

## BARREN RIVER



### BRADD REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 11:00 a.m.

BRADD Conference Center

### MINUTES

#### I. Call to Order

Committee Chairman Mayor David Burch called the September 3rd, 2025 meeting of the BRADD Regional Transportation Committee to order at 11:00 a.m. CST. This meeting took place at the BRADD Conference Center. Those in attendance were as follows:

#### Allen

David Burch, Mayor of Scottsville  
Brittany Fisher, Scottsville

#### Barren

Jamie Bewley-Byrd, Judge/Executive  
Garland Gilliam, Barren County  
Dwayne Hatcher, Mayor of Cave City

#### Butler

Tim Flener, Judge/Executive

#### Edmonson

Scott Lindsey, Judge/Executive

#### Hart

#### Logan

Phil Baker, Judge/Executive  
Tom Harned, Logan County  
Chris Wilcutt, Logan County  
Mike Hughes, Mayor of Auburn  
Mark Stratton, Mayor of Russellville

#### Metcalfe

Moe Hensley, Edmonton

#### Monroe

#### Simpson

Mason Barnes, Judge/Executive

#### Warren

Charles O'Neal, Warren County  
Todd Alcott, Mayor of Bowling Green  
Austin Sims, Bowling Green  
Carroll Duckworth, Bowling Green  
Melissa Cansler, Bowling Green  
Jason Franks, Smiths Grove

#### KYTC

Greg Meredith  
Joe Plunk  
Kevin Young

#### Guests

Doug Schultz, GAI Consultants  
Declan Breeze

#### BRADD Staff

Chelsea Carroll  
Dajana Crockett  
Ethan Bates  
Emily Hathcock  
Eric Sexton  
Julien Hodge  
Kim Morrow  
Tyler Hopkins

**II. Approval of June 4, 2025, Minutes – Mayor Burch, Chairman**

Chairman Harper referred all parties to the recorded minutes from the June 4, 2025, RTC meeting that were presented to all voting Committee members. Judge Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Judge Flener. Motion carried.

**III. SHIFT Project Boosting – Ethan Bates, BRADD**

Ethan Bates, Regional Transportation Planner, gave an overview of the SHIFT process, which allows local communities to give their input on road project priorities for the recommended state highway plan later recommended to legislators. A listing of all projects sponsored by the counties and KYTC districts were presented, along with their scores. The BRADD region can boost two projects per county, and recommended projects were gathered from each county’s Judge/Executive prior to the RTC as a basis for discussion. Mr. Bates emphasized that the RTC held final authority on the projects and discussion was encouraged. After presentation and discussion of the projects, the following were selected for boosting:

County	Boost 1	Boost 2
Allen	IP20110176	IP20080125
Barren	IP20150299	IP20200042
Butler	IP20080129	IP20190009
Edmonson	IP20150199	IP20080130
Hart	IP20250059	4-80304.00
Logan	IP20230011	IP20250068
Metcalfe	IP20060174	IP20060177
Monroe	IP20080138	IP20180056
Simpson	IP20080141	IP20070131

Mayor Stratton made a motion to approve the selected projects for boosting, and the motion was seconded by Judge Baker. Motion carried.

**IV. Annual Review of Regional Goals and Objectives – Ethan Bates, BRADD**

Ethan Bates presented the RTC’s current Regional Goals and Objectives to the committee. Mr. Bates explained that these were taken directly from BRADD’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, which is the document that guides the agency’s Community and Economic Development department’s efforts, including in transportation planning. Tom Harned brought up the importance of supporting the establishment of passenger rail in the region. After discussion, it was determined that objective BRADD T.4.1 included these efforts, and BRADD is actively monitoring developments in this area. Tom Harned then made a motion to approve the Regional Goals and Objectives with no changes, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Hatcher. Motion carried.

## **V. Annual Review of Bylaws – Ethan Bates, BRADD**

Ethan Bates presented the RTC's current Bylaws to the committee. Mr. Bates explained that the bylaws are required to be reviewed and approved each year, but that BRADD had no recommended changes this year. No committee members had any comments. Judge Flener made a motion to approve the Bylaws with no changes, and the motion was seconded by Judge Lindsey. Motion carried.

## **VI. Update of Local Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Plans**

Ethan Bates informed the committee that BRADD annually collects an inventory of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans in the region for KYTC and requested committee members to share if they have developed new plans or updated old ones. If communities were interested in developing a plan, BRADD can assist them in. Mayor Hughes inquired about the nature of these plans, and Mr. Bates explained that they are documents that help guide cities in improving their sidewalks, bike lanes, and other parts of their pedestrian infrastructure to make their communities easier to traverse by walking or biking. Kevin Young added that these plans are required for certain federal grant programs.

## **VII. KYTC Rural Consultation Survey**

Ethan Bates shared that the KYTC Rural Consultation Survey is still ongoing and is a chance for communities to share feedback on the transportation planning process. Mr. Bates thanked those who have already taken the survey and encouraged everyone else to do so as well.

## **VIII. BRADD Transportation Project Updates**

Ethan Bates gave the following updates on transportation-related projects BRADD is currently working on:

- **Bowling Green to Mammoth Cave Trail Study:** Behind the scenes work on trail alignments are ongoing, and alignments will be presented for public comments at public meetings on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the BRADD office and Park City. Booths will also be sharing information at Bowling Green's Harvest Festival and Park City's Bigfoot Festival.
- **Regional Safety Action Plan:** BRADD is currently working on a regional plan to identify dangerous roadways and potential solutions in each county. A presentation will be held at the December RTC meeting, and then meetings with individual counties will tailor the plan to each county's needs. Participation from counties is encouraged to potentially disperse funds to each county.
- **Regional Greenways Study:** BRADD is beginning work on a Regional Greenways Study to identify potential trails and other ideas to connect the region's many communities.

## **IX. KYTC District 3 Updates – Joe Plunk**

Joe Plunk, Chief Engineer at KYTC District 3, gave updates on projects throughout the BRADD region. Construction season is underway, with over \$40 million in grade and drain work being done in the region. Additionally, Mr. Plunk emphasized that just because construction isn't being seen directly, it does not mean work has stopped, since there are over 40 projects in the region that are in the design, right-of-way, or utilities phases, which take significant time but are crucial phases of road projects. Mr. Plunk gave updates on specific projects, including the Green River Bridge in Butler County, US 68 near Sulphur Well and towards Greensburg in Metcalfe County, the double diamond crossover interchange in Warren County, and more.

**X. KYTC District 3 Updates – Joe Plunk**

Kevin Young, Planning Supervisor at KYTC District 4, gave updates on project in Hart County. The Horse Cave Bypass project was recently completed and fully open to the public.

**XI. Other Transportation Discussion**

Ethan Bates, Regional Transportation Planner, informed the group that the Local Road Assistance Program is a funding program for road resurfacing and is currently available. Greg Meredith with KYTC's Dept. of Rural and Municipal Aid, gave further information about the program and application process, and encouraged all cities and counties to apply. Mr. Meredith also gave information on the Department's Bridge Program, which is open mostly year-round.

Chris Wilcutt, Logan County Magistrate, inquired about the TAP grant application window, but BRADD and KYTC had not yet heard any news.

**XII. Next Meeting Date**

The next regular RTC meeting is currently scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the BRADD conference center.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Chairman Harper requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m. Judge Barnes made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Hatcher. Motion carried.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_