



MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2021
RADCLIFF/ELIZABETHTOWN MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE

The Radcliff/Elizabethtown MPO Policy Committee met on Thursday, January 14, 2021 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 Leslie Stith, Meade County Judge/Executive
Honorable Ronnie Joyner, Mayor, City of Brandenburg
Mr. Jim Bradford, Deputy Garrison Commander, Fort Knox
Mr. Paul Sanders, Chief Engineer, KYTC District 4
Ms. Bernadette Dupont, Federal Highway Administration
Mr. Barry House, KYTC Division of Planning
Mr. Derek Morris, KYTC Office of Transportation Delivery
Mr. Kevin Blain, KYTC District 4 Planning
Mr. Brad Bottoms, KYTC District 4 Project Development
Mr. Kevin Young, KYTC District 4 Planning
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

Chairman Harry Berry called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The first agenda item was consideration of the minutes from the October 15, 2020. Mayor Ronnie Joyner made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Judge Leslie Stith. Motion carried.

The next agenda item was an update on the East Elizabethtown Connectivity Study (EECS). Mr. Mike Skaggs informed the committee that the following tasks have been completed:

- Developed & calibrated a base model to run future scenarios, which are to be determined
- Identified a host of short- and long-range concept projects that need to be vetted and discussed with local officials and stakeholders before being included in the model

- Environmental Overview
- Collected & analyzed traffic and crash data
- Public input has been collected through the study website
- A few meetings with local officials have been held

The next steps in the EECS process include:

- More one-on-one meetings needed with E'town and Hardin County to discuss project ideas
- A local officials and stakeholders meeting to discuss project concepts

The fourth agenda item was an update on the Glendale Area Transportation Study update. The goal is to update the original 2008 study to ensure we are addressing the needs of the area as they exist in 2021. The aim is to provide for the needs of the mega site while, at the same time, protecting the historic community of Glendale. Mr. John David May led this study and has identified and consulted with stakeholders throughout the study process. The study provides updated existing conditions data, a review of development in the area, update of all maps for the study, and a transportation plan that details short-, medium-, and long-range improvement options. The next step is to allow the MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) a final review of the study and make a recommendation for approval to the Policy Committee. As part of the discussion, Judge Berry recommended moving the full bypass to medium-range improvements rather than a long-range project. The Glendale Study will be brought back to the Policy Committee for final approval in April

The fifth agenda item was an update on the schedule and process for the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) 2022 prioritization process. The scheduled is as follows:

- Now – March 12 – Addition of New Projects to the KYTC CHAF Database
- March 1 – May 14 – Sponsorship of Projects
- May 3 – June 25 – KYTC Data Verification Process
- June 28 – July 16 – Statewide Prioritization for Projects on the National Highway System
- July 19 – Sept. 14 – Regional Prioritization
- Sept. 15 – Oct. 8 – Regional Project Selection
- Oct. 11 – Dec. 27 – Development of the Draft Highway Plan

The sixth agenda items was a discussion on the MPO's FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The MPO staff is in the beginning stages of developing the FY 2022 work program for the MPO. Mr. Skaggs informed the committee that the major tasks for FY 2022 will be the development of a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the completion of the SHIFT 2022 process. The MPO will be meeting with KYTC next week to discuss other

potential projects and the budget for next fiscal year. The draft will be completed and submitted to KYTC and FHWA by the end of February.

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: 1/11/21

- (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 early 2021. 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.
- (4-9011.00) – HSIP Intersection Emphasis – Dual Lefts on KY361 @ Ring. Under design. Shooting for mid 2021 letting
- (4-9012.00) Mini Roundabouts in Etown – Spring 2021 – Will be in 3+ lettings – Main St/Crutcher and Main St/Poplar January letting. Commerce and Dolphin likely next. Others as R & U ready in 2021
- (4-9016.00) KY251 Mini-Roundabouts + Road Diet – Latter half of 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 late 2021
- (4-9002.00) HSIP – RCUT @ Ring Rd and Bacon Creek. Was just approved. Will start design soon. Letting anticipated late 21/early 22.
- (4-9015.00) HSIP US 62 Improvements – MP 7.844-10.900 – In Design

In Construction:

- (4-1093.00) US 62 Bridge at Nelson/Hardin Line – Let Jan '20 – Stewart Richey Const. – 12/1/20 Completion – Complete
- (4-9008.10,.20,.30) US 31W Rehab + Layman Ln., Bankview Dr., Starlite Ctr., KY 447 – Let Aug '20 – Minor work has started on Starlite Dr., Begin major work in March – US31W.org

Meade County: 1/11/21

- (4-8702.00) KY 79 from KY 428 to KY 144 – Vaughn & Melton (CDP closed roadway side) – Contract mod executed for PBFS redesign. Anticipate revised plans and public involvement mid-2021 as well as NEPA. SYP Funds for other phases SPP so unlikely to advance further until 2022 biennium.
- (4-8703.00) KY 79 from US 60 to KY 428 – Vaughn & Melton (CDP closed roadway side) – Contract mod executed for PBFS redesign. Anticipate revised plans and public involvement mid-2021 as well as NEPA. SYP Funds for other phases SPP so unlikely to advance further until 2022 biennium.

- (4-8705.00) KY 79 from KY 1051 to KY 144 – Burgess & Niple - PBFS redesign contract mod NTP this week (mainly cut out Midway reconstruction). Anticipate revised plans and public involvement mid-2021 as well as NEPA. Future phases will likely have to wait until 2022 SYP (SPP funded)
- Brandenburg Sidewalks down Main St. to river park - City Grant – Waiting on Utility easements

HSIP Intersections:

- (4-9011.00) 1/13/21 – In 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, April 15, 2020.