

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC)

Jessamine County Courthouse
101 North Main Street
Nicholasville, Kentucky

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 – 2:30 P.M.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE – Mayor Russ Myers called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. TPC members in attendance were:

- Russ Meyer – Mayor of Nicholasville
- Neal Cassity – Jessamine Co. Judge Executive
- Linda Gorton – Urban County Government Vice-Mayor
- Barry House – Representing Mike Hancock – Secretary Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- Jill Burnett – Representing Rocky Burke – Lextran
- Harry Clarke – UCG Council Representing Districts 9, 10, 12
- Peggy Henson – UCG Council Representing Districts 3, 5, 11
- Jon Larson – Fayette Co. Judge Executive

Members absent were:

- Derek Paulsen – Representing Jim Gray – Mayor of Lexington
- Steve Kay – UCG Council At Large
- Chuck Ellinger – UCG Council At Large
- Shevawn Akers – UCG Council Representing Districts 1, 2, 6
- George Myers – UCG Council Representing Dist. 4, 7, 8
- David Carlstedt – Representing Harold Rainwater – Mayor of Wilmore
- Pam Shepherd, Federated Transit Services of the Bluegrass (FTSB)
- Bernadette Dupont – FHWA (Non-voting advisory member)
- Abigail Rivera – FTA (Non-voting advisory member)

Business items:

1. Approval Of Minutes – A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of April 23, 2014.

Public Comment – No public comment at this time.

Action Items:

1. Request Approval of the FY- 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment #1 – Mr. Schaub said that we would like to request approval of Amendment #1 to the TIP and MTP. The reason for this amendment is to reconcile our document with the recently approved Kentucky Highway Plan. The amendment includes tables summarizing TIP changes and revised TIP tables.

Ms. Gorton asked about sound barriers on Nicholasville Road and if the public would have input into the design. Mr. Turner explained that the location had yet to be determined and they did not know at this point.

After additional discussion by the committee, Mr. Schaub asked for the Committee's

approval.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the FY- 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment #1

The FY- 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) can be viewed at www.lexareampo.org.

2. Request Approval of the Lexington Area MPO Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) competitive application and project selection process – Mrs. Gleason gave a brief PowerPoint Presentation to the committee explaining the Lexington Area MPO's proposed approach to awarding the MPO's sub-allocated Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds. The MPO is required to hold a competitive selection process and plans to distribute TAP guidance and application packets, utilizing the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's TAP application, and to sync the MPO's application cycle with the KYTC's TAP application cycle. Mrs. Gleason said that we hope to open the application process on September 1, 2014 and close it after 60 days. Staff is seeking comments and feedback on the application and selection process. Once the committee approves the process the application cycle will be announced. At the end of the sixty days, staff will review and rank the applications and present the rankings and proposed projects at the January's TPC meeting.

Ms. Henson asked for some example project types for the TAP program. Mrs. Gleason said projects include bike/ped, trails and sidewalks, etc. She explained that sidewalk projects need to be for new or upgraded sidewalks and to improve accessibility, not just sidewalk replacement. The type of projects that will be submitted could take 2 to 3 years from start to finish. The MPO's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee will weigh in on bike/ped applications.

Mr. Clarke asked who would be invited to participate in this application process. Mrs. Gleason said that local governments, transit agencies, school districts and regional transportation authorities are eligible. Ms. Henson asked if it was open to both counties and Mrs. Gleason said yes it was.

Mr. Conyers said that the staff would bring the scored applications to the committee in January for them to make a final decision.

After more discussion by the committee, Mrs. Gleason asked for the Committee's approval.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the Lexington Area MPO Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) competitive application and project selection process.

Information / Discussion Items:

1. Other MPO Items:
 - Scott County Participation in the MPO Transportation Planning Process – Mr. Conyers discussed a good recent meeting that Mr. Schaub, Mr. House, and he had with Scott County Planners. They are interested in participating in the MPO process and would like the staff to hold a workshop in Scott County for the officials in the near future.

- Lextran Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) – Future Transit System Analysis – Mrs. Jill Barnett said there will be a meeting this evening from 4 to 7 at the Central Library in Lexington. She also mentioned that UK offered 500 bikes to students in exchange for not driving their cars to help reduce the parking problems on campus.
- Lexington Area MPO Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Update – Mr. Conyers said ITS is a regional framework for insuring institutional agreement and technical integration for implementation of intelligent transportation systems projects or groups of projects. This controls cameras, detection systems, signals, and more that we have and will have in the future. This will ensure that they integrate, communicate, and operate smoothly with one another. We are now in the process of updating the ITS architecture and a consultant has been selected. Purchasing should be making the selection announcement soon.
- Signal retiming project results – Mr. House shared the cost involved and the cost savings. There are 35 signals involved with an annual cost of \$350,000 and a 4.5 million benefit.
- Downtown Lexington Revitalization and Traffic Movement Study – Mr. House said council would receive an update from Mr. King on September 9, 2014.
- High turn over in the TPC Membership – Orientation for the new members – Mr. Conyers said that we will be losing several members and will have many new members on the committee. So the staff plans to do an orientation soon for all the members of the committee. Mr. Conyers also thanked the outgoing members for their contribution and support to the Transportation Policy Committee.

New / Other Business:

- Any TPC Members Questions / Concerns – none

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

The next meeting of the TPC will be on October 22, 2014 in Jessamine County.