

MINUTES

OF THE

BIG SANDY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING SHIFT REGIONAL PRIORITIZATION

Thursday, July 20, 2017

Members in Attendance

Garry McClure, Johnson County DES, Chair
Kila Keeton, Proxy for Magoffin County Judge/Executive
James Pete Shepherd, Mayor of Salyersville
James Butler, Floyd County Citizen Member
Ben Hale, Floyd County Judge/Executive
Les Stapleton, Mayor of Prestonsburg
Steve Jones, Bicycle/Pedestrian Representative
Mark Westfall, KYTC HDO 12
Jason Blackburn, KYTC HDO 10
Joe Jacobs, Big Sandy ADD

Guests in Attendance

Senator Johnny Ray Turner, 29th District
Representative Scott Wells, 97th District
Aaron Thompson, Department for Local Government
Adam Rice, Congressman Rogers' Office
Cliff Latta, Vaughn and Melton
Keith Damron, AEI, Inc.
Diana Radcliffe, BFW Engineers
Stacia Carwell, City of Prestonsburg
Luke Stapleton, FIVCo ADD
Eunice Holland, Kentucky River ADD
Sandy Runyon, Big Sandy ADD

Call to Order

Chairperson Gary McClure called the meeting to order at 10:10AM. Introductions of committee members present and guests were made.

Approval of Minutes

J/E Ben Hale moved that the minutes of the April 25th meeting be approved. Mayor James Shepherd seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Committee Business

FY 2018 Plan for Committee Activities

BSADD Transportation Planner, Joe Jacobs presented the FY 2018 *Plan for Committee Activities* for review. Mayor Shepherd moved that the Plan be approved. James Butler seconded the motion and the motion carried.

FY 2018 Committee By-Laws

Mr. Jacobs presented the *Committee By-Laws* for review. J/E Hale moved that the By-Laws be approved. Mayor Shepherd seconded the motion and the motion carried.

FY 2018 Committee Goals and Objectives

Mr. Jacobs presented the *Committee Goals and Objectives* for review. Mayor Shepherd moved that the Goals and Objectives be approved. Mayor Les Stapleton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

SHIFT (Highway Plan Prioritization) Process

Mr. Jacobs, gave a brief overview and outline of the SHIFT prioritization process for guests and new members. Mr. Jacobs reviewed the first phase of the process, local project sponsorships, and presented the list of scored projects received from KYTC. In the current phase, the BSADD RTC has a budget of 9 projects (20% of the total) to boost with 15 additional points. Each HDO will also have the opportunity to boost 20% of their projects. To begin selection of the 9 regional projects, representatives were asked to break in county groups and identify their top priority project from the scored list and a second priority project with regional significance to propose for consideration. The Committee then broke into county groups for discussion. During these discussions Mark Westfall and Jason Blackburn from the Highway District Offices and Mr. Jacobs floated to answer questions.

After county discussions the whole RTC reconvened to hear the results.

J/E Hale reported that the Floyd County group had identified two priority projects of nearly identical importance but assigned the highest priority to **12 036 B0023 1609.0** (Mitigating Safety Hazards on US 23 between KY 80 and KY 3384) and second to **12 036 D0979 12.00** (Spot Improvements on KY 979 from Branham's Creek to John M. Stumbo School).

Chairman McClure reported that the Johnson County group had identified **12 058 D1428 1.00** (Repair/Improvements of KY 1428 from KY 321 to Broadway) as the top priority and **12 058 D0321 1.00** (Rockfall mitigation on KY 321) as their top regionally significant project.

Mayor Shepherd reported that the Magoffin County group had identified **10 077 B0460 43.00** (Reconstruction of US 460 at Ivy Point Hill) as the top priority and **10 077 D0007 50.00** (Curve reconstruction on KY 7 from Joseph St. to Salyers Branch) as a second priority/regionally significant project.

Neither Martin County nor the cities of Inez or Warfield sent representatives to participate in the RTC meeting. To be fair to the citizens of Martin County, the RCT members asked Mr. Westfall to identify two projects from the Martin County that the Highway District Office might be likely to consider for boosting within their own prioritization plan or that at least met the same selection criteria that the other county representatives had used to propose projects. In lieu of direct input from RTC member

representatives from Martin County, the RTC will consider those two projects for boosting. Mr. Westfall offered that **12 080 D0040 595.00** (Section 2-1 of the KY 40 relocation) would be a logical candidate due to its being the next phase of a larger ongoing project. Mr. Westfall also offered that **12 080 D0040 1185.0** (Reconstruction of the curve on KY 40 before Gordon Hollow Rd.) had already advanced past design and R/W and just needed construction funding to be completed.

Neither Pike County nor the cities of Pikeville, Coal Run, or Elkhorn City sent representatives to participate in the RTC meeting. To be fair to the citizens of Pike County, the RCT members also asked Mr. Westfall to identify two projects from Pike County that the HDO might be likely to consider for boosting within their own prioritization plan or that at least met the same selection criteria that the other county representatives had used to propose projects. In lieu of direct input from RTC member representatives from Pike County, the RTC will consider those two projects for boosting. Mr. Westfall offered that **12 098 D0194 65.10** (Improve KY 194 from Smith Farms Bottom to near Deskins Branch) was the highest scoring project in the District with a Quantitative Score of 56.5. Mr. Westfall also offered that **12 098 C0000 1653.0** (New connection from Thompson Road to US 23 at Stonecoal) would be a benefit to the entire region by easing congestion at one of our largest traffic generators and enhancing economic activity.

Through discussion the Committee came to the unanimous decision to assign the 9 project boosts by giving the first five boosts to the counties' highest priority and/or highest ranking project and assigning the four remaining boosts to projects with a clear regional impact and/or that had been identified as a county's second priority. Since there are five potential projects and only four available boosts in the latter category, Mayor Shepherd moved that the second project on KY 40 (12 080 D0040 1185.0) be removed from consideration based on the fact that the larger reconstruction on KY 40 would likely eliminate the need for this project in the future, and that the following list of projects be approved for boost points by the Committee:

- **12 036 B0023 1609.0** Floyd County Highest Priority Project
- **12 058 D1428 1.00** Johnson County Highest Priority Project
- **10 077 B0460 43.00** Magoffin County Highest Priority Project
- **12 080 D0040 595.00** Martin County Highest Scoring/Regionally Significant Project
- **12 098 D0194 65.10** Pike County Highest Scoring/Regionally Significant Project
- **12 036 D0979 12.00** Floyd County Second Highest Priority/Regionally Significant Project
- **12 058 D0321 1.00** Johnson County Second Highest Priority/Regionally Significant Project
- **10 077 D0007 50.00** Magoffin County Second Highest Priority/Regionally Significant Project
- **12 098 C0000 1653.0** Pike County Regionally Significant Project

Mayor Stapleton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Project Updates and Concerns

District 12 (Floyd, Johnson, Martin, and Pike Counties)

Mark Westfall, HDO 12, updated the Committee on current and future projects in District 12 and answered questions.

District 10 (Magoffin County)

Jason Blackburn, HDO 10 updated the Committee on current and future projects in District 10 and answered questions.

Next Meeting Date

In accordance with Committee By-Laws and the FY 2018 Plan for Committee Activities, the next regular meeting of the BSADD RTC will be Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10:00 AM, BSADD.

Adjournment

Mayor Stapleton moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mayor Shepherd seconded the motion and the motion carried.