Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority (KPTIA)
Kentucky Transportation Building
200 Mero Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

July 12, 2011
1:00 P.M. EST

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Hancock. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Those in attendance were: Chairman Michael Hancock, Jamie Link sitting in for Lori Flanery, Joseph H. Mattingly, Jim Ward, Charlie Johnson, Laura Douglas, Don Kelly, Glenn Mitchell, and Larry Sanderson.

A motion was made by Ms. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Sanderson to approve the meeting minutes of December 16, 2010. The minutes were approved as written.

Chairman Hancock asked for public comments from those in attendance. Former House Speaker Jody Richards, Senator Carroll Gibson, and House Representative Michael Meredith spoke in favor of the establishment of a Safer 65 Project Authority.

Hart County Judge-Executive Terry Martin also spoke in favor of the Safer 65 Project Authority and presented a Resolution from Hart County Fiscal Court requesting that the Transportation Cabinet establish the Safer 65 Project Authority.

The next item on the agenda was an update from Steve Schultz, Executive Director of the Louisville and Southern Indiana Bridges Authority. He stated that an Industry Forum was held in Louisville in February with over 900 registrants. Major contractors, developers, and investors were in attendance as well as numerous regional DBE firms.

Mr. Schultz discussed the current, ongoing work which includes the “Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement” (SEIS) process and the “Options Analysis” process. He discussed the concept of “value for money” and gave examples of traditional delivery versus “alternative delivery” models. He presented an overview of five scenarios and a time horizon for each scenario, and he also discussed a timeline for advancing to procurement.

Mr. Kelly asked that going forward, a monthly summary of the Bridges Project activities be furnished to members of the Authority.

Mr. Andy Barber presented the SEIS process update. He stated that through this detailed analysis, it was concluded that the two-bridge/highway alternative was the only alternative that satisfied the project’s purpose and need and that “C1” and “A15” are still the preferable bridge locations. The recommendation is to propose carrying into the supplemental process a
"No-Action" alternative as a baseline, the "2003 Selected Alternative" with tolls, and a version of that selected alternative called the "2011 Modified Alternative" with tolls.

Mr. Barber stated that the project team will work through the summer to develop a draft SEIS which will determine a preferred alternative. Public hearings will be held and comments will be addressed. These activities will be incorporated into a Final SEIS. The Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) will review the document and ultimately issue a Record of Decision.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of the Safer 65 Project Authority. Chairman Hancock gave some background concerning this proposal and he discussed legal and practical concerns of the Cabinet. Becky Goodman, KYTC General Counsel, advised the Authority that certain statutory and constitutional concerns are not easily resolved and should be the subject of continuing dialogue with the legislature and other interested parties.

Under Other Business, Chairman Hancock spoke about a Request for Proposal to hire a financial advisor to assist the Authority. Russ Romine reviewed a timeline for this RFP. The qualifications for this advisor will be furnished to the Authority members for their review.

The next meeting of the Authority will be held in mid-September. Possible dates will be sent out.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to adjourn.

(Minutes were taped and transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this the 27th day of July, 2011.

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