



**Lincoln Trail ADD**  
**Regional Transportation & Highway Safety Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**14 Nov 07**

The LTADD Regional Transportation and Highway Safety Committee met on Wednesday, November 14th at 10:00am in the board room of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District.

**Attendants:**

Honorable Ray Powers; Breckinridge County Judge Executive  
Honorable Gary Logsdon; Grayson County Judge Executive  
Honorable Tommy Turner; Larue County Judge Executive  
Honorable John Mattingly; Marion County Judge Executive  
Mr. John G. Thompson; City of Lebanon Building Inspector  
Honorable Harry Craycroft; Meade County Judge Executive  
Honorable John Settles, Chairman; Washington County Judge Executive  
Mr. James A. Mann; Washington County School Transportation Official  
Ms. Becky Judson; KYTC District 4 Public Information Officer  
Mr. Josh Hornbeck; KYTC District 4 Planner  
Mr. Mike Hall; Trucking/Rail Industry Representative  
Mr. Sam Clements; TACK Representative  
Mr. Mike Skaggs; LTADD MPO Coordinator  
Mr. Michael Malham; LTADD Transportation Planner

**Absentees:**

Mr. Ernie Nix; Breckinridge County Road Supervisor  
Mr. Richard Butler; Breckinridge County School Transportation Official  
Ms. Sherry Stith; Breckinridge County Chamber of Commerce Director  
Honorable William Thomason; City of Leitchfield Mayor  
Mr. Steve Mahurin; Grayson County Road Supervisor  
Mr. Darrell Harrell; City of Leitchfield Public Works Official  
Ms. Iris LaRue; LaRue County Citizen Member  
Sheriff Bobby Shoffner; LaRue County  
Mr. John Thomas, City of Lebanon Manager  
Mr. Thomas Lee; Marion County Road Supervisor  
Chief E. Shelton Young; City of Lebanon Police Dept  
Mr. Wayne Keen; Marion County School Transportation Official  
Mr. Brad Lanham; Lebanon-Marion County Chamber of Commerce Director  
Honorable Dean Watts; Nelson County Judge Executive  
Honorable Dick Heaton; City of Bardstown Mayor  
Chief Anthony Mattingly; Bardstown Fire Dept  
Mr. Woody Henderson; Nelson County School Transportation Official  
Mr. Billy Riney, Jr; Washington County Citizen Member  
Trooper Steve Pavey; State Police Post 4  
Ms. Susan Asher; United Way Representative

**Chairman:** Judge Settles

**Time:** ~ 10:00am

**I. Approval item:** Minutes from October 17, 2007

**Motion:** Judge Craycroft      **Second:** Judge Mattingly      **Objection:**

**Comments:** Chairman Settles asked the committee members to review the minutes and then asked for a motion to approve. The motion was made and passed unanimously.

**II. Approval Item:** Regional Transportation Concept Plan

**Motion:** Judge Turner      **Second:** Judge Logsdon      **Objection:**

**Comments:** Mr. Malham began by explaining that several components of the Regional Transportation Concept Plan have already been approved, while other components were either not revised at all or had minimum revisions from the 2006 document. He distributed copies of the remaining elements that had major changes, which included Section 4 Regional Transportation System and the Comprehensive Review of Major Regional Transportation Routes. Specific information regarding the district's highways, functional classification system, transportation providers, and Six-Year Plan Projects, Mr. Malham noted, were all included in this section. This, he explained, was very useful in revising and creating new Project ID Forms. He then went on to describe the updated elements of the Comprehensive Review.

Mr. Malham stated that the final document would be available on the LTADD website and that it could also be distributed on CD's if requested.

Judge Settles then asked if the Committee members had any questions about the document and then for a motion to approve. The motion was made and passed unanimously.

**III. Approval Item:** Unscheduled Projects List Recommendations

**Motion:** Judge Turner      **Second:** Judge Mattingly      **Objection:**

**Comments:** Mr. Malham explained that he and KYTC D04 staff reviewed the current UPL and determined that there were four projects that were unnecessary. He distributed the LTADD UPL with notes from the meeting with D04 and reviewed the reasons why the projects should be moved to the Inactive UPL. About 20 other projects, he noted, were going to be modified to segment them into more feasible projects that would hopefully have a better chance of being funded in the Six-Year Highway Plan. He then asked for suggestions about other projects that could be moved to the Inactive UPL. At this point there were none.

Judge Settles asked the members if they had any other concerns. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the recommendations. The motion was made and passed unanimously.

**IV. Approval Item:** Addition of projects to approved UPL Recommendation List

**Motion:** Judge Powers      **Second:** Judge Turner      **Objection:**

**Comments:** Chairman Settles asked whether or not the Committee would have to approve the other changes to the UPL. Mr. Malham responded that the Committee did not have to approve the changes to the projects in the members' respective counties, but the changes were made available to inform them as a Committee. Judge Settles stated that it would be prudent for the County Judge Executives to review those changes in their respective counties. Mr. Malham explained that he was available to meet with each Judge Executive to review the changes on an individual basis if requested.

Judge Mattingly stated that project B0068 77.00 should be removed from the list due to the completion of another project that would otherwise be redundant. (See note below).

Judge Turner asked about the update schedule for cost estimates. Mr. Hornbeck explained that the cost estimates for each project were updated in conjunction with the Prioritization and Ranking Process.

Mr. Malham noted another project that he was reluctant to include on the list, but may need to be considered due to its current adequate condition, was B0060 1.00. This is a long 11.5 mile stretch that is actually in good shape, he explained, that did not need to be reconstructed. Judge Powers agreed with the description and the course of action.

Chairman Settles then asked the members for a motion to add the above-mentioned projects to the Recommendation List previously approved. The motion was made and passed unanimously.

(Upon further review, it was found that B0068 77.00 was mistakenly identified as a project that should be removed from the active UPL. Current construction on US 68 did not include the same intersection in question. This issue will be addressed during the Committee's next regular meeting, however the project has been removed from the list of recommendations).

#### **V. Other Business:**

**Speaker:** Michael Malham                      **Organization:** LTADD

**Discussion Topic:** Local Site Visits

**Comments:** Mr. Malham stated that the point of making local site visits was made during previous meetings to gain a better understanding of transportation needs in each county. He asked the members if this was something they would all like to take part. Judge Turner noted that he thought it would be a great idea because there seldom were opportunities to visit each county. Mr. Malham then proceeded to ask Judge Turner if he would be willing to host the first visit due to Hodgenville's more central location. Judge Turner said that he would be glad to do so. The date of February 20th was agreed upon by all present.

#### **VI. Other Business:**

**Speaker:** Michael Malham                      **Organization:** LTADD

**Discussion Topic:** Committee Membership

**Comments:** Mr. Malham explained that unfortunately, there were many Committee Members that did not attend meetings regularly, if at all. He further described the need for a permanent list of members that should include County Judges, Road Supervisors, EMS Representatives, Planning and Zoning Administrators, City Engineers, and Public Works Directors, and other truly concerned citizens. He also explained that Senior, Low-Income, and Minority representation was very important to the Committee and, if necessary, he would advertise to fill those positions. He asked the County Judge Executives to contact people in their counties and forward any names of possible members.

Judge Turner stated that it might be easier to gain local interest by having local committees in each county due to the distance limitation. Mr. Malham responded that this was done in the past with little success, but that the ADD Safety Coordinator was in the process of establishing Safety Committees in each county and that he would coordinate efforts with him.

#### **VII. Other Business:**

**Speaker:** Michael Malham                      **Organization:** LTADD  
**Discussion Topic:** NCST Grant Program

**Comments:** Mr. Malham briefly reviewed the National Center on Senior Transportation Request for Proposals. He explained that the proposed project must meet the one of the broad goals of United We Ride initiative of the Federal Transit Administration.

#### **VIII. Other Business:**

**Speaker:** Mike Hall    **Organization:** Transportation Management Systems, LLC  
**Discussion Topic:** Fatalities on Interstate 65

**Comments:** Mr. Hall noted that the Committee would be remiss if they failed to address the safety issues associated with I-65. In the last 3-4 weeks, he explained, there have been 3 fatalities that would have been prevented had there been either a concrete or cable barrier in the median. He further explained that the Committee is obligated, under the current requirements of the KYTC Highway Safety Program, to mention this issue to the Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet.

Judge Turner agreed with Mr. Hall and made a motion to send a letter to the KYTC for the purpose of gaining support to resolve this issue. Mr. Hall added that members of the trucking industry are studying the safety of I-65 and further noted several deficiencies with the current highway median. If possible, he stated, cable or concrete barriers, similar to those put in place in Bowling Green, should be installed in the median. Judge Logsdon seconded the motion.

Becky Judson stated that she was contacted by the media in response to the recent fatalities on I-65 and that an article pertaining to the interstate was going to be published in Sunday's paper.

Mr. Hall emphasized that a project was planned for I-65 and since construction of the project would be at least four years out, the KYTC should place barriers in the median in advance of the project to immediately address the problem.

Chairman Settles agreed with the idea to draft a letter to the KYTC and other interested parties to try to move these projects forward.

Judge Turner further described the projects on I-65. Mr. Hornbeck stated that the final design of the project had not yet been determined. Judge Turner then added to his motion that the letter includes strong consideration of safety in the final design of the I-65 projects. Mr. Hall emphasized that a response is needed as soon as possible. The recipients of the letter were defined as the Chief District Engineer, the State Highway Engineer, and the current and future Governor's Office.

Judge Turner stated that the press should be involved to continue the push for action, which several other members agreed would be a good idea. Chairman Settles asked Mr. Malham to draft the letter and make sure that the regional aspect was emphasized. Mr. Malham stated that he would draft the letter and distribute it to all Committee members.

#### **IX. Other Business:**

**Speaker:** Mike Hall **Organization:** Transportation Management Systems, LLC  
**Discussion Topic:** Vehicle Enforcement Presentation

**Comments:** Mr. Hall stated that he attended a very informative presentation regarding aggressive driving and the techniques the KYTC Vehicle Enforcement Department are using to combat unsafe behavior. He further explained that the KYTC and the University of Kentucky have joined to research aggressive driving as it pertains to trucking. Mr. Hall also noted the presentation would be a worthwhile one for the Committee to take part in. Other comments were made about the state's program.

#### **V. Citizen Comments:**

None

#### **VI. Adjournment:**

**Time:** ~ 11:00am

**Comments:** With no other business to come before the committee, Chairman Settles asked the Committee for a motion to adjourn. Judge Turner made the motion, seconded by Judge Mattingly. The motion carried unanimously.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Set for February 20, 2008