

Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority
(KPTIA)

Kentucky Transportation Building, Frankfort, Kentucky
October 22, 2009
10:00 a.m. EST

The meeting was called to order by Mike Hancock, Chairman of the Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority (KPTIA). The first order of business was introduction of the KPTIA members.

Those in attendance were: Lori Flanery, Joseph H. Mattingly, Jim Ward, Elaine Walker, Charlie Johnson, Nelda Barton-Collings, Laura Douglas, Don C. Kelly and Larry Sanderson. Glenn Mitchell was absent from the meeting. Chairman Hancock also had the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) staff introduce themselves. The members of KPTIA were then administered the oath of office.

A motion was made by Mr. Mattingly and seconded by Ms. Barton-Collings to appoint Lori Flanery as Vice-Chair of KPTIA. Said motion passed by acclamation. Mr. Johnson volunteered to serve as Recording Secretary.

Chairman Hancock reviewed House Bill 3 and stated that the purpose of KPTIA is to facilitate the construction, financing, operation and oversight of mega transportation projects within the Commonwealth, and between the Commonwealth and the State of Indiana. He stated that the state authority is composed of eleven members representing the Finance and Administration Cabinet, the Transportation Cabinet, the Kentucky Association of Counties, the Kentucky League of Cities, the Kentucky County Judges/ Executives Association and six citizen members appointed by the Governor. Chairman Hancock noted that the six citizen members would be approved by the Senate at a later date.

Chairman Hancock asked if there were any public comments from those in attendance. He stated that each person would be given five minutes to speak. Ms. Kay Stewart, Executive Director of The Bridges Coalition, addressed the Authority and urged the Authority to adopt the resolution that would be presented to them during the meeting concerning the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges (LSIORB).

Mr. Gary Valentine and Andy Barber of KYTC gave an overview of the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project, defined as a "Two Bridges, One Project" solution. Mr. Valentine stated that the purpose of the Bridges Project is to improve cross-river mobility and that there is more demand needing to cross the river than what is currently available.

Mr. Valentine explained that the project consists of six major construction sections; i.e., Section 1 – Kennedy Bridge Interchange (Spaghetti Junction); Section 2 – I-65 Downtown Bridge; Section 3 – Downtown Indiana Approach; Section 4 – East End

Kentucky Approach; Section 5 – East End Bridge; and Section 6 – East End Indiana Approach. KYTC is in charge of Sections 1, 2, 4 and 5; and the Indiana Department of Transportation is in charge of the Section 3 and 6 processes.

Mr. Valentine explained that the bridge will have six lanes – three lanes each way, and a 17-foot pedway and bikeway. It will be Twin Three Tower Cable Stayed, and he stated that there is only one other bridge like this in the world located in Norway. Mr. Valentine further detailed that I-65 would be widened and reconfigured.

Mr. Kelly asked if financing was an issue. Chairman Hancock explained that this is a \$4 billion project and that the mechanisms for funding are diverse. He explained that with the establishment of a bi-state authority, funding issues would be addressed and recommendations would come back to KPTIA. Ms. Douglas inquired as to the total construction period. Mr. Valentine stated that the Financial Plan of 2007 indicated it could possibly be completed in 2024.

Ms. Flanery gave a report of the Kentucky-Indiana Work Group meeting held September 15, 2009. She stated that the sole purpose of this Work Group was to evaluate the LSIORB project and make a recommendation to the Governors of Indiana and Kentucky. Ms. Flanery read the resolution that was passed by the Work Group to create a bi-state authority for the purpose of financing, constructing and operating the proposed Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Mattingly and seconded by Ms. Barton-Collings that KPTIA adopt the resolution (copy attached). From a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rebecca Goodman, Office of Legal Services, reviewed the ethics requirements and stated that members of the state authority are considered public servants and, therefore, subject to the ethics provisions of KRS Chapter 11A. At the next meeting, there will be time allotted for training on ethics and also drafted bylaws will be presented for consideration.

Mr. Bill Bell, Director of the Division of Accounts, explained the reimbursement forms and travel and meal allowances.

Mr. Sanderson requested a list of the KPTIA members and contact numbers. Ms. Geri Grigsby will follow up on this. Chairman Hancock thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned.

(Minutes were taped and transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this the 3rd day of November, 2009.

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