

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE
OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

April 7, 2009

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The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) met on April 7, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 406, City Hall, Owensboro, Kentucky. A quorum was present with the members as listed:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Parrish, Owensboro City Manager, Chairman
Joe Schepers, Owensboro City Engineer
Kevin McClearn, District Office Two, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
(Represented by Nick Hall)
Nick Brake, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation
Gary Noffsinger, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Jiten Shah, Green River Area Development District
John Newland, Kenergy
(Represented by Jr. Roby)
Sgt. J. Scott Steward, Owensboro Police Department
Dean Behnke, Regional Water Resource Agency
Louis Lindsay, Owensboro Transit System
Dick Chapman, Owensboro Municipal Utilities
Capt. Jeff Jones, Daviess County Sheriff Department
Ed Riney, Owensboro Riverport Authority
Jeff Barber, Owensboro Medical Health System
(Represented by Steve Johnson)
Sinan Rayyan, Daviess County Engineer
Jim Lambert, Commissioner, Daviess County Fiscal Court, Vice-Chairman
Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport
Amy Thomas, KYTC, Division of Planning

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Whitworth, Federal Highway Administration, Frankfort
Junior Young, Owensboro Public Schools
Ken Rasp, Owensboro Catholic Schools
Jody Wassmer, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Mark Brasher, Assistant City Engineer, City of Owensboro
Keith Harpole, Associate Director for Transportation Planning, GRADD
Echo Melton, Support Services Technician, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Parrish called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 24, 2009, meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee were reviewed.

A motion was made by Joe Schepers and seconded by Gary Noffsinger to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009, Technical Advisory Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – FY 2010

Keith Harpole presented a brief overview of the Unified Planning Work Program and stated that comments received from the KYTC and FHWA have been incorporated into the UPWP, which will be taken to the Policy Committee meeting in April.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Airport Update

Bob Whitmer stated that the Owensboro-Daviess County Airport recently received \$2.5 million for two projects. Of the \$2.5 million, \$1,750,000 will be used to update the tarmac and the remaining \$750,000 will be used to purchase a new fire truck. Mr. Whitmer further stated that a new fire truck is needed to serve the larger aircraft that Allegiant Air uses in its operations.

Mr. Whitmer explained that Allegiant Air is doing well with the number of passengers; near maximum capacity per flight.

B. Riverport Projects

Ed Riney presented the following reconstruction projects for discussion:

1. Owensboro Riverport Authority's original river wall is in need of reconstruction due to inadequacy. The funding needed for reconstruction is \$1.5 million.
2. Industrial Drive needs widening due to high volume truck traffic and projected increase in traffic.

Mr. Riney was informed by Amy Thomas, KYTC, that until funding can be attached to either one of the projects, they cannot be added to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Thomas also suggested that Mr. Riney submit all information to her and then she will distribute it to the appropriate people.

C. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Keith Harpole stated that during the most recent air quality conference call, it was reported that Daviess County was included on the list of non-attainment counties for Kentucky. Mr. Harpole also stated that the final designation will not be available until March or April 2010. This will allow Daviess County one more summer of air quality monitoring with the chance of not being included for non-attainment. He pointed out that the MTP is due to be updated and it is easier to update while the MPO is in attainment. TAC will be discussing projects that are currently in the MTP during future meetings.

D. Transportation Improvement Program – FY 2008-2013 Administrative Modification #6

Keith Harpole presented the committee with the TIP Administrative Modification # 6 and explained the changes made.

Mr. Harpole explained that Item 1, bus shelters, is being removed and replaced with an electric generator. He stated that bus shelters were not eligible to be funded.

Item 3 was funded for an additional passenger bus for Owensboro Transit System (OTS).

He pointed out that Items 4, 5, and 6 were for informational purposes only, since these items dealt with the Green River Intra-county Transit System (GRITS).

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE DISTRICT HIGHWAY OFFICE

None.

VII. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission (OMPC), presented a draft of street classifications for Owensboro-Daviess County. Mr. Howard stated that OMPC has worked with the Owensboro Engineering Department, District Highway Office and KYTC on this matter.

He further stated that all concerned were in agreement with the classifications, with the exception of Byers Avenue. He stated that OMPC wanted to classify Byers Avenue as a Minor Arterial, while the Owensboro Engineering Department was to change the classification to Major Collector.

Joe Schepers, Owensboro City Engineer, expressed that their opposition was due to the fact that US 60 Bypass is so close to Byers Avenue and that Byers Avenue would not act as a Minor Arterial. Mr. Schepers stated that Minor Arterials should not bisect neighborhoods. He also explained that Major Collectors do have the same requirements for construction as do Minor Arterials, and the remaining sections of Byers Avenue might get built sooner.

Mr. Howard stated that the section of Byers Avenue between KY 81 and Old Hartford Road, which was built as a Minor Arterial, works well and has fewer access points. He further pointed out that Byers Avenue did not bisect the neighborhood; the neighborhood was built around Byers Avenue. He further explained that OMPC would like to have more control over development along Byers Avenue, without the classification of Minor Arterial, it would be impossible to revert back in the future.

A motion was made by Jiten Shah and seconded by Jim Lambert to accept the recommendation of the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission concerning the street classifications. A vote was taken and the motion failed.

A motion was made by Bill Parrish and seconded by Joe Schepers to accept the street classification with exception that Byers Avenue be classified as a Major Collector. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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