

**BARREN RIVER**



**BRADD REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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

BRADD Conference Center

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chairman Mayor David Burch called the December 3rd, 2025 meeting of the BRADD Regional Transportation Committee to order at 11:06 a.m. CST. This meeting took place at the BRADD Conference Center. Those in attendance were as follows:

**Allen**

Dennis Harper, Judge/Executive  
David Burch, Mayor of Scottsville

**Barren**

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

**Butler**

Tim Flener, Judge/Executive

**Edmonson**

**Hart**

Noah Slaughter, GRWD

**Logan**

Tom Harned, Logan County  
Chris Wilcutt, Logan County  
Mike Hughes, Mayor of Auburn  
Mark Stratton, Mayor of Russellville

**Metcalf**

Adam Bennett, Metcalfe County  
Moe Hensley, Edmonton

**Monroe**

**Simpson**

Mason Barnes, Judge/Executive

**Warren**

Todd Alcott, Mayor of Bowling Green  
Brooke Robison, Bowling Green  
Carroll Duckworth, Bowling Green  
Kyle Hunt, Bowling Green  
Melissa Cansler, Bowling Green  
Susan Harmon, BGWC Reg. Airport  
Austin Sims, GoBG Transit

**KYTC**

Ben Hunt  
Christopher Walden  
Greg Meredith  
Joe Plunk

**Guests**

Adam Kirk, KY Transportation Center  
Ben Vandenbrink, Kimley Horn  
Greg Cook, Kimley Horn  
Jake Stremmel, Kimley Horn  
Katie Rowe, Gresham Smith  
Peter Overmohle, STV

**BRADD Staff**

Dajana Crockett  
Ethan Bates  
Emily Hathcock  
Eric Sexton  
Paige Hadden

**II. Approval of September 3, 2025, Minutes – Mayor Burch, Chairman**

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

**III. Bowling Green to Mammoth Cave Trail Study & Regional Greenways Study – Katie Rowe, Gresham Smith**

Katie Rowe, Transportation Planner for Gresham Smith, gave a presentation on the ongoing Bowling Green to Mammoth Cave Trail Feasibility Study. Mrs. Rowe’s presentation included a summary of the study’s background, data collection and public engagement efforts, preliminary trail concepts, the preferred recommended layout, and a look forward into the elements that will be included in the final implementation plan. After the presentation, Judge Byrd asked about the possibility of using the existing CSX rail line in the area as a corridor for the trail, to which Mrs. Rowe responded that although that was considered, the rail line’s high volume of higher speed and heavy commercial traffic was not ideal unless the traffic volume changed. Mrs. Rowe then moved into a brief presentation over the ongoing Regional Greenways Study, which covers the whole BRADD region at a broader level. Committee members were encouraged to keep an eye out for stakeholder workshops that were planned for January.

**IV. Safe Streets for All Regional Safety Action Plan – Adam Kirk, KY Transportation Center**

Adam Kirk, Principal Research Engineer at the Kentucky Transportation Center, gave a presentation on the development of the Regional Safety Action Plan that comprises the scope of BRADD’s Safe Streets for All grant. Mr. Kirk’s presentation included background information on the program, an explanation on what the Action Plan is, results from a survey identifying citizens’ concerns in their home counties, and examples of corrective measures that might be included in the plan. Mr. Kirk ended his presentation by encouraging committee members to attend upcoming meetings to review the plan, where counties will be given the chance to alter it to reflect their specific needs.

**V. Review of Rail Freight Loading/Unloading Locations – Ethan Bates, BRADD**

Ethan Bates, Regional Transportation Planner, shared a map of Rail Freight Loading/Unloading Locations with the committee. Mr. Bates explained that these locations are identified annually by BRADD staff, with the KYTC Annual Work Program requiring the committee’s review every few years. Mr. Bates noted that facilities that fall under the Major Freight Users Inventory are excluded from this list, which is why the Kentucky Transpark and Logan Aluminum facilities are

not on the map. After review, Mayor Stratton made a motion to approve the Rail Freight Loading/Unloading Locations as presented, and the motion was seconded by Judge Byrd. Motion carried.

## **VI. BRADD Project Updates & Grant Opportunities**

Ethan Bates gave the following updates on BRADD's current transportation-related projects and upcoming grant funding opportunities:

- TAP Grants: The application for TAP grants was recently opened through January 19<sup>th</sup>. BRADD is able to assist any communities interested in applying. The application uses a new online platform called Submittable, which applicants should familiarize themselves with.
- BUILD Grants: The FHWA recently announced that BUILD grants opened their application window through February 24. These are flexible, high-powered, and highly competitive grants that can be applied to a variety of transportation projects. BRADD is able to assist any communities interested in applying.
- Section 5310 Transit Vehicles: BRADD will be hosting the Regional Coordinated Transit Meeting at the March RTC, which will provide information and opportunities for any agencies interested in applying for transit vehicles. Local officials should expect to receive certified mail notification from BRADD in the coming months.
- January 13<sup>th</sup> Lunch and Learn: BRADD will be hosting a free lunch and learn opportunities for our region that discusses asset management, pavement maintenance strategies, funding strategies, and more. The RTC packet included a flyer to register for the event.

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

Joe Plunk, Chief Engineer at KYTC District 3, gave updates on projects throughout the BRADD region. He encouraged applicants for federal grant programs like BUILD to be aware of the strict budgetary and timeline requirements that come with those awards, but that they can be used to great effect, citing Logan County's previously awarded project to improve a series of bridges in the county. Mr. Plunk then shared updates on projects throughout the region, including work being done on KY 90 between Glasgow and Cave City and US 31 in Warren County by the Kentucky Transpark. He encouraged the committee that even though construction is exciting and slowing down, there were still many projects throughout the region that were progressing through design, right-of-way, and utilities stages that will make a big impact.

**VIII. KYTC District 4 Updates – Kevin Young**

Kevin Young, Planning Supervisor at KYTC District 4, was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Burch shared Mr. Young’s update that D4 does not have any active projects in Hart County at this time, and anyone with questions to reach out to D4 directly.

**IX. Other Transportation Discussion**

No other topics of discussion were brought before the committee.

**X. Next Meeting Date**

The next regular RTC meeting is currently scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the BRADD conference center.

**XI. Adjournment**

Chairman Harper requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 a.m. Judge Harper made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Hughes. Motion carried.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_