

**POLICY COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

February 23, 2010

M-I-N-U-T-E-S

The Policy Committee of the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) met on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, Commission Chambers, City Hall, Owensboro, Kentucky, at 2:00 p.m. The following persons were in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Payne, Chairman, Mayor, City of Owensboro  
Reid Haire, Vice-Chairman, Daviess County Judge/Executive  
Kevin McClearn, District Office Two, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Bill Parrish, City Manager, Owensboro  
Joe Schepers, City Engineer, Owensboro  
Nick Hall, Planning Section Supervisor, District Two, KYTC  
Amy Thomas, KYTC, Frankfort  
Tom Creasey, ENTRAN  
Matt White, City Of Owensboro  
Keith Harpole, Associate Director for Transportation Planning, GRADD  
Jennifer Wedding, Transportation Planner, GRADD  
Paula Snyder, Support Services Technician, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Payne called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 15, 2009, Policy Committee meeting were reviewed.

A motion was made by Reid Haire and seconded by Kevin McClearn to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2009, meeting of the Policy Committee. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Downtown Owensboro Draft Traffic Plan Recommendation

Tom Creasey gave a presentation concerning the Downtown Traffic Study. A copy of Mr. Creasey's presentation is attached for your convenience.

Mr. Creasey stated that portions of Second Street and Fourth Street would be converted to two-way traffic. He further stated that Second Street would be two-way from the intersection of Second and Fourth Street at Martin Way to the intersection of either Crittenden Street or Triplett Street. He stated that Fourth Street would be two-way from the intersection of Second Street and Fourth Street near Martin Way to Breckenridge Street. He also stated that the remainder of Second and Fourth Street would become a state route from the existing Bypass to where they become two-way streets. He stated this was due to the traffic patterns of the three businesses, Yager Material, Owensboro Grain, Lafarge Corporation, stating that these businesses have very unique travel demands.

Mr. Creasey further stated that at the intersection of West Second, West Fourth Streets and Martin Way, it is recommended that a Roundabout be constructed. The Roundabout would be the most efficient way to handle traffic coming into Owensboro from the west.

Mr. Creasey stated that if the City of Owensboro took maintenance of Second and Fourth Streets, the US 60 designation would be transferred to the US 60 Bypass.

He stated that Fifth Street is recommended to become two-way between Breckenridge Street and Frederica Street.

His final recommendation is that Frederica Street becomes a state route between the US 60 Bypass and Parrish Avenue, with the remainder, Parrish Avenue to Second Street, either becomes a state route or a city street.

A motion was made by Reid Haire and seconded by Ron Payne to approve the Downtown Owensboro Draft Traffic Plan Recommendation. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Kevin McClearn abstained.

VI. COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT OFFICE

Kevin McClearn stated that the KYTC would have to evaluate the transfer of US 60, Fifth Street to the City, as to legal aspects, also, if the city can maintain the new streets, what other new state expenditures might crop up with new city construction.

He stated that the Roundabout, at KY 81 and KY 56, there is to be a public meeting sometime late spring or early summer.

VII. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Payne asked Kevin McClearn the status of Southtown Blvd.

Kevin McClearn stated that if all goes well, utility relocation could start maybe this year.

Judge Haire asked about the Roundabout located at KY 81 and KY 56.

Kevin McClearn stated that the Roundabout is still on track and will proceed with a public meeting sometime in late spring or early summer. The public meeting will be able to show 90% plans and show the public what the project will look like.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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