

BARREN RIVER



BRADD REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

June 4th, 2025 11:00 a.m.

BRADD Conference Center

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Acting Committee Chairman Judge Dennis Harper called the March 6, 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

Dennis Harper, Judge/Executive
Brittany Fisher, Scottsville

Barren

Jamie Bewley-Byrd, Judge/Executive
Garland Gilliam, Barren County
Lanise Coe, Glasgow Transit

Butler

Tim Flener, Judge/Executive
Debbie Hammer, Butler County

Edmonson

Scott Lindsey, Judge/Executive

Hart

Logan

Jeff Sanford, Russellville
Michael Blick, Russellville

Metcalfe

Moe Hensley, Edmonton

Monroe

Simpson

Mason Barnes, Judge/Executive

Warren

Eric Schroader, Smiths Grove
Dana Beasley-Brown, Bowling Green
Marissa Butler, Bowling Green
Melissa Causler, Bowling Green

KYTC

Ben Hunt
Christopher Walden
Greg Meredith
Joe Plung
Kevin Young
Wes Watt

Guests

Doug Taylor, HMB
Demetria Kimball-Mehlhorn, RES
Katie Rowe, Gresham Smith
Kendall Roller, Cleary Construction
Patty Dunaway, Michael Baker International

BRADD Staff

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

II. Approval of March 6, 2025, Minutes

Chairman Harper referred all parties to the recorded minutes from the March 6, 2025, RTC meeting that were presented to all voting Committee members. Judge Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Judge Barnes. Motion carried.

III. Sidewalk Inventory – Ethan Bates

Ethan Bates, Regional Transportation Planner, gave a presentation on BRADD's recently updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Inventory, which is a collection of all the sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, and other pedestrian-focused infrastructure in the region. Mr. Bates also shared BRADD's Regional Transportation Assets Inventory, which has maps of various transportation items available, such as Major Freight Users, Truck Parking Locations, Major Traffic Generators, and more. He explained how these resources may be useful to communities for planning purposes.

IV. BRADD Transportation Project Updates

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

- **SHIFT:** The RTC approved BRADD's SHIFT sponsorships at the previous meeting. The upcoming September 3rd, 2025, meeting include Boosting of projects, and Judge/Executives were encouraged to attend.
- **RAISE Grant:** As part of BRADD's RAISE grant, STV was selected as the consulting engineer firm to provide services to design complete street sidewalk projects for 5 cities in the region. Once the contract is executed, those cities will be contacted about setting up meetings and moving that project forward.
- **SS4A Grant:** BRADD is awaiting receipt of a draft of the Safe Streets for All Roadway Action Plan from partners at the UK Research Foundation, which is anticipated for later this month.
- **TAP Grants:** BRADD anticipates TAP grants being available soon for sidewalks and other improvements and is awaiting KYTC's NOFO. Interested communities should reach out to get started on applications.

V. KYTC District 4 Updates – Kevin Young

Kevin Young, Planning Supervisor at KYTC District 4, gave updates on project in Hart County. The Horse Cave Bypass project was nearing completion and is on target to be complete by June 30, 2025.

VI. 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 significant road projects in Auburn, on I-165 in Butler County to repair a bridge, on I-165 in Warren County at Exit 7, and more. Mr. Plunk also noted that there were traffic impacts from various private entities, primarily from relocating utilities. Mr. Plunk introduced Greg Meredith, who recently began a new position at KYTC in the department for Rural and Municipal Aid. Mr. Meredith greeted the Committee and encouraged members to reach out to him if he can assist them in any way.

VII. Bowling Green to Mammoth Cave Trail Study – Katie Row, Gresham Smith

Katie Rowe, the Project Manager for the Bowling Green to Mammoth Cave Trail Feasibility Study at Gresham Smith, gave a presentation to the committee about the project. She discussed the history behind the idea of the trail, the corridor being studied, what the study’s goals and objectives are, what public involvement will entail, and more. The presentation included many interactive discussion questions, where the committee shared their thoughts on what amenities they’d like to see, barriers to trail development in their communities, ranking priorities for trail features, and more. The presentation concluded with a reminder about the upcoming public meetings and engagement opportunities, and with committee members being encouraged to visit the project’s website where they could give more in-depth feedback.

Marissa Butler, Treasurer at Cave Country Trails, commented about the involvement and support of Cave Country Trails for this project, as well as the related John Muir Legacy Trail.

VIII. Other Transportation Discussion

Ethan Bates, Regional Transportation Planner, informed the group about KYTC’s Rural Consultation Survey, which allows Committee members to give feedback to the cabinet about how the cabinet and the ADD serve their transportation needs. Committee members were encouraged to respond to the survey.

IX. Next Meeting Date

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

X. Adjournment

Chairman Harper requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m. Judge Flener made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Moe Hensley. Motion carried.

Signature _____

Date _____