

BARREN RIVER



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Goal 1: Promote a transportation system that will provide the highest possible level of mobility to all potential users.

- By December of 2027, preserve the mobility and capacity of the district's existing transportation system by supporting initiatives to implement access management programs, and continue to participate in planning educational programs pertaining to highway access management and the inter-relationships between land development and highway system.
- By December of 2027, improve and expand the capacity of the District's highway system to accommodate future increased traffic by supporting highway projects designed to alleviate traffic congestion and improve overall mobility of people and goods.
- By December of 2027, participate in the prioritization of transportation needs for the Statewide Transportation Plan, Highway Plan, and the Unscheduled Highway Needs List, and off-system Bridge Replacement Program.
- By December of 2022, and annually thereafter, work closely with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's District 3 and 4 concerning the maintenance and development of the district highway system, including bridges and the development and implementation of corridor and other types of transportation planning studies.
- By December of 2022, and annually thereafter, work with the Regional Transportation Council, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the ten county committees in the development of the district's transportation system.
- By December of 2027, support the establishment of electric vehicle infrastructure across the region by researching funding options, providing training/education opportunities and materials, and convening regional focus groups.

Goal 2: Work to enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes of travel for people and goods to develop a system that supports and strengthens the economic vitality and competitiveness of the district, and which supports economic development initiatives.

- By December of 2027, support the maintenance and enhancement of the movement of freight to markets between and within the District, Commonwealth, Country, and World by expanding the National Truck Network System.
- By December of 2027, support the maintenance and development of a transportation system (including bike and pedestrian transportation modes) that promotes maximum tourism access and enjoyment by assisting local governments to secure adequate signage on major routes or routes directing visitors to the tourist attractions of the area.
- By December of 2027, work with KYTC Districts 3 and 4, local elected officials, and other area stakeholders to increase access to recreational and tourism facilities within the district including exploring public and pedestrian transit options to assist with connections.
- By December of 2027, work with KYTC Districts 3 and 4, local elected officials, and other area stakeholders to fully develop and maintain regional scenic highways.
- By December of 2022, and annually thereafter, provide information and training to interested parties including local elected officials, transportation stakeholders, and others regarding the development of complete streets, best practices for the management of traffic congestion, and the benefit of conducting road diet measures among other best practices.

Goal 3: Support the development and maintenance of community transit systems throughout the BRADD region in order to ensure residents and workers access key goods, services, and amenities—such as schools, fresh foods and other shopping, open space and recreation, health care, libraries, and other services—and major employment centers and other regional destinations.

- By December of 2022, and annually thereafter, utilize Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding to maintain and improve transportation for the elderly and handicapped, including acquiring, rehabilitating, and operating (public and semipublic) transportation systems within the BRADD region.
- By December of 2022, and annually thereafter, provide information and training to interested parties including; staff of public and semi-public providers within the District, local elected officials, transportation stakeholders, and others regarding the development of community transit options and best practices for public transit operation.
- By December of 2027, work with regional partners to create and disseminate a toolkit for developing vibrant neighborhoods in rural communities, including resources related to walkability, transit, neighborhood greenspace and greenways, and place-based initiatives

- By December of 2027, seek out funding to support vibrant neighborhoods in rural communities, including funding projects related to walkability, transit, neighborhood greenspace and greenways, and placed-based initiatives
- By June of 2025, work with communities to identify locations for potential creation of or enhancement to neighborhood greenways in order to provide park-like connections to natural areas, parks, schools, business districts and other community destinations. These attractive neighborhood streets and trails make it safer and more fun to walk and bike in the community, while also treating stormwater.
- **Goal 4: Expand and enhance the Region's rail access and assets to promote increased freight and passenger transportation.**
- By December of 2027, support maintenance and development of the railroad system of the district for both freight and passenger transportation by providing technical support and researching funding opportunities for implementation.
- By December of 2027, work with railroad companies and cities with abandoned rail lines to develop Rails to Trails non-motorized pedestrian trails throughout the region.
- By December of 2027, work with railroad companies to remove obsolete rail crossings and upgrade all other rail crossings to meet current safety standards.
- **Goal 5: Support the maintenance and development of pedestrian systems, bicycle systems, and waterway systems throughout the District.**
- By December of 2022, and annually thereafter, provide assistance to cities and counties within the district in the development of pedestrian and bicycle paths by providing technical assistance, training, and research around funding opportunities to support related initiatives.
- By December of 2022 and annually thereafter, provide assistance to local governments in implementing an integrated strategy of trail development including Blueways, Trail Towns, and local waterway designations by utilizing the funding resources and selection criteria of the Recreational Trails Program Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Transportation Enhancement funds, and other sources.
- **Goal 6: Support maintenance and development of the air transportation system in the BRADD Region.**
- By December of 2027, work with local airport boards, cities, and counties to upgrade existing airports in the BRADD Region in keeping with existing comprehensive airport master plans.

- By December of 2027, work with the Bowling Green-Warren County Airport to secure commercial air travel for the airport and support funding of necessary improvements for commercial air traffic use (both passenger and freight).

Goal 7: Promote the safety and security of the transportation system within the BRADD Region.

- By December of 2022, and annually thereafter, identify highway projects that would eliminate or minimize hazards on roadways within the district for the purpose of seeking funding to remove those hazards. (Examples would be improving drainage to remove flooding from roadway or improving intersections to eliminate a safety hazard).
- By July of 2024, provide education and training on implementation measures that improve operating efficiency, crash management, and motorist information systems. (An example would be the intelligent transportation system highway message boards in Warren County).
- By December of 2025, develop and maintain programs that will prepare local jurisdictions to address the operation of our transportation system during natural disasters, hazardous materials spills, or other emergencies of local, state, and national significance.