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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

1:00 PM MAY 26

KIPDA CONFERENCE ROOM A

**PARTICIPATION WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE THROUGH
ZOOM AND RECORDED**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. March 24 RTC Minutes (Approval Requested, See Attached)
3. Public Comments
4. County Transportation Updates
5. Kentuckians for Better Transportation Update
6. Presentation on Every Commute Counts program
7. KIPDA Bike and Pedestrian Sidewalk Inventory
8. Safe Streets and Road for All grant program
9. Other Business-KIPDA ADD Local Meetings
Next RTC meeting
10. Adjourn

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MINUTES

KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KIPDA)

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
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LOUISVILLE, KY 40299
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**MEETING ALSO CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM
AND STREAMED ON THE AGENCY'S YOUTUBE PAGE**

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022 – 1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Honorable John Riley
Honorable Jim Travis
Honorable Todd Pollock
Mr. Ryan Libke

REPRESENTING

Spencer County Judge Executive
Spencer County Magistrate
Trimble County Judge Executive
Shelby County Planning & Zoning

OTHERS ATTENDING

Mr. Randall Embry
Ms. Rachael Miller
Mr. Jarrett Haley
Ms. Elizabeth Bowling-Schiller
Mr. Bo Martin
Ms. Susan Oatman
Mr. Larry Chaney

REPRESENTING

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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Embry called the meeting to order at 1:09 P.M.

MINUTES

Judge John Riley moved to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2022 Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting. Mr. Ryan Libke seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Embry stated that there were no public comments.

COUNTY TRANSPORTATION UPDATES IN THE KIPDA ADD REGION

Shelby County

Mr. Ryan Libke stated that the Highway 53 project traffic has been shifted over, the old railroad bridge is being taken out, and the old pavement is being removed. This project should hopefully be done later this year.

The seventh Street project should be done soon, and it is progressing nicely. There have not been any traffic issues caused due to the construction so far.

One lane on Main Street will be closed so the water company can upgrade some water lines that run underneath the street. This could potentially cause some traffic issues.

The county's comprehensive plan recommended road improvements due to increased growth and development throughout the county. A few private developers are looking at building various sections of road for better connections to increase traffic movement and ease congestion.

Spencer County

Judge John Riley stated that the county is working on several Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) projects to address road slides that have occurred.

KENTUCKIANS FOR BETTER TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Mr. Randall Embry stated that last month the National Transportation Research Nonprofit (TRIP) released its report on Kentucky roadways. This data examines the conditions and the safety of Kentucky highways, roads, and bridges to determine future mobility needs. The sources for the data in the report came from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), the U.S. Census Bureau, the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI), the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

House Bill 274, which is related to transportation improvement districts, received supportive testimony from Representative Santoro and Judge Boone. House Bill 545 relates to aviation development and has three objectives. This bill would set up a fund to develop education opportunities mechanics, engineers, and pilots. Senate Bill 347 relates to the development of an electric vehicle charging infrastructure plan.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BILL AND GRANTS

Ms. Susan Oatman, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) state highway engineer, gave a presentation on transportation infrastructure bill and grants. KYTC has been involved with the federal transportation grant, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, in many ways thus far. Grant efforts were coordinated by the Division of Program Management and centered on the primary U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) grant programs – Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA), Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER), Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD), and the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE). The program management responsibilities were aligning Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) grants with projects, coordinating and submitting grant applications, and monitoring and closing out the successful grant projects.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is changing the grant landscape. There are more than a dozen new U.S. DOT programs and pilots and 60,000 new potential grant partners for the U.S. DOT. Grant programs that are of special interest to KYTC are INFRA; TIGER/BUILD/RAISE; National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega

Projects); Rural Surface Transportation Program; Bridge Investment Program; Congestion Relief Program; Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Savings Transportation (PROTECT); and the Electric Vehicle Charging Program.

The program management responsibilities will change. They will now align the NOFOs with a broader spectrum of projects, coordinate and submit KYTC applications and assist with local understanding, and monitor and close out a greater number of successful projects. The effort to generate grant funding must evolve. Projects must meet U.S. DOT expectations, and local projects will be weighed equally by the U.S. DOT. KYTC will need to staff the effort appropriately.

KYTC has established a Federal Grants Working Group with Susan Oatman assigned as the working group lead. Amanda Spencer, Stephen De Witte, Beth Niemann, and Dave Heil are working group members. The Working Group has conducted an in-depth review of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, identified individual grant program eligibilities, developed a “Grants Matrix” for ease of reference, created a form for obtaining and ranking District grant project recommendations, and shared Federal Grants Working Group outputs with Department of Health (DOH) leadership.

The Division of Program Management will continue its role in coordinating the grants process. KYTC is anticipating more federal grant activity than ever before and must accept its role as both a grant applicant and a resource for other grant applicants. KYTC recognizes that the best projects for a particular grant category may be Local projects and will provide assistance with Individual Grant administration, if necessary.

KIPDA ONLINE LIBRARY; KIPDA ADD PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN; TOPICS FOR FUTURE RTC MEETINGS

Mr. Randall Embry stated that the KIPDA Online Resource Center is available online and includes all Comprehensive Plans from Louisville Metro, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Plans, and the rural county transportation plans. KYTC information, documents, and planning studies are included as well.

Mr. Randall Embry added that he is working on the KIPDA ADD Public Involvement Plan, and he is still waiting on the U.S. Census data for the socioeconomic maps. He

also asked the Committee for any ideas or suggestions for topics for future Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meetings.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting will be held on May 26, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at KIPDA in Conference Room A and via Zoom video conference.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Randall Embry stated that there was no other business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Judge Todd Pollock moved to adjourn the meeting. Judge John Riley seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.