**Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority**

**(KPTIA)**

**Kentucky Transportation Building**

**200 Mero Street**

 **Frankfort, Kentucky**

**Meeting No. 23 – March 3, 2016**

**1:00 P.M. EST**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael W. Hancock. A roll call was done and a quorum was present.

KPTIA members in attendance were: Michael W. Hancock, William Landrum, Steve Austin, Dana Mayton, Don Kelly, Glenn B. Mitchell, Charles Buddeke, and Harold W. McKinney.

Chairman Hancock welcomed William Landrum, Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, as a new KPTIA member, and he introduced KYTC Deputy Secretary, Greg Thomas, and

Chief of Staff, Asa Swan.

A motion was made by Dana Mayton and seconded by Glenn Mitchell to approve the meeting minutes of October 13, 2015. The minutes were approved as written.

Secretary Hancock asked for public comments from those in attendance, but no one from the public addressed the Authority.

The next item on the agenda was the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project.

1. Project Construction Update: Andy Barber, Project Engineer, stated that the project is over 83% complete, with substantial completion expected in December, 2016. The Abraham Lincoln Bridge opened to two-way traffic in December, 2015. All scheduled, long-term closures are in place and several new ramps are open. Mr. Barber stated the project is on schedule and on budget. $22 million in improvements to the Kennedy Bridge are under way. A new floor system is being installed and improvements are expected to add at least 35 years of new life to the bridge. The Kennedy Bridge is expected to reopen this fall. The East End Crossing is over 80% complete. Blasting for the tunnel and blasting south of U.S. 42 are complete.

Mr. Barber stated that the Walk the Bridge event held on December 5, 2015 was a huge success with an estimated 50,000 people in attendance.

1. Tolling Updates: Megan McLain, Assistant General Counsel, reported that Kapsch TrafficCom, the Toll Service Provider, is well under way doing testing and development of the tolling system. Walk-up centers in both Indiana and Kentucky will open in the middle of this year for the public to open accounts and obtain transponders. Ms. McLain noted that the new informational website, RiverLink.com, will answer frequently asked questions and provide updates to the public. At the time the public is able to open accounts, they will be able to do so on the website. A series of open houses have occurred in Kentucky and are now taking place in Indiana to educate the public on how the tolling system will operate.

Ms. McLain announced that KPTIA is now a full voting member with the E-ZPass organization. At the end of March, 2015, a final selection will be made for a Custodian which will be the bank that will hold toll monies prior to the monies being split between the two states.

The next item on the agenda was the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Ms. McLain noted that the report is available to members for their review and it can be discussed at the next meeting if there are any questions.

Selecting a Vice Chair was the next agenda item. A motion was made by Charles Buddeke and seconded by Steve Austin to appoint the Secretary of Finance and Administration Cabinet, William Landrum, as the Vice Chair of KPTIA. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Other Business, Steve Austin noted that Governor Bevin had visited with the BridgeLink group from Western Kentucky and Southern Indiana and was given information on the I-69 project and the tolling opportunities for the project. He noted that both communities are promoting tolling in order to move forward on the project.

Charles Buddeke asked about the Brent Spence Bridge. Secretary Hancock stated that Governor Bevin asked that a study be included in the Highway Plan as it relates to an outer beltway, and that study is scheduled to take place this summer. He noted that the Governor also asked KYTC to continue addressing the basic structural needs of the bridge, including painting the bridge.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Glenn Mitchell and seconded by Steve Austin to adjourn the meeting.

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Minutes were taped and transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this the 5th day of March, 2016.