

**MINUTES OF THE PENNYRILE ADD  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM (CT)

**ATTENDING:**

Voting Participants

Kota Young	Jack Whitfield	Todd Mansfield
Brock Thomas	Lincoln Fugal	Arthur Green
Jerry Gilliam	Katie Wyatt	Tiffany Groves
Nikki Steger	Karen Solise	Scott Marshall
Brian Ahart	Ken Todd	Stan Humphries
Tom Britton	Jaime Green-Smith	Beth Sumner
Rachel McCubbin	Mack McGehee	John Oliphant
Perry Newcom	Ed DeArmond	
Diane Ford-Benningfield	Leslie Cornette	

Advisory Members (Non-Voting)

Bill Corum  
JR Knight  
Catherine Everett

KYTC Staff

Austin Hart	Matt Hughes
Christopher Walden	Jessica Waddle
Deneatra Henderson	Joe Plunk
Nick Hall	

Elected Officials

Sen. Craig Richardson	Rep. Chris Freeland
Rep. Randy Bridges	Rep. Mary Beth Imes
Rep. Walker Thomas	Sen. McConnell (Morgan Alvey)

PeADD Staff

Angela Herndon  
Amy Frogue  
Jason Vincent

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order by Judge Perry Newcom, at 10:02 AM (CST).

#### INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Judge Newcom led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by an opening prayer by Judge Todd Mansfield.

#### ROLL CALL

Angela Herndon reviewed the sign in sheet and a quorum was established.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Judge Newcom asked everyone to review the minutes from October 30, 2024 of the RTC that were included in the packet. Mayor Knight made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Scott Marshall. All Ayes. Motion carried.

#### ELECTION OF CHAIR

Judge Perry Newcom was nominated to remain as chair by Judge Mansfield. The motion was seconded by Judge Whitfield. All Ayes. Motion carried.

#### ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Judge Whitfield was nominated to remain as vice-chair by Judge Gilliam. The motion was seconded by Judge Newcom. All Ayes. Motion carried.

#### 2ND QUARTERLY REPORT

The FY 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report was presented by Regional Planner, Angela Herndon. She told the RTC that she was happy to answer any questions they may have regarding the report. There were none. There was a motion by Diane Ford Benningfield, to approve the second quarter report. There was a second by Judge Smith. All Ayes. Motion carried.

#### LIST OF CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

The FY2025 List of Contacts and Resources was presented by Regional Planner, Angela Herndon. She stated that the format had been updated for this year and included new additional information such as EMS, Police, Fire, Schools, and Hospitals which were not included in the previous versions. The format was also updated from a Word document to an Excel spreadsheet. She offered to answer questions regarding the deliverable. There were none. Judge McGehee motioned for approval of the document. The motion was seconded by Judge Smith. All Ayes. Motion carried.

#### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The RTC Membership document was presented by Regional Planner, Angela Herndon. She highlighted several additions to the listing which included new members in Lyon County, Fort Campbell, Senator Richardson, Muhlenberg County, Hopkins County, and Livingston County. She offered to answer questions regarding the listing. There were none. Judge Gilliam motioned for approval of the document. The motion was seconded by Judge Smith. All Ayes. Motion carried.

#### DISTRICT 1 HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE

The D1 update was provided by Austin Hart. He indicated the I-24 Planning Study was underway and indicated that Stantec and HDR had been selected as the consultants on the project. They are charged with analyzing the capacity, capacity needs, and when those needs may need to be addressed. He indicated work should begin in March and there would eventually be reports submitted to the RTC toward the end of this year, in the fall. Mr Hart also mentioned that D1 had done a series recently highlighting some successful

intersection re-designs in District 1. He also mentioned that the US641 project from Eddyville to Fredonia was moving forward into Right-of-Way Acquisition which would be occurring in the April, May, June timeframe. Mr. Hart also mentioned the current state of I-24 around the Princeton area. He acknowledged it was a concern and indicated they are working on a pavement rehab project for it. The project would include full replacement of the problematic areas. He anticipated the project moving forward in the May or June, letting with the work being completed this summer. He mentioned they have several projects lined up for the County Bridge Program. They are waiting on awards for that program. He introduced the new PIO for D1 as Carrie Dillard. Bill Corum inquired about the status of the I69 connector to Tennessee. Mr. Hart provided an update. He said that TDOT is working on functional plans, which is right away plans at the moment. The hope to get authorization this year to start making contact with property owners in June, June, through August, September range. The project is currently scheduled for construction in 2028. Finally, he mentioned a project with Illinois DOT that will be ramping up soon. There is a project on I-24 on the Ohio River bridge beginning in March of this year, and it's going to be a 3 year long project. It will have major implications for traffic flow along the I-24 corridor March through October for the next 3 years.

#### DISTRICT 2 HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE

The District 2 Update was provided by Deneatra Henderson. She gave an update on Section 1 of the I-69 project to the north, which is the portion under construction. She indicated that there had recently been a lot of conversation on Section 2 which includes the bridge over the river. She spoke briefly on updating the signage along the interstate corridors. She also mentioned that Buccee's has made an announcement on the Oak Grove site on Kentucky 115 at I-24 and KYTC is working with them to improve the interchanges with KY-115 and I-24 to accommodate the development. She also gave updates on I-369 and I-569.

#### DISTRICT 3 HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE

The District 3 Update was provided by Joe Plunk. He updated everyone that the US-79 project had nearly all of the right-of-way acquired or at least at right of entry. This is a key milestone on getting the project to bid. The utility companies are actively working on the section from the State line to Novellis, which is the 1st 3 miles of what will end up being a 20 mile corridor to Russellville. They anticipate the bid letting in July 2025. They anticipate construction to be under contract soon after with construction going throughout 2025/2026.

#### LOCAL SAFEROAD SOLUTIONS

Mr. Plunk described a tragedy that unfolded on Gordon Avenue in Bowling Green in 2016 which resulted in a young teenager losing their life. It created a lot of consternation within the community about street safety for more than just people in the vehicles but for those who are outside the vehicles. He stated that one out of every 6 fatalities in Kentucky is someone who's not even in the vehicle. It's a pedestrian or a bicyclist. He highlighted examples of new designs aimed at safety all over the State. He gave the specific example of the diverging diamond interchange in Paducah. He gave numerous examples and provided information on safety that can be obtained through the KYTC website.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

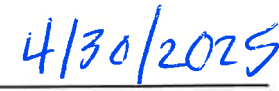
There was a call for anyone who wished to speak before the Committee. Senator Richardson spoke briefly. He was followed by Representative Bridges, Representative Imes, Representative Freeland, and Representative Thomas. Morgan Alvery from Senator McConnell's office gave a quick update. Judge Newcom then asked Jason Vincent to give an update on the "Pause" on all federal grants. Judge Smith spoke on the High Five program.

ADJOURNMENT

Judge Newcom asked if there was a call for adjournment, Scott Marshall made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Green. All Ayes. Motion carried.

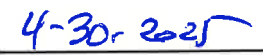
Minutes Drafted & Submitted By:

  
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Angela Herndon, Regional Planner

  
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Minutes Approved By The Transportation Committee:

  
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Judge Perry Newcom, Chair

  
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