**Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority**

**(KPTIA)**

**200 Mero Street**

**Frankfort, Kentucky**

**Meeting No. 19 - January 20, 2015**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Hancock. Introductions were made and a quorum was present. Chairman Hancock officially welcomed Charles Buddeke to the KPTIA Board. Mr. Buddeke was formerly the Chair of the Louisville and Southern Indiana Bi-State Authority and, as such, was an Ex Officio member of KPTIA.

KPTIA members in attendance were: Chairman Michael Hancock, Vice-Chair Lori Flanery, Steve Austin, Michael Walker, Dana Mayton, Don Kelly, and Charles Buddeke.

A motion was made by Ms. Mayton and seconded by Mr. Austin to approve the meeting minutes of September 24, 2014. The minutes were approved as written.

Chairman 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 Project Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the LSIORB Downtown Crossing Project. Design is approximately 99% complete and construction is approximately 55% complete. The project remains on schedule for substantial completion in December 2016 and also remains on budget.

Section 1 – Kentucky Approach: I-65 North traffic was moved in December to new a roadway built between existing I-65 North and I-65 South. New lanes of I-65 North are currently being built, new overpasses are being built along the I-65 corridor, and new ramps and overpasses are under construction for I-64 and I-71.

Section 2 – New I-65 Bridge: The first structural steel was set in place in October, and first stay cables installed in December. The first tower will top out in February. Current tower heights are 200 feet on Tower 5, 220 feet on Tower 4, and 160 feet on Tower 3. Mr. Barber advised that construction cameras, which are solar powered, have been down due overcast weather.

Section 3 – Indiana Approach: Work continues on the new flyover ramp from US 31 North to I-65 North, which will open late this year. The “big squeeze” continues with I-65 reduced from three lanes to two, and new lanes of I-65 North being constructed to connect to the new Downtown Bridge. The new 10th Street ramp opened in November. Mr Barber advises that downtown Louisville is open for business, as is Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Section 4 – East End Crossing: Mr. Barber also gave a short update on the East End Crossing. The East End Crossing will connect the Gene Snyder Freeway in Prospect, Kentucky to the Lee Hamilton Highway in Utica, Indiana. The East End project is on schedule and on budget with substantial completion expected in October 2016. Construction is 50% complete, blasting for the 1,700 foot twin tunnels is to resume in February, and twin towers are 60 feet tall and expected to reach a finished height of 300 feet this summer.

The Chairman asked Mr. Barber to briefly describe what’s going on in Louisville and Southern Indiana with aesthetic treatments and how those will enhance the look of the project. Mr. Barber discussed flat walls, textured walls, gateway treatments, etc. which were planned during the project development process with the help of preservation advisory teams.

1. Tolling and Other Procurement Update: David Talley, KYTC Innovative Finance Manager, spoke about the selection of Kapsch as the toll services provider for the bridges project and also about the protest received by the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) that resulted in an investigation which revealed a potential conflict of interest by one of the subcontractors to Kapsch. As Mr. Talley explained, because of the potential conflict of interest, the Joint Board cancelled the tolling procurement and initiated a new expedited procurement. Mr. Talley discussed the new procurement schedule and said it will allow for a full year to build and test the system and six months to market and sale transponders prior to the implementation of tolls. Under the expedited schedule, a selection will be made in late February and a notice to proceed will be given in May.

The next agenda item was a discussion about E-ZPass membership by KPTIA. David Talley discussed the opportunity and benefits for the LSIORB tolling system to be interoperable with other toll systems in the region and around the country. After his overview and a discussion by the members, a motion was made by Mr. Buddeke and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the resolution, authorizing the Chairman to pursue membership in the E-ZPass Group on behalf of KPTIA.

The next item on the agenda was the Consolidated Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Mr. Talley presented the first ever 2014 fiscal year CAFR for KPTIA. He advised that an application was made for a Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) award for the report. Comments on the CAFR will be received from GFOA, and the award may be given if certain transparency requirements are met.

There were questions and discussion on what had been spent on the project as of June 30, 2014, and also what has currently been spent-to-date, and what those amounts include. Mr. Talley mentioned the reporting requirements associated with the TIFIA loan, as well as the annual financial plan update required by FHWA. He indicated that all reporting associated with the project was going very well. Mr. Buddeke inquired about the weighted average cost of capital for all project borrowing and was advised that number is 4.4 percent. The TIFIA loan rate is fixed at 3.88 percent.

The next item on the agenda was the adoption of a quarterly meeting schedule as suggested in a recent audit. The dates suggested were April 21st, July 21st and October 20th at 1:00 p.m. A motion was not necessary on the quarterly meeting dates as the Bylaws already require quarterly meetings.

Under Other Business, Mr. Buddeke asked about Walsh’s commitment to minorities and women. Tyra Redus, Executive Director of the KYTC Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development, advised that Walsh was meeting the DBE goal of eight percent, ten percent goal for females, and fifteen percent minority. Chairman Hancock spoke about the huge success of the Bridges to Opportunities Program, which is a program designed to facilitate workforce development as part of the Bridges Project.

Mr. Buddeke asked about the Brent Spence Bridge project, and Secretary Hancock advised that Governor Beshear and Governor Kasich of Ohio are working together to craft an approach that will provide the project with the best possible chance for success. The project teams are continuing the necessary environmental work, developing a feasible financial plan, and doing everything possible to move the project forward.

Mr. Buddeke also asked about the status of I-69, and an update was provided by Mr. Austin and Chairman Hancock.

Mr. Buddeke asked for an update on the Drumanard Estate, and Mr. Barber advised that preservation easements have been recorded and repairs are underway before the property is put up for sale.

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

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