

Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living Area Development District Metropolitan Planning Organization



# 1:00 PM OCTOBER 27 KIPDA CONFERENCE ROOM A

# PARTICIPATION WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM AND RECORDED

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. May 26 RTC Minutes (Approval Requested, See Attached)
- 3. Public Comments
- 4. County Transportation Updates
- 5. Kentuckians for Better Transportation Update
- 6. Kentucky Electric Vehicles Deployment Plan presented by Justin Harrod
- 7. Other Business-KIPDA Regional Transportation Council Bylaws
  KIPDA Regional Transportation Council Goals and Objectives
  Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Datamart website and resources
- 8. Adjourn

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#### **MINUTES**

# **KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KIPDA)**

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL 11520 COMMONWEALTH DRIVE LOUISVILLE, KY 40299 CONFERENCE ROOM A

# MEETING ALSO CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM AND STREAMED ON THE AGENCY'S YOUTUBE PAGE

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022 - 1:00 P.M.

# MEMBERS ATTENDING REPRESENTING

Honorable Jim Travis Spencer County Magistrate

Mr. Ryan Libke Shelby County Planning & Zoning

# OTHERS ATTENDING REPRESENTING

Mr. Randall Embry
Ms. Rachael Miller
KIPDA
Ms. Elizabeth Bowling-Schiller
KIPDA
Ms. Elizabeth Bowling-Schiller
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# **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Embry called the meeting to order at 1:07 P.M.

### **MINUTES**

No quorum.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Embry stated that there were no public comments.

# **COUNTY TRANSPORTATION UPDATES**

# Shelby County

Mr. Ryan Libke stated that the Seventh Street project is mostly complete, and will include a pedestrian area, cross walks, and signs for pedestrians.

The water service lines along Washington Street are almost done, and paving will begin soon.

The Highway 53 project is moving along. Intersection work at US-60 and Highway 53 is currently being worked on.

There has been support and lobbying from the Shelby County Industrial Development for the construction of a bypass on the east side of the county to mitigate traffic congestion.

# **Spencer County**

Magistrate Travis stated that the county is currently working on mowing for the season and taking care of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funded projects, and road slides are getting worked on now.

# **KENTUCKIANS FOR BETTER TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

Mr. Randall Embry stated that an application has been submitted requesting \$1.66 billion in federal funding for improvements to the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor that runs through Northern Kentucky and the City of Cincinnati. The grant request will cover approximately 60% of the total 2.77 billion project cost, and each state will also allocate significant state and other federal dollars towards the project. The states will split the cost of the new bridge 50/50, and each state will be responsible for the needed work on its side of the border.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) recently announced that engineering work on the project will move forward as the federal government considers the application for funding. KYTC and ODOT will also continue to work on acquiring property needed to construct the project. The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor will construct a critical companion bridge next to the existing bridge to improve traffic flow and safety.

# PRESENTATION ON EVERY COMMUTE COUNTS PROGRAM

Ms. Elizabeth Bowling-Schiller, KIPDA Alternative Transportation Program Manager, gave a presentation on KIPDA's Every Commute Counts (ECC) program. Every Commute Counts, formerly known as Ticket to Ride, is the region's rideshare program at KIPDA. ECC serves a nine-county, bi-state region that includes Jefferson, Shelby, Oldham, Henry, Trimble, Spencer, and Bullitt counties in Kentucky and Clark and Floyd counties in Indiana. The ECC program has partnered with the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) since 2000 with KIPDA administering the regional vanpool program.

The ECC program has had great success and has recently evolved to include more concern for the environment, changes in user mindsets about commuting, need for education and outreach, and the growth of Louisville and surrounding counties. Poor air quality is linked to increases in asthma and other illnesses. ECC provides non-driving alternatives through ridesharing and vanpools with a goal to reduce the per capita vehicle miles traveled, which allows the region to make progress in improving its air quality. By carpooling, biking, teleworking, or riding TARC once a week, a commuter will save 1,500lbs of carbon dioxide emissions per week.

The ECC carpool program connects commuters living and working in similar areas so they can rideshare easily via personal vehicles. Ride matching software is available to individual employers and employees. Also, registered carpools are eligible for Emergency Ride Home (ERH) service which covers such emergencies as illness, child illness, family crisis, and unplanned mandatory overtime. Taxi, Uber, or Lyft fares will be reimbursed 100% for trips up to 100 miles one way, and this service can be used up to four times per year.

The ECC vanpool program coordinates employees and utilizes 8, 12, or 15 passenger vans for daily commutes. Ride matching software is available to individual employers and employees. Registered vanpool participants pay monthly fare and are eligible for

a pre-tax deduction which includes the vanpool drivers. This program also includes the Emergency Ride Home service. In March 2020 there were 65 vanpools, 11 vanpools in April 2020, 16 in March 2021, and now 33 in May 2022.

The ECC program has a responsive website with an updated interface for vanpool, carpool, and bikepool. Commuters can register with their home address and work location, hours worked, mode selections, and are then matched based on those criteria. There are 2,500 registered commuters as of July 1, 2019. Some incentives of this program for commuters include commute logging, badges for commute milestones, worksite competitions, and more.

The Employer Commute program has many benefits for businesses including recruiting incentives, employee retention, expansion of employee benefits, improved productivity, traffic management, reduction of payroll tax through pre-tax deductions, and sustainable business practices. Business can get started with the program by completing a needs assessment that includes and employee survey and worksite transportation assessment; develop a commuter program plan to determine subsidies, benefits, goals, strategies, and a work plan. The business can then implement the program, evaluate, and maintain it.

# KIPDA BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN SIDEWALK INVENTORY

Mr. Randall Embry stated that the data on bike lanes, multi-use paths, and sidewalks. This inventory information is updated each year in May by all the Area Development Districts (ADDs) including KIPDA. The ADD Bike and Pedestrian Sidewalk Inventory information and updates for the KIPDA region was submitted to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) today. Several updates were submitted for counties in the KIPDA region.

# SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Randall Embry reported that the Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) grant funding Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for fiscal year 2022 will soon be released. Program highlights include:

 Support of regional, local, and Tribal initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries

- Up to \$5-6 billion in funding will be available from fiscal year 2022 through 2026, including up to \$1 billion in fiscal year 2022
- Grant funds will be awarded on a competitive basis
- Eligible activities include:
  - Development or update a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
  - Conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan
  - o Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan
- Eligible entities include:
  - Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
  - Counties, cities, towns, and other specialized districts that are subdivisions of a state and transit agencies
  - Federally recognized Tribal governments
  - Multijurisdictional groups comprised of the above entities

The application deadline is expected to be 120 days after publication of the NOFO, which would be in mid-September 2022.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Mr. Randall Embry stated that there will not be any Regional Transportation Council meetings held in the summer.

# **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ryan Libke moved to adjourn the meeting. Magistrate Jim Travis seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

# **KIPDA Area Development District**



# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL BYLAWS



#### **ARTICLE I**

# NAME AND PURPOSE

The Regional Transportation Council is a sub-committee of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA) Board of Directors that serves four counties that are within the Area Development District (ADD) of the KIPDA Region. The four counties represented are Henry County, Shelby County, Spencer County, and Trimble County. The Regional Transportation Council will work together to establish a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system to meet the needs of the four counties of the KIPDA Region.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- 1. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) voting membership is comprised of the following categories: elected officials, law enforcement, highway/public works agencies, fire department representative, school transportation officials, human service delivery agencies, freight representative, underserved population/minority populations, planning and zoning commissions, bicycle and pedestrian coordinators, economic development organizations, industrial authorities and public citizens. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials and the Federal Highway Administration officials serve as advisory members for the Regional Transportation Council.
- 2. Members may be added to or removed from the RTC by a two-thirds majority vote of voting members present, provided a quorum is present.
- 3. Attachment A presents the current membership of the Regional Transportation Council.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### **OFFICERS**

1. The officers of the RTC shall be a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws.

- 2. The Regional Transportation Council shall elect from its voting membership a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at its first regular meeting every two years. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Regional Transportation Council; the Vice Chairperson shall act in the absence of the Chairperson.
- 3. No member shall hold more than one (1) office at a time.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **MEETINGS**

- The Regional Transportation Council will meet three to six times per year. The meeting will typically be held one hour before the KIPDA Board Meeting, on the fourth Thursday of the month, and at the same location.
- 2. Notice of all regular meetings shall be transmitted to each member of record at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The upcoming Regional Transportation Council meetings will be posted on the KIPDA website and circulated in the monthly KIPDA Calendar of Events.
- 3. Special meetings can be called by the Chairperson or by request of KIPDA staff. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. The established mailing list for the RTC shall be used to notify members of the special meeting. Except in cases of emergency, at least three (3) working days notice shall be given. Attendance at a meeting shall constitute waiver of notice.
- 4. The presence of four (4) voting members of the Regional Transportation Council shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote of voting members present (provided a quorum is present) shall be required for the passage of any action unless stated otherwise within these bylaws.
- 5. A representative from KIPDA staff shall be responsible that an accurate record be kept of the minutes of each Regional Transportation Council meeting.
- 6. An alternate for a committee member must present to the Chairperson, or have on file with the KIPDA Regional Transportation Planner, written notice of their authority to represent the jurisdiction or agency in question. The notice must be from the specific member listed in Attachment A.

### **ARTICLE V**

### **SUBCOMMITTEES**

- 1. The RTC shall, from time to time, create such subcommittees as are necessary to carry on the work of the committee. All subcommittee members shall be appointed by the Chairperson.
- 2. The Chairperson shall be an advisory member of all subcommittees.
- 3. The RTC shall dissolve the subcommittee when its work is completed.

### **ARTICLE VI**

### **AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the RTC by a two-thirds vote of voting members present (provided a quorum is present) provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to all RTC members with the notification of the meeting. Amendments will become effective upon review and approval by the KIPDA Board of Directors.

# **KIPDA Area Development District**



Regional Transportation Council Goals and Objectives



#### **KYTC Vision Statement**

Working together to lead the Southeast in providing a transportation infrastructure and transportation service for the 21st century that deliver new economic opportunities to all Kentuckians.

#### **KYTC Mission Statement**

To provide a safe, secure, and reliable highway system that ensures the efficient mobility of people and goods, thereby enhancing both the quality of life and economic vitality of the Commonwealth.

#### **KYTC Goals**

- Safety and Security
- System Preservation
- Economic Opportunity and Mobility

# **KYTC Division of Planning Mission Statement**

Our mission is to collect, maintain, analyze, and report accurate data for making sound fiscally responsible recommendations regarding the maintenance, operation, and improvement of our transportation network.

#### **Statewide Planning Goals**

**Mobility**: Provide the highest possible level of mobility to users

**Access:** Provide a balanced transportation system that allows access to all areas of the Highway District and to other regions

**Connectivity:** Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes of travel for people and goods

**Safety:** Continually improve the safety of the transportation system

**Security:** Protect the transportation system and its ability to function during times of crisis

**Economic Stewardship:** Develop a transportation system that strengthens the economic vitality and competitiveness of the Commonwealth

**Environmental Stewardship:** Respect the human and natural environmental resources of the Highway District and other regions when improving the transportation system.

**Involvement:** Build collaborative relationships with the customers and other transportation stakeholders we serve.

# The following are the KIPDA Regional Transportation Council Goals and Objectives.

# Goal 1: Ensure ongoing development and maintenance of the KIPDA region's roads and highways.

- Continue to support projects in the Six Year Highway Plan.
- Promote and coordinate land use planning at the local levels to improve transportation movement throughout the region.
- Evaluate projects in coordination with KYTC performances measures.
- Promote access management controls.
- Upgrade existing intermodal systems, facilities, and connections.
- Reduce congestion in the KIPDA ADD region.
- Using the KYTC maintenance and bridge condition inventories, ensure facilities are well maintained and safe.
- Employ resiliency strategies whenever possible.

# Goal 2: Increase safety for all users of the transportation system in the KIPDA region.

- Continue to elevate transportation safety in the decision-making process.
- Support the efforts of the KYTC Office of Highway Safety and the KYTC Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- Continue to monitor high crash locations.

# Goal 3: Support and expand public transportation and rideshare throughout the KIPDA region.

- Continue to utilize Federal Section 5310 funding for the transportation of elderly and disabled for public agencies and other organizations.
- Continue to promote the "Every Commute Counts" rideshare program throughout the region.
- Continue to utilize Federal Section 5311.
- Support and implement the KIPDA Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan.
- Support land use planning that encourages multi modal connectivity.

# Goal 4: Support transportation investments that foster regional economic growth and the reliable movement of freight.

- Promote a balanced and diversified modal transportation system for the region.
- Support and utilize the KIPDA Regional Freight Mobility Study
- Encourage the development of areas within the region that will serve as national, state, and regional focal points for tourism, recreation, and historic preservation.
- Improve area commerce by utilizing the region's geographic location and improving the highway, bridges, rail, water, and access to the air transportation system.

# Goal 5: Encourage the growth and development of alternative modes of transportation

- Encourage and promote the regional coordination and planning of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- Support the incorporation of alternative modes of transportation in land use planning.
- Encourage land use policies to develop alternative modes of travel.
- Expand transportation options that enhance employment and educational opportunities, particularly for economically disadvantage people.

# Goal 6: Invest in sustainable transportation that protects environmental resources and minimizes the effects of climate change.

- Reduce disruption to transportation from weather events and the effects of climate change by implementing resiliency strategies.
- Support roadway, pedestrian, transit, and bicycle projects that contribute to cleaner air.
- Promote environmental sustainability and protect historic, natural, and cultural resources.
- Support employer-based programs such as incentives for carpool, vanpool, transit, and telework that improve air quality.
- Utilize the FEMA sponsored Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grants when possible.

### Goal 7: Increase public involvement in transportation planning activities

- Expanding and updating the Regional Transportation Concept Plan.
- Developing and implement a public involvement plan for all the citizens of the region.
- Develop and produce a Citizen's Guide to getting involved in rural transportation planning.
- Inform the public of transportation planning activities, such as committee meetings and other events.
- Educate the public regarding their role in the transportation planning and decision-making process.
- Reach out to all communities in the planning area to inform, educate, and involve citizens in transportation planning, with emphasis on minority and/or low-income communities.