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RADCLIFF/ELIZABETHTOWN MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE

The Radcliff/Elizabethtown MPO Policy Committee met on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Those in attendance were:

POLICY COMMITTEE

Honorable Harry Berry, Chairman; Hardin County Judge/Executive
Honorable Jeff Gregory, Mayor, City of Elizabethtown
Honorable Ronnie Joyner, Mayor, City of Brandenburg
Mr. Paul Sanders, Chief Engineer, KYTC District 4
Mr. Barry House, KYTC Division of Planning
Mr. Charlie Allen, KYTC District 4 Planning
Mr. Brad Bottoms, KYTC District 4 Project Development
Mr. Kevin Young, KYTC District 4 Planning
Ms. Aviance Webb, Federal Transit Administration
Mr. Glenn Arney, Transit Authority of Central Kentucky
Mr. Bo Martin, Lincoln Trail Area Development District
Mr. John David May, Lincoln Trail Area Development District
Mr. Mike Skaggs, Radcliff/Elizabethtown MPO/Lincoln Trail ADD

Guests

Mrs. Rebecca Hammond, Qk4, Inc.
Mr. Tom Springer, Qk4, Inc.
Mr. Mark Butler, Stantec

Chairman Harry Berry called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The first agenda item was consideration of the minutes from the July 9, 2020 meeting with an addendum from August 20. Mayor Jeff Gregory made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Ronnie Joyner. Motion carried.

The next agenda item was an update from Rebecca Hammond and Tom Springer from Qk4 and Mr. Mark Butler from Stantec on the East Elizabethtown Connectivity Study (EECS). They shared about both stakeholder and public outreach efforts. A local officials/stakeholders survey was distributed in late summer. The responses included items such as pedestrian facilities and safety on US 62 and downtown, US 62 intersections, and the Commerce Drive extension. Public outreach efforts have gathered 58 comments via the online

interactive map. Some of these comments include: I-65 interchange from a pedestrian perspective, congestion, Tunnel Hill Road at Ring Road, and connections issues. Mr. Mark Butler gave an update on the traffic modeling for the study, including employment and residential projections. Mr. Springer mentioned that a draft report is projected for spring 2021.

The third agenda item was an update on the update of the Glendale Area Transportation Study. Mr. John David May gave a Powerpoint presentation that covered all aspects of the study update including updated traffic and crash data, an analysis of development in the area, and an overview of the proposed transportation improvements. There was discussion about having another stakeholder meeting so all parties could discuss the study update in detail and get feedback from the Elizabethtown Industrial Foundation. There was also discussion on the importance of improving US 31W between Elizabethtown and Glendale, especially considering the Ring Road extension over to I-65 and US 31W. Mr. Skaggs assured the committee that the document was still in draft form and there is no specific deadline for approval. He will work on getting a meeting scheduled with stakeholders.

The fourth agenda item was a discussion of the 2021 Safety Targets established by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). The MPO annually addresses safety targets as required by federal law. The MPO has the option to develop its own targets or support those developed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). The Radcliff/Elizabethtown MPO has always chosen to support KYTC's targets by planning for and programming projects that support safety measures. The MPO chose to do the same again for 2021. Mayor Ronnie Joyner made a motion to support the 2021 Safety Target as set by KYTC, Mayor Jeff Gregory seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The fifth agenda items was a review and discussion on the MPO Participation Plan Update. Mr. Mike Skaggs gave the committee an overview of the MPO's updated Participation Plan (PP). The Participation Plan is currently open for public review and comment until November 16. The document requires a 45-day public review and comment period. This document outlines how the MPO plans to engage the public in the transportation planning process. The one major changed in the PP is the addition of a section addressing virtual public meetings. This is in response to the current COVID-19 situation. Once the public comment period ends, the MPO will request approval of the final document.

The sixth agenda item was a discussion on the SHIFT 2022 process. Mr. Mike Skaggs gave an overview of the tentative schedule for the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) 2021 schedule. He asked the committee to begin thinking about new projects that may need to be added. These will be due to be added to the KYTC project database by the end of February 2021 but we can begin adding projects now.

The seventh agenda item was the following update from Mr. Kevin Young of KYTC District 4 on local projects:

PROJECT UPDATES
(ALL FUTURE LETTING DATES ARE TENTATIVE)

Hardin County: 10/12/20

- (4-20.01) I-65 Interchange at KY 222 in Glendale – Working on an updated IMR and NEPA with FHWA to refresh the project. Federal construction funds in biennium but unsure if will advance due to budgets.
- (4-153.01) KY 251 improvements – AEI – Buying R/W clear end of 2020. Will be starting Utilities soon (fed funds in biennium) - Accurate
- (4-198.00) Ring Road extension – No funds in Biennium – Still on hold
- (4-8801.00) KY 1357 widening – WMB – R/W Complete. Anticipate C in next biennium. U funds are authorized, working on relocation agreements.
- (4-9012.00) Mini Roundabouts in Etown – Spring 2021 – Will be in 3+ lettings – Main St intersections shooting for January letting. Commerce and Dolphin likely next. Others as R & U ready in 2021
- (4-9016.00) KY251 Mini-Roundabouts + Road Diet – Spring/Summer 2021 target letting - 4 Roundabouts at Poplar, Beech, St James/Panther, Pear Orchard/French – Lane Diet from Poplar to Pear Orchard
- (4-9017.00) Roundabout at US 31W Bypass and KY 1136 – Will begin Design soon (HSIP) – Hope to Let in 2021

In Construction:

- (4-1093.00) US 62 Bridge at Nelson/Hardin Line – Let Jan '20 – Stewart Richey Const. – 12/1/20 Completion – On schedule
- (4-9008.10,.20,.30) US 31W Rehab + Layman Ln., Bankview Dr., Starlite Ctr., KY 447 – Let Aug '20 – No major work this year – US31W.org

Meade County: 10/12/20

- (4-8702.00) KY 79 from KY 428 to KY 144 – CDP Consulting – DRU funds for a reduced scope in biennium but SPP so unsure if will advance. HSIP Funds available for corridor, unsure if they will be combined with SPP or used standalone at this time.

- (4-8703.00) KY 79 from US 60 to KY 428 – CDP Consulting – DRU funds for a reduced scope in biennium but SPP so unsure if will advance. HSIP Funds available for corridor, unsure if they will be combined with SPP or used standalone at this time.
- (4-8705.00) KY 79 from KY 1051 to KY 144 – PBFS redesign in process (mainly cut out Midway reconstruction). However, SPP funded in biennium so not likely to advance
- Brandenburg Sidewalks down Main St. to river park - City Grant – Waiting on Utility easements

HSIP Intersections:

- 4-9011.00) 10/12/20 – Preliminary Design – Likely Spring/Summer '21 letting
- Hardin County – US 31W @ KY 1136, US 31W @ Elm Road, KY 361 @ KY 3005
- Meade County – US 31W @ KY 1638

Next, Chairman Berry called for public comments. No public comments.

Chairman Berry then asked if there was any Other Business that needed to be discussed. No other business was brought forth.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m.

The next meeting of the MPO Policy Committee was set for Thursday, January 14, 2020.