Garrett, Executive Director of the Paducah–McCracken County Riverport Authority, who provided an overview of current operations, major commodities handled, and ongoing infrastructure projects. Mr. Garrett highlighted the Riverport’s broad operational capabilities, including bulk and break-bulk unloading, specialty cargo handling, radioactive material handling, cylinder preparation, and 75,000 square feet of warehousing. The port continues to move significant volumes of materials such as sand, limestone, fertilizer, petroleum coke, graphite, and magnesia. He also outlined progress on several major improvement initiatives funded through the PIDP and DRA grants, including new dock design work, civil earthwork plans on both sides of Noble Road, haul-road and rail integration, geotechnical drilling, HEC-RAS modeling, and coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Coast Guard on permitting. The project will advance in multiple phases, beginning with earthwork, access roads, rail components, and dock construction.

Mr. Garrett also reported on Riverport West and provided an update on the region’s expanding Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) activities. Paducah–McCracken County serves as the FTZ grantee, with active subzone operators involved in warehousing and manufacturing. The first FTZ products—5,555 super sacks—were received in July 2025, marking a major milestone for the program. Mr. Garrett emphasized the advantages FTZ participation brings to area industries, including deferred duties, reduced manufacturing tariffs, unlimited storage periods, and duty-free import-to-export movement. He noted increasing interest from new customers, including a potential subzone operator at the Eddyville Port, and recent multi-county discussions involving partner industries such as MRCOOL, Hollobus, and MCP Candle. He closed by highlighting ongoing opportunities to expand regional logistics capacity and support economic development through the Riverport’s growing service offerings.

## **4. KYTC DISTRICT 1 UPDATES**

Mr. Kyle Poat gave an update on local road projects. Mr. Poat provided an overview of KYTC District 1’s current efforts under the County/City Bridge Improvement Program (CCBIP). He reported that the district has been highly active in its efforts to replace aging and deficient bridges across the region and he highlighted projects across the region that were awarded and that are now moving forward. Mr. Poat also emphasized the ongoing need for additional bridge investment in the region and noted that KYTC will continue working with communities to identify priorities and pursue further funding opportunities.

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

Jon Young provided an update on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), informing the committee that the current application cycle opened on November 17, 2025, and will remain open through January 19, 2026. He offered a brief overview of the program, explaining that TAP provides federal funding for local projects that improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, expand multimodal access, and enhance community connectivity. Mr. Young encouraged communities to consider eligible projects such as sidewalks, shared-use paths, Safe Routes to School improvements, and other pedestrian-focused infrastructure, and he reminded attendees that applications are competitive and must follow federal requirements. He also noted that the Office of Local Programs is available to assist applicants with questions throughout the application period.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No report.

**7. ANNUAL APPRECIATION LUNCH**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Jim Garrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judge Greg Terry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**