**Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority**

**(KPTIA)**

**Kentucky Transportation Building**

**200 Mero Street**

**Frankfort, Kentucky**

**Meeting No. 22 – October 13, 2015**

**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, Lori Flanery, Charlie Johnson, Michael R. Walker, Dana Mayton, Don Kelly, Glenn B. Mitchell, Charles Buddeke, and Harold W. McKinney.

A motion was made by Mr. Buddeke and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the meeting minutes of July 29, 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 (LSIORB) Project.

1. Project Construction Update: Andy Barber, KYTC Assistant State Highway Engineer and LSIORB Project Manager, reported that Governor Beshear announced this week that the Downtown Crossing Bridge is on budget and ahead of schedule. The new cable-stayed bridge is scheduled to open to two-way traffic in December, 2015, and there will be a celebration to “Walk the Bridge” planned before it opens to vehicular traffic.

Upcoming milestones include final gaps to close the bridge deck extending from bank to bank later this month, final stay cables installed this month and the deck is to be poured later this fall.

Mr. Barber reported that construction is 75% complete, that traffic is using new lanes on I-65 in Southern Indiana and that several new ramps are open in Kentucky. There will be an additional $22 million in improvements on the Kennedy Bridge in 2016 which will add decades of new life to the bridge.

1. Tolling Update: David Talley, KYTC Innovative Finance Manager, reported that Kapsch TrafficCom, the Toll Service Provider, has been on board for five months and is in the process of developing business rules that will dictate the day-to-day operations. By early November, these business rules should be finalized and Kapsch will begin design and construction of the system, with completion in the spring 2016.

Mr. Talley discussed the vote taken last week by the E-ZPass Executive Committee for KPTIA’s application for full membership in the E-ZPass organization. He stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), a New York agency that operates bridges and tunnels in the New York area, vetoed KPTIA’s application. In the event that MTA does not withdraw their veto, Mr. Talley stated that KPTIA could join as a national affiliate member.

Mr. Talley stated that KYTC will continue discussions with MTA and will continue to pursue full membership with E-ZPass, and he will keep the Authority informed as to the progress made. He noted that, regardless of membership classification, there will not be any impact to toll customers nor to the project.

1. Bridges to Opportunities (B2O) Update: Ms. Tyra Redus, Executive Director, KYTC Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Development, stated that B2O is applying for grant money through USDOT’s initiative called Ladders of Opportunity that funds on-the-job training workforce development programs in highway construction. The submission is due in December, and Ms. Redus will keep the Authority updated on the status of the grant.
2. Minority Craftsman Training Update: Ms. Redus spoke about the Samuel Plato Academy of Historic Preservation Trades which is an educational program aimed at promoting historic preservation and teaching West Louisville residents a trade. The school is located at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage. When students graduate, they will receive a certificate in historic preservation technology from Jefferson County Technical College and a certificate in historic preservation trades from the Samuel Plato Academy. The program is offered at no cost to the students, and the inaugural class has sixteen students and classes started in September.

Secretary Hancock announced that KPTIA received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Planning for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This honor was given by the Government Finance Officers Association and is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

The next item on the agenda was adoption of the quarterly meeting schedule for 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. McKinney to adopt the third Tuesday of the first month of every quarter to hold KPTIA meetings. The motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Walker to adjourn the meeting.

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(Minutes were taped and transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this the 21st day of October, 2015.)