

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Statewide Transportation Planning Program

2025 Rural Consultation Survey



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Introduction

23 CFR 450.210(a) requires all States to consult with and consider the concerns of non-metropolitan officials when making transportation decisions in their Statewide Transportation Planning and Programming processes. 23 CFR 450.210(b) requires all States to consult with non-metropolitan officials and other interested parties regarding the effectiveness of the consultation process and any suggested modifications and report findings every five years as of February 24, 2006.

Kentucky's Rural Consultation Process

All States are required to have a documented and implemented consultation process with local officials in place. In 1995, Kentucky established a formal Regional Transportation Planning Program with the State's fifteen Area Development Districts (ADDs). This Program relies heavily on the participation and involvement of local officials. The roots of this Program date back to 1975 when the Cabinet first engaged the ADDs in the development of Regional Transportation Plans. In 1989, the Cabinet circulated the first Unscheduled Projects List (UPL) for prioritization.

In 2017, the Cabinet began using the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) prioritization process as a data-driven and objective approach to compare capital improvement projects and prioritize limited transportation funds. The ADDs, along with the ten Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and twelve KY Highway District Offices (HDOs), update potential project lists into a Continuous Highway Analysis Framework (CHAF) database for SHIFT. Each ADD, MPO, and HDO gets a certain number of project sponsorships based on population, lane miles, and number of counties served. Specific projects are selected for sponsorship after consulting with the local elected officials. The sponsored project lists are combined with committed project lists that had funding beyond the design phase listed in the previous State Highway Plan, and the projects are reviewed and scored based on safety, asset management, congestion, economic growth, and benefit / cost. Statewide projects such as interstates, parkways, and other major connecting routes are scored first, and then the remaining projects are scored on a regional basis that includes points for local input.

The ADDs help gather local input from local officials outside of MPO boundaries through regional transportation committees, and help the Cabinet share important transportation information for our rural communities. A brief overview of the ADD Regional Transportation Planning Program can be found in the Kentucky's current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and at the following secure website address:

<https://transportation.ky.gov/Planning/Pages/Regional-Planning.aspx> .

Effectiveness of the Rural Consultation Process

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet solicited comments and suggestions from Regional Transportation Committee members including Mayors and Judge Executives and other local officials in non-metropolitan counties and urban areas on the effectiveness of the Regional Transportation Planning Program. The survey was also open to other interested parties such as MPOs, Transit Agencies, Concerned Citizens and other groups associated with transportation. This occurred from **June 1, 2025, to October 1, 2025**. To measure the effectiveness of the planning program, the Cabinet prepared a survey with a focus on the following issues:

- Awareness and understanding of various Statewide planning documents such as the Long-Range Statewide Plan (LRSTP)/ Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)/Highway Plan
- Awareness, understanding, and participation in the Area Development District Regional Transportation Planning Program;
- Understanding and presentation of transportation issues and project priorities to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet by the Area Development District program;
- Performance and availability of the Area Development District Transportation Planner;
- Performance of the Cabinet's Programming processes in the following areas of consideration; decision-making, communications, and access to decision makers.

Survey Participants

SENT

502 Postcard Mail Notices sent to County Judge Executives/Mayors/Active RTC Members and Notable Officials involved in Transportation

RECEIVED

435 Responses

Local Officials

76 County Judge Executives

113 Mayors

16 County Magistrates/Commissioners/Other Elected Officials

Other Responses

57 Representative of an organization involved in Transportation or serving an underserved community

142 Resident

31 “Other”

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Hello transportation partner! Every 5 years, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet conducts a Rural Consultation Survey to get feedback on our transportation planning process. Call Nathan Ridgway at 502-782-4889 to request a paper copy, or access digitally via QR code/url address on back. Please complete and return (paper copy) survey to us by October 1, 2025. Thank you and have a great day!

We Value Your
FEEDBACK!



Questions?
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Rural Consultation Survey Questions and Responses

Survey responses were separated between Non-Metropolitan Local Officials (County Judge Executives and Mayors) and Other interested parties (includes local officials in Metropolitan boundaries as well as folks who did not identify as Mayors or County Judge Executives of Non-Metropolitan locations). Questions and responses related specifically to the Area Development District Transportation Planner and Regional Transportation Committee were further sorted by Area Development District and are included beginning on page 26.

Q1 Please select the Area Development District (ADD) where you live?

| Please select the Area Development District (ADD) where you live | Total Participants per ADD | Percentage Participants per ADD |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Barren River | 43 | 10% |
| Big Sandy | 14 | 3% |
| Bluegrass | 28 | 6% |
| Buffalo Trace | 8 | 2% |
| Cumberland Valley | 13 | 3% |
| FIVCO | 31 | 7% |
| Gateway | 16 | 4% |
| Green River | 29 | 7% |
| Kentucky River | 52 | 12% |
| KIPDA | 7 | 2% |
| Lake Cumberland | 23 | 5% |
| Lincoln Trail | 7 | 2% |
| Northern Kentucky | 57 | 13% |
| Pennyrile | 48 | 11% |
| Purchase | 59 | 14% |

Q2 Which county do you reside?

- 113 of 120 counties were represented in this survey by at least one participant
- 71 of 120 counties were represented by a County Judge Executive participating in the survey
- 56 of 120 counties were represented by a Mayor participating in the survey

Q3 Which of the following best describes your role?

| Participant Group | Total | Percentage |
|--|-------|------------|
| Elected Official | 202 | 46% |
| Representative of an organization involved in Transportation or serving an underserved community | 57 | 13% |
| Resident | 142 | 33% |
| Other | 31 | 7% |

Q4 What is the name of your organization (available if selected “Representative of organization in Transportation or serving an underserved community” in Q3)?

| What is the name of your organization? |
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| Adair County Ambulance Service |
| Scottsville Transit, City of Scottsville |
| Paducah-McCracken Metropolitan Planning Organization |
| City of Pineville |
| Executive Director- Harrodsburg Mercer County IDA |
| KYTC |
| Eddyville Riverport |
| Purchase Area Development District |
| Calloway County Fiscal Court |
| Purchase ADD |
| FIVCO Area Development District |
| City of Grayson Emergency Management |
| City of Oak Grove |
| City of Winchester |
| City of Winchester |
| Bike-Ped |
| Green River Area Development District |
| Green River Area Dev District |
| Floyd county fiscal court |
| Pro Fitness Cycling |
| KYTC |
| KYTC |

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| Martin County |
| GRAVES COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT |
| FIVCO ADD - Northeast Kentucky Regional Industrial Authority, Inc |
| KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission |
| FIVCO ADD |
| Hancock County Industrial Foundation |
| Purchase Area Development District |
| I69BridgeLink |
| City of MAdisonville |
| Pennyrile Area Development District |
| Hopkins County Joint Planning Commission |
| I-69BridgeLink |
| Kenton County Age Well Initiative |
| City of beattyville |
| Appalachian Community Care |
| City of Berea |
| Magoffin County Fiscal Court |
| Purchase Area Development District |
| City of Maysville |
| Purchase ADD |
| Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority |
| Old Mulkey Meetinghouse State Historic Site |
| City of Greenville, KY |
| Ohio co rd department |
| Owsley County Alliance for Recreation and Entertainment Inc. |
| Village of Buckhorn |
| Breathitt County Schools |
| KYTC |
| City of Somerset |

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| KYTC |
| Russell Springs Police Department/City of Russell Springs |
| Triple S Planning Commission |
| PADD rep |
| bowling green area convention and visitors bureau |
| KYTC |

Q5 How many years have you been an elected official (available if selected “Elected Official” in Q3)?

| How many years have you been an elected official? | Total | Percentage |
|---|-------|------------|
| Less than 1 year | 4 | 2% |
| 1-4 years | 53 | 26% |
| 5-10 years | 63 | 31% |
| More than 10 years | 82 | 41% |

Q6 What is your title (available if selected elected official in Q3)?

| What is your Title? | Total | Percentage |
|------------------------|-------|------------|
| County Judge Executive | 76 | 37% |
| Mayor | 113 | 55% |
| Other | 16 | 8% |

Q7 How familiar are you with the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) and its role with the transportation planning process?

| Participant Group | Very Familiar | Somewhat Familiar | Neither Familiar or Unfamiliar | Somewhat Unfamiliar | Very Unfamiliar | Unknown |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------|
| County Judge Executives | 55% | 38% | 4% | 1% | 0% | 1% |
| Mayors | 17% | 32% | 13% | 14% | 24% | 0% |
| Other Interested Parties | 3% | 4% | 1% | 2% | 4% | 85% |

Analysis – This question was asked specifically for individuals that identified as an elected official. Of the individuals that identified as a County Judge Executive, 55% of these individuals were “very familiar” with the SHIFT process. Only 1% of County Judge Executives were “somewhat unfamiliar” and 0% were “very unfamiliar” with the SHIFT process. The majority of County Judge Executives in Kentucky participate in a Regional Transportation Committee which actively identifies transportation projects to be included in the SHIFT process. Familiarity with the SHIFT process directly correlates to participating in the Regional Transportation Committee. Similarly, a large percentage of Mayors either selected “very familiar” or “somewhat familiar” with the SHIFT process. It can be inferred that these individuals also participate actively in the Regional Transportation Committee. It should be noted that a large percentage of Mayors also either selected “somewhat unfamiliar” or “very unfamiliar”. It can be inferred that the majority of these individuals most likely are mayors of smaller communities who might not be active in the Regional Transportation Committee. Similar results can be observed for Other Interested Parties (Elected officials who are not Mayors or County Judge Executives of a non-metropolitan location).

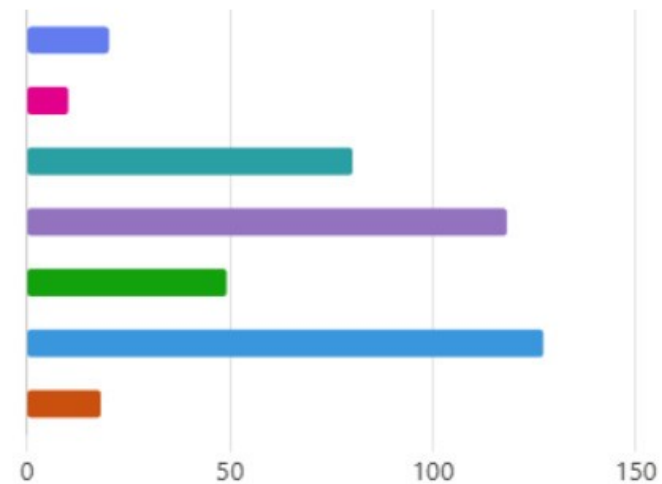
Q8 What would be the most effective way for you to learn about the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT)? (Pick all that Apply)

Top 3 Responses Overall

1. Public Meeting
2. KYTC or ADD Webpage
3. KYTC or ADD Social Media

What would be the most effective way for you to learn about the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT)? (Pick all that Apply)

- Newspaper
- Radio
- KYTC or ADD Social Media
- KYTC or ADD Webpage
- Youtube
- Public Meeting
- Other



Q9 How familiar are you with the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP)?

| Participant Group | Very Familiar | Somewhat Familiar | Neither Familiar or Unfamiliar | Somewhat Unfamiliar | Very Unfamiliar |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| County Judge Executives | 20% | 58% | 13% | 7% | 3% |
| Mayors | 4% | 37% | 18% | 16% | 24% |
| Other Interested Parties | 9% | 31% | 12% | 13% | 34% |

Analysis – Similar to Question 7, the County Judge Executives largely answered that they were “very familiar” or “somewhat familiar” with the LRSTP. Mayors and Other Interested Parties were not as familiar with the LRSTP, which indicates a need to make these groups more aware of the document which was last updated in 2022. Regional Transportation Committee meetings and KYTC/ADD Social Media posts about the document could be utilized to make folks more aware of the LRSTP.

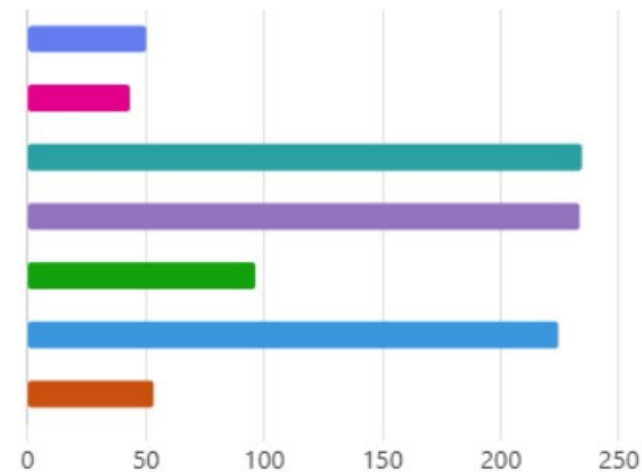
Q10 What would be the most effective way for you to learn about the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP)? (Pick all that Apply)

Top 3 Responses Overall

1. KYTC or ADD Social Media
2. KYTC or ADD Webpage
3. Public Meeting

What would be the most effective way for you to learn about the Kentucky Long- Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP)? (Pick all that Apply)

- Newspaper
- Radio
- KYTC or ADD Social Media
- KYTC or ADD Webpage
- Youtube
- Public Meeting
- Other



Q11 How familiar are you with the Kentucky Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?

| Participant Group | Very Familiar | Somewhat Familiar | Neither Familiar or Unfamiliar | Somewhat Unfamiliar | Very Unfamiliar |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| County Judge Executives | 18% | 54% | 18% | 4% | 6% |
| Mayors | 3% | 40% | 17% | 18% | 21% |
| Other Interested Parties | 9% | 28% | 13% | 15% | 35% |

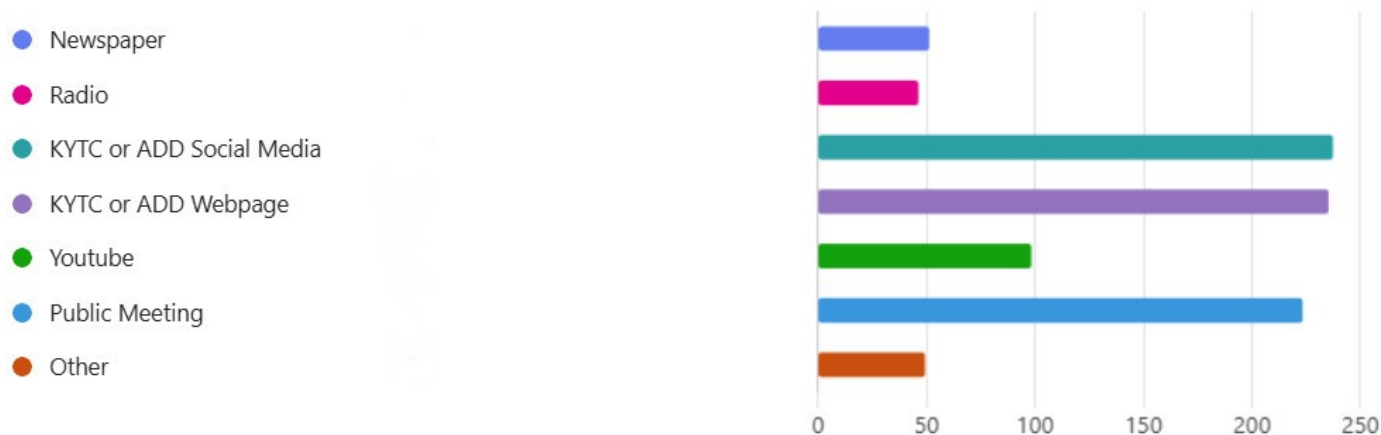
Analysis – Similar percentages to Question 7 and Question 9 can be observed with Question 11. Outreach toward the general public and local officials in smaller communities about the STIP can be achieved through more deliberate messaging from KYTC and the ADDs either through KYTC/ADD Social Media and/or public meetings such as a Regional Transportation Committee.

Q12 What would be the most effective way for you to learn more about the Kentucky Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? (Pick all that Apply)

Top 3 Responses Overall

1. KYTC or ADD Social Media
2. KYTC or ADD Webpage
3. Public Meeting

What would be the most effective way for you to learn more about the Kentucky Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? (Pick all that Apply)



Q13 How familiar are you with the Kentucky transportation planning process and its role in developing the Six-Year Highway Plan?

| Participant Group | Very Familiar | Somewhat Familiar | Neither Familiar or Unfamiliar | Somewhat Unfamiliar | Very Unfamiliar |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| County Judge Executives | 38% | 52% | 6% | 3% | 1% |
| Mayors | 14% | 46% | 12% | 12% | 16% |
| Other Interested Parties | 14% | 25% | 13% | 13% | 36% |

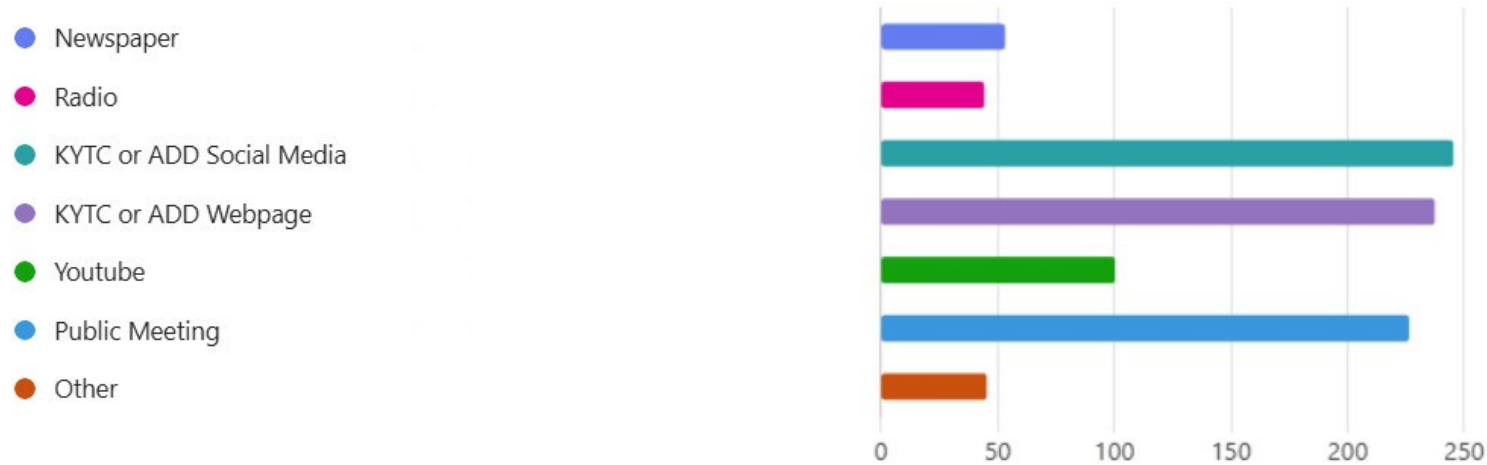
Analysis – Higher percentages of County Judge Executives and Mayors indicated either being “very familiar” or “somewhat familiar”. Consistent with Question 7,9, and 11 the participants identified as Other Interested Parties indicated large percentages of “very unfamiliar” responses. This indicates an opportunity to inform these groups more about the Six-Year Highway Plan. The current KYTC Public Involvement Plan is being updated, there is an opportunity to develop specific documents that discuss the Six-Year Highway Plan that could be distributed to the general public in the future.

Q14 What would be the most effective way for you to learn about the Kentucky transportation planning process? (Pick all that Apply)

Top 3 Responses Overall

1. KYTC or ADD Social Media
2. KYTC or ADD Webpage
3. Public Meeting

What would be the most effective way for you to learn about the Kentucky transportation planning process? (Pick all that Apply)



Analysis of Q8, Q10, Q12, Q14 – The top three responses for all questions were KYTC or ADD Social Media, KYTC or ADD Webpage, and Public Meeting. The only variance in ranking of responses was Q8 which had Public Meeting as the number 1 overall response, this is most likely due to the large percentage of elected officials that participated in this question. The Regional Transportation Committee is the best public meeting venue to learn about these various planning documents and processes. It will be continued to be stressed to the ADD Transportation Planners to involve subject matter experts for these documents and processes during their Regional Transportation Committee meetings. The Public Involvement Plan is also currently under development. These results will be shared with the Public Involvement Plan update team.

Q15 How often have you attended a Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting at your Area Development District? (If respondents chose “Never” then questions 16-21 were skipped)

| Participant Group | Never | 1-2 Meetings | 3-5 Meetings | 6-10 Meetings | More than 10 |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| County Judge Executives | 1% | 13% | 34% | 17% | 35% |
| Mayors | 34% | 24% | 18% | 7% | 17% |
| Other Interested Parties | 61% | 10% | 11% | 6% | 12% |

Analysis – The results indicate that the County Judge Executives largely attend the Regional Transportation Committees and do so on a regular basis. There is a large percentage of participants who selected “Never”, those responses largely were attributed to participants identifying as “Residents”. The ADDs might consider posting more meetings announcements on their Social Media pages, since a large percentage of participants identifying as “Residents” indicated that was the best way for them to learn more about Q8, Q10, Q12, and Q14.

Q16 How convenient are the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting locations for you?

| Participant Group | Very Convenient | Somewhat Convenient | Neither Convenient or Inconvenient | Somewhat Inconvenient | Very Inconvenient | Unknown |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|
| County Judge Executives | 49% | 37% | 8% | 3% | 1% | 1% |
| Mayors | 26% | 26% | 5% | 7% | 2% | 34% |
| Other Interested Parties | 20% | 14% | 3% | 2% | 0% | 61% |

Analysis – There are large percentages of “Very Convenient” and “Somewhat Convenient” observed from the participants who have attended an RTC meeting. Specific responses to question can be reviewed in the Area Development District section as well.

Q17 Do you believe you have been given an adequate opportunity to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

| Participant Group | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Unsure | Unknown |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| County Judge Executives | 46% | 48% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 1% |
| Mayors | 22% | 42% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 34% |
| Other Interested Parties | 15% | 18% | 1% | 1% | 3% | 61% |

Analysis – There are large percentages of “Strongly Agree ” and “Agree” observed from the participants who have attended an RTC meeting. Specific responses to question can be reviewed in the Area Development District section as well.

Q18 Overall, how responsive has the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) been to your questions or concerns about the highway improvement needs in your area?

| Participant Group | Very Responsive | Somewhat Responsive | Neither Responsive or Unresponsive | Somewhat Unresponsive | Very Unresponsive | Not Applicable | Unknown |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------|
| County Judge Executives | 54% | 34% | 7% | 0% | 3% | 1% | 1% |
| Mayors | 26% | 27% | 7% | 1% | 0% | 5% | 34% |
| Other Interested Parties | 18% | 11% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 6% | 61% |

Analysis – There are large percentages of “Very Responsive” and “Somewhat Responsive” observed from the participants who have attended an RTC meeting. Specific responses to question can be reviewed in the Area Development District section as well.

Q19 Overall, how satisfied are you with the Regional Transportation Planning Committee?

| Participant Group | Very Satisfied | Somewhat Satisfied | Neither Satisfied or Dissatisfied | Somewhat Dissatisfied | Very Dissatisfied | Unknown |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|
| County Judge Executives | 54% | 31% | 10% | 3% | 1% | 1% |
| Mayors | 28% | 29% | 9% | 0% | 0% | 34% |
| Other Interested Parties | 22% | 7% | 7% | 1% | 1% | 61% |

Analysis – There are large percentages of “Very Satisfied” and “Somewhat Satisfied” observed from the participants who have attended an RTC meeting. Specific responses to question can be reviewed in the Area Development District section as well.

Q20 What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee more effective?

See Area Development District Responses

Q21 What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

See Area Development District Responses

Q22 How often have you consulted with the ADD Transportation Planner? (If respondents chose “Never” then questions 23-26 were skipped)

| Participant Group | At Least Once a Week | At Least Once a Month | At Least Once a Quarter | At Least Once a Year | At Least Once | Never |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------|
| County Judge Executives | 4% | 28% | 44% | 13% | 6% | 6% |
| Mayors | 1% | 3% | 26% | 17% | 9% | 43% |
| Other Interested Parties | 3% | 6% | 13% | 7% | 9% | 61% |

Analysis – It is encouraging to see a large percentage of participants identifying as “County Judge Executives” and “Mayors” have contacted the ADD Transportation Planner at least once a quarter, which is the intent of the program. Consistent with other answers, participants identifying as “Other Interested Parties” have never reached out the ADD Transportation Planner. The ADDs can take a more concerted effort for public participation via social media pages.

Q23 Was the ADD Transportation Planner eager to assist you?

| Participant Group | Yes | No | Unsure | Unknown |
|--------------------------|-----|----|--------|---------|
| County Judge Executives | 86% | 3% | 6% | 6% |
| Mayors | 53% | 0% | 3% | 43% |
| Other Interested Parties | 34% | 1% | 4% | 61% |

Analysis – It is encouraging to see that our ADD Transportation Planners are interested and eager to assist the public with concerns about transportation.

Q24 How knowledgeable was the ADD Transportation Planner?

| Participant Group | Very Knowledgeable | Somewhat Knowledgeable | Neither Knowledgeable or Unknowledgeable | Somewhat Unknowledgeable | Very Unknowledgeable | Unknown |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| County Judge Executives | 68% | 20% | 6% | 1% | 0% | 6% |
| Mayors | 33% | 22% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 43% |
| Other Interested Parties | 25% | 10% | 3% | 1% | 0% | 61% |

Analysis – It is encouraging to see that our ADD Transportation Planners are largely viewed as “Very Knowledgeable” amongst all participants who have reached out to the ADD Transportation Planner. The Annual Work Program will continue to emphasize training for the ADD Transportation Planner as well as encourage these planners to take trainings related to transportation.

Q25 How clear was the information provided to you by the ADD Transportation Planner?

| Participant Group | Very Clear | Somewhat Clear | Neither Clear or Unclear | Somewhat Unclear | Very Unclear | Unknown |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------|
| County Judge Executives | 62% | 25% | 7% | 0% | 0% | 6% |
| Mayors | 30% | 23% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 43% |
| Other Interested Parties | 22% | 13% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 61% |

Analysis – It is encouraging to see that our ADD Transportation Planners are clear and confident in providing information to the participants who have reached out to the ADD Transportation Planner. The Annual Work Program will continue to emphasize for the ADD Transportation Planner to speak at public meetings about transportation planning.

Q26 Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner

See Area Development District Responses

Q27 How well do you believe the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is communicating with you regarding decisions made related to the Highway Plan?

| Participant Group | Extremely Well | Somewhat Well | Neutral | Not at all well |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|
| County Judge Executives | 31% | 41% | 24% | 4% |
| Mayors | 20% | 29% | 40% | 11% |
| Other Interested Parties | 16% | 19% | 32% | 32% |

Analysis – It appears that KYTC is doing a great job at communicating the decisions related to the Highway plan with both participants that identified as “County Judge Executives” (72% Extremely Well or Somewhat Well). It appears that KYTC needs to do a similar job with “Mayors” and “Other Interested Parties” in communicating about decisions related to the Highway Plan. This information will be relayed to the Public Involvement Plan update team.

Q28 What is your age?

| Participant Group | Under 18 | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65-74 | 75 or older |
|--------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| County Judge Executives | 0% | 0% | 3% | 8% | 21% | 39% | 24% | 4% |
| Mayors | 0% | 0% | 1% | 11% | 12% | 29% | 35% | 12% |
| Other Interested Parties | 0% | 0% | 8% | 14% | 24% | 29% | 21% | 4% |

Q29 What is your gender?

| Participant Group | Male | Female | NA |
|--------------------------|------|--------|----|
| County Judge Executives | 89% | 10% | 1% |
| Mayors | 76% | 21% | 3% |
| Other Interested Parties | 46% | 51% | 3% |

Q30 What is your race?

| Participant Group | American Indian or Alaskan Native | Asian/Pacific Islander | Black or African American | Hispanic | White/Caucasian | Multi-Ethnic /Other | NA |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------|----|
| County Judge Executives | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 92% | 1% | 6% |
| Mayors | 0% | 1% | 3% | 0% | 89% | 1% | 5% |
| Other Interested Parties | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 94% | 1% | 3% |

Area Development District Specific Responses

The Rural Consultation Survey Responses were sorted by Area Development District and then distributed to the Area Development District Transportation Planner for specific response.

Barren River Area Development District

2025 Rural Consultation Survey Response

KYTC's Public Involvement process goal is to provide Kentuckians the opportunity to aid in the identification of transportation needs and priorities. Non-metropolitan local official public involvement is carried out by the fifteen Area Development Districts (ADDs) throughout the state. The ADDs hold transportation committee meetings several times each year to reevaluate the regional transportation system. The 2025 Rural Consultation Survey asked several questions about the ADD regional transportation committee and ADD transportation planner. Below is a summary of those questions asked during the survey.

Barren River Area Development District

| Number | Question | Majority Response |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| 7 | How familiar are you with the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) and its role with the transportation process? | Somewhat familiar |
| 9 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP)? | Somewhat familiar |
| 11 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? | Somewhat familiar |
| 13 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky transportation planning process and its role in developing the Six-Year Highway Plan? | Somewhat familiar |
| 16 | How convenient are the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting locations for you? | Somewhat convenient |

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| 17 | Do you believe you have been given an adequate opportunity to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)? | Agree |
| 18 | Overall, how responsive has the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) been to your questions or concerns about highway improvement needs in your area? | Somewhat responsive |
| 19 | Overall, how satisfied are you with the Regional Transportation Planning Committee? | Very satisfied |
| 23 | Was the ADD Transportation Planner eager to assist you? | Yes |
| 24 | How knowledgeable was the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very knowledgeable |
| 25 | How clear was the information provided to you by the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Clear |

A green response indicates a positive response, where as, a red response indicates a negative response. Please respond to all red responses in the table as well as the green responses that could use improvement.

ADD Planner Response:

All of BRADD's majority responses were positive, which is encouraging, though there is still room for improvement, particularly when it comes to educating our local officials on KYTC planning documents and practices. The overall knowledge level of these documents is "somewhat familiar", and that is partially due to the extreme length and technical nature of these documents at times which can be very difficult for officials to digest. Most of the responses regarding these documents report that KYTC/ADD webpages would be the best place to learn more, which is where the information is already located. Finding other ways to inform stakeholders of these processes, and where information is located, is a challenge that will be considered more in the future.

Specific Question Responses:

#7. BRADD gives an overview of SHIFT during June and September RTC meetings during SHIFT years, as well as during on-on-one meetings with county and city officials during the sponsorship portion of the cycle. This gives a breakdown of how the process works from the perspective of

the ADD and counties, what sponsorship and boosting does, and how they influence the recommended and enacted highway plans. Information about the process and invitations to meetings are directly sent to every Mayor and Judge/Executive in the region. Moving forward, we can make a more concentrated effort to breakdown the process, possibly with a speaker from the KYTC District Offices or Central Office to give more context behind the history of the program. Officials have previously expressed interest in learning more about scoring, which is an area that future discussions can explain in further detail.

#9. BRADD does not often discuss the LRSTP at RTC or other meetings, mostly because the document is very lengthy and long term, though many of its principles and ideas influence other aspects of what we do. However, the plan does influence the region, and transportation is most effective when crossing the borders of the region, so we might see some benefit in sharing a summary of the LRSTP to make it more approachable for our officials. A greater understanding of the state goals and processes as a state could help them make more informed decisions.

#11. The STIP is also not discussed frequently, as we most often discuss specific programs, like TAP or section 5310, as they are relevant. Again, informing the officials may be helpful in informing decisions.

#13. The six-year highway plan is discussed often with local officials and KYTC D3/D4 staff, especially during SHIFT cycles. Whenever SHIFT season comes around again, there may be natural opportunities to present on the 6-year plan as well to strengthen the knowledge foundation that those discussions are based on.

#16. BRADD RTC meetings are always held in the BRADD conference room, which is located centrally in Bowling Green, Warren County. I-65 is located within 5 minutes of the BRADD office, the Cumberland Parkway is only 15 minutes away, and every county except Monroe has direct access to Bowling Green via a major state roadway, parkway, or interstate. So, moving the location is not under strong consideration at this time. BRADD also tries to make the meetings as convenient as possible by having RTC meetings align with KIA-mandated Water Council Meetings and Regional Planning Committee meetings to reduce travel. BRADD does not currently offer virtual attendance options because previous virtual meetings had very poor engagement. However, BRADD's conference room is scheduled for improvements to its audio/video equipment, which may help facilitate virtual options more effectively in the future.

#17. It is a surprise for this not to be a majority opinion of "Strongly Agree". All local officials are notified regularly of RTC meetings, and all meetings include a period for open comment and discussion, which is encouraged. Though BRADD would like for attendees to drive the discussion of the meeting, participation levels vary, and attendees rarely voice their thoughts or concerns.

#18. Similar to the previous question, this majority response not being "Very Responsive" is somewhat surprising. BRADD has pursued various opportunities at the direction of the RTC, such as monitoring the status of passenger rail / AMTRAK development in Louisville and Nashville, developing applications and receiving funding for regional studies for areas like transit, greenways, and more. This is possibly related to a lack of movement in solutions for rural road funding, which is addressed more specifically below.

#19, 23, 24, & 25. Each of these questions had the most positive majority response, which is encouraging. BRADD considers assisting our local communities to be our top priority, whether it be sharing information, answering questions, assisting with grant applications, etc. We will strive to continue to provide these services to the satisfaction of our local officials.

Additionally, the Rural Consultation Survey requested specific responses about the RTC and ADD planner, the chart(s) on the next few pages display all of those responses. Please review the responses below and provide feedback to the responses.

BRADD has grouped survey responses with similar thoughts and ideas into various categories to organize the response. “No comment” and similar responses are removed.

What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective?

More local input

More participation from the state level.

insure the the State Officials review and use or recommendations

None

A little better understanding how our Countties would benifit

We need more focus on rural road funding and needs. we also need more collaboration on needs that we all have to put together programs to apply for federally as well as state for the region on rural roads.

None that I can recommend

No idea

Timeline on roads that needs work done and possible went they will be done.

No recommendations

none

Don't wait for an accident to happen to make improvements

More Reps in the field

More Public Meetings

Nothing comes to mind

Get more emergency services agencies involved

I have no idea at present

No ideas.

More exposure

Involment from local officials and stakeholders

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| Nothing |
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| none at this time |
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| I would like to see more public citizens involved and the local officials take a more proactive role in the RTC. |
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| Continual communication |
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| no answer at this time |
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| Agree with using Social Media to show people the actions and results of their tax dollars. |
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| They need to go to City Hall meeting's |
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ADD Planner Response:

Awareness & Communication:

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| A little better understanding how our Countties would benifit |
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| More exposure |
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| Continual communication |
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| |
|--|
| Agree with using Social Media to show people the actions and results of their tax dollars. |
|--|

Each of these responses highlight a need to better communicate about why communities should attend RTC meetings. Utilizing social media to highlight success stories and the projects BRADD partakes in could be helpful to show the importance and usefulness of the RTC and encourage attendance.

Public Involvement:

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| More Reps in the field |
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| More Public Meetings |
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| They need to go to City Hall meeting's |
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These responses show a desire to be out “in the field” more at City Council and Fiscal Court Meetings. These responses don’t seem to be requesting that the RTC meetings being held at these locations. It seems to be that they would like to see the ADD Planner at these meetings. BRADD staff do regularly attend many of these meetings and are happy to do so upon request. BRADD’s transportation-focused presentations and speaking engagements at these meetings are thoroughly documented in the Public Involvement Plan and Quarterly Reports. None of the officials who submitted these responses have previously expressed any desire for BRADD staff to go by their meetings.

Involvement & Attendees:

More local input

More participation from the state level.

Get more emergency services agencies involved

Involment from local officials and stakeholders

I would like to see more public citizens involved and the local officials take a more proactive role in the RTC.

This set of responses encourages participation from a variety of different groups. In many ways, this ties back to the *Awareness & Communication* section, where showcasing the value of RTC can encourage more local officials and stakeholders. State-level participants is an interesting request, given that KYTC D3/4 representatives are almost always in attendance. This may be an opportunity to get more state-level guest speakers to discuss their programs beyond the usual district offices, such as the Office of Transportation Delivery or Rural & Municipal Aid. Emergency services agencies may be a similar guest speaker opportunity. During BRADD’s hazard mitigation plan update process that occurs every 5 years (including 2026), the RTC is heavily involved in developing regional objectives for resilience, where emergency services agencies may be an appropriate guest speaker.

Other / Specific Comments:

insure the the State Officials review and use or recommendations

This comment is likely in relation to the SHIFT process. BRADD often hosts or attends discussions with state legislators and KYTC to ensure that legislators are knowledgeable about the local roadways and to act as a liaison between the local and state officials. However, BRADD asserts that it is the local community’s responsibility to maintain communication with their legislators.

We need more focus on rural road funding and needs. we also need more collaboration on needs that we all have to put together programs to apply for federally as well as state for the region on rural roads.

BRADD makes an effort to share funding opportunities, such as the Local Assistance Road Program, with the committee both at meetings and in the packet that is sent out to all officials. BRADD certainly would like to help start collaboration discussions for regional projects, as we have done for various trail projects. No such ideas have been brought up to the committee for consideration. Unfortunately, rural road funding is a challenge across the state, with relatively few programs for us to advertise.

Timeline on roads that needs work done and possible went they will be done.

KYTC D3/4 staff give updates on project status in their respective counties at every RTC. During SHIFT years, one-on-one meetings with Judges and Mayors give in-depth updates.

Don't wait for an accident to happen to make improvements

tRAFFIC FLOW

These statements would require more clarification to be actionable for the RTC.

| What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)? |
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| Having more local input |
| Road funding opportunities |
| Making our County and Stae Roads Safer and more efficient |
| Nothing |
| Time to attend. |
| We need more action and defined needs |
| Not applicable; I participate |
| Again, no idea |
| More attention to roads in our county. |
| I participate |
| none |
| If I saw our city getting improvements it needs |
| Electronic options for meetings |
| Happy to participate in any public meeting |
| I participate, but especially if any concerns for visitors |
| Being reminded... LOL |
| Invites to the meeting |
| Nothing. |
| I dont know |
| Email with meeting notification |
| pay |
| nothing to add at this time |
| I'm already in involved in the RTC in a small way. |
| Results |
| no answer at this time |
| COMMUNITY |
| More social media. |

City officials do not have Time to go to meetings,if someone could come to City meeting and do presentation

ADD Planner Response:

Convenience:

Time to attend.

Electronic options for meetings

City officials do not have Time to go to meetings,if someone could come to City meeting and do presentation

These responses suggest that a lack of time is a big barrier for officials to attend, which is very understandable, especially for communities with longer commutes. Virtual attendance is an option that is currently being considered to potentially make meetings more convenient. BRADD's attendance at City Council and Fiscal Court Meetings is well documented in the PIP and Quarterly Reports. Staff always attend these meetings when requested.

Invitation / Notice:

Being reminded... LOL

Invites to the meeting

Email with meeting notification

More social media.

BRADD sends out mass emails with agendas and other meeting materials reminding stakeholders of RTC meetings well before the meeting occurs. BRADD also posts reminders about Committee Day, which includes the RTC, on its social media accounts at least a week before the meeting. Each meeting also concludes with a reminder about the next meeting date and time.

Local Input:

Having more local input

COMMUNITY

As stated in the response to Question #17, BRADD encourages stakeholders to drive the conversation of the RTC, but attendees rarely bring up their issues.

Results / Purpose:

We need more action and defined needs

If I saw our city getting improvements it needs

Results

BRADD recognizes these are legitimate concerns and that officials want to see action come from their time and effort spent. Part of this issue is not showcasing success stories, while part of the issue is, again, stakeholders not participating in the meeting discussions to express their concerns, needs, and questions. BRADD will continue to make the effort to tailor our services and RTC to the needs of our communities and will attempt to solicit this information from our stakeholders.

Road-Related Results/Action:

Road funding opportunities

Making our County and State Roads Safer and more efficient

More attention to roads in our county.

This category is very similar to the *Results / Purpose* section, but more specifically focused on improving local roads. BRADD does share information of road funding opportunities as they become available and has ongoing efforts via SS4A programs to assist local communities with road improvements. Guest speakers have been heavily tailored towards Bike/Ped efforts in FY25, since this is where the majority of BRADD's partnerships with local communities occurs, but future guest speakers being more tailored towards road improvements may be more in demand moving forward.

| Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner |
|--|
| Does a great job keeping us informed. |
| fdbd |
| Always willing to help, and shows good knowledge about the different services and programs |
| Ethan does a great job |
| We need more discussions on rural roads. |
| Very satisfied with BRADD |
| None. |
| No recommendations |
| none |
| Very knowledgeable, comes when I request but I don't like his answer |
| No issues |
| Great |
| N/A |
| NoIne |
| NA |
| He's good at what he does. |
| N/A |
| Most people don't even know what the ADD transport planner is and I'm just guessing. A little clarification/ definitions of roles would help this survey be more accurate. |
| N/A |
| Ethan has been a great transportation planner and a great help to the region |
| Very knowledgeable and professional. |
| KEEP US INFORMED |
| Keep doing a great job! |

ADD Planner Response:

Focused Comments:

We need more discussions on rural roads.

BRADD makes an effort to share funding opportunities, such as the Local Assistance Road Program, with all committee members and local officials. This particular official is also directly involved in the SHIFT process. BRADD is always willing to discuss rural road funding opportunities with local officials, but unfortunately there are limits on what resources are available for us to share.

Most people don't even know what the ADD transport planner is and I'm just guessing. A little clarification/ definitions of roles would help this survey be more accurate.

This respondent is an Emergency Manager, who may be showing an opportunity to more directly connect with EMs to get them involved. Many EMs attend BRADD's RTC regularly, and with the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, there will be many natural opportunities to incorporate them into the RTC.

Positive Comments:

Does a great job keeping us informed.

Always willing to help, and shows good knowledge about the different services and programs

Very knowledgeable, comes when I request but I don't like his answer

Great

He's good at what he does.

Ethan has been a great transportation planner and a great help to the region

Very knowledgeable and professional.

Keep doing a great job!

BRADD appreciates the acknowledgements and kind words from our communities and strive to continue to provide a high level of service moving forward!

Bluegrass Area Development District

2025 Rural Consultation Survey Response

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Bluegrass Area Development District

| Number | Question | Majority Response |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| 7 | How familiar are you with the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) and its role with the transportation process? | Very Familiar |
| 9 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP)? | Somewhat Familiar |
| 11 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? | Somewhat Familiar |
| 13 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky transportation planning process and its role in developing the Six-Year Highway Plan? | Somewhat Familiar |
| 16 | How convenient are the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting locations for you? | Somewhat Convenient |
| 17 | Do you believe you have been given an adequate opportunity to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)? | Agree |

| | | |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 18 | Overall, how responsive has the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) been to your questions or concerns about highway improvement needs in your area? | Very Responsive |
| 19 | Overall, how satisfied are you with the Regional Transportation Planning Committee? | Very Satisfied |
| 23 | Was the ADD Transportation Planner eager to assist you? | Yes |
| 24 | How knowledgeable was the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Knowledgeable |
| 25 | How clear was the information provided to you by the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Clear |

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ADD Planner Response:

#7

- Assistance provided by KYTC at RTC meetings and the meetings with state and local officials was a key to raising awareness of SHIFT. Emails were sent at every milestone during the SHIFT process to keep the stakeholders informed.

#9, #11 and #13

- In addition to the efforts being made through the Regional Transportation Committee, information will also be included in the impact report provided to the Executive Board.
- This will connect with the stakeholders who might not be participating in the RTC. Ultimately stressing participation/representation at RTC meetings would accomplish understanding more effectively.

- For officials who are unable to attend personally I will encourage them to designate a proxy.

#16

- The current meeting location is the most viable option as it is centrally located. We will continue to offer a virtual option for those who cannot attend in person.

#17

- Individual as well as group emails are sent to elected officials to encourage them to participate. The RTP report at the Executive Board meetings are utilized to stress the value of participation.

#18

- A concerted effort is made to respond to all communication within 24 hours. If I am unable to provide the assistance needed, I try to include those in the reply who might be able to address the concerns.

#19

- There's no substitute for communication. As a courtesy to the local officials all highway news received from KYTC and other sources are forwarded to the appropriate stakeholders in that jurisdiction. This includes RTC members that are not elected officials.

#23

- I try to be timely and provide meaningful resources to address the stakeholders' concerns and plans.

#24

- ADD planners' meetings and STPs as well as online training webinars have aided in gaining knowledge of the RTP's role.

#25

- Organization and consistency are the keys.

Additionally, the Rural Consultation Survey requested specific responses about the RTC and ADD planner, the chart(s) on the next few pages display all of those responses. Please review the responses below and provide feedback to the responses

What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective?

Everything is good

Not sure

To receive minutes from meetings to know the matter of business discussed.

They do a good job with the resources they have to work with.

Facilitate more local input/participation from our end at the local level

na

its fine

Make the online better for everyone

The online format need to be updated so that the audio is better

I can't think of anything.

Can't think of any.

Hear more about it

N/A

Having the ADD planner attend local planning commission meetings to update the local citizens

Too new to the group to say.

No comment

ADD Planner Response:

To receive minutes from meetings to know the matter of business discussed.

- Minutes from the previous meetings are distributed to all members of the RTC two weeks prior to each meeting. They are posted to the BGADD website and distributed to the Executive Board.

Facilitate more local input/participation from our end at the local level

- I see the role of the RTP is to assist and follow the lead of local officials. That said I have tried to engage civic and community organizations that have shown an interest.

Make the online better for everyone

The online format need to be updated so that the audio is better

- The RTP and IT Director have provided individual assistance to those who have issues with the online meetings. These concerns will be forwarded to the IT Director.
- TEAMS is the current virtual format and the most stable format available for virtual meetings.

Hear more about it

- All RTC activities are included in emails, impact reports, and posted to the BGADD website.

Having the ADD planner attend local planning commission meetings to update the local citizens

The role of the RTP is to primarily assist local officials to meet their transportation goals.

What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

Presently attend meetings

Already willing to participate

Close proximity

Maybe switch the meetings to a morning meeting.

No suggestions

na

nothing in general

Improve the ONline

Make meetings on line only

I can't think of anything new.

Can't think of anything other than emphasizing the importance.

Hear more about it

N/A

I do participate and see the value

The benefits to each community.

Even Greater emphasis on project funding

ADD Planner Response:

Maybe switch the meetings to a morning meeting.

- This has been discussed in the past and the RTC decided the current time accommodates the greatest number of stakeholders.

Improve the ONline

- This concern will be discussed with the IT Director.

Make meetings on line only

- I would be strongly opposed to this. In person meetings are far more impactful. The online option is intended as a courtesy to the those who are unable to attend in-person.

Even Greater emphasis on project funding

- I assimilate all news of funding opportunities to the RTC and all Judges and Mayors as soon I received it.

Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner

None

not at this time

None

None

Helpful in facilitating contacts

very good at his job

David is easy to talk with

Ask for a lot of info

None

NA

None

None at this time

David is enthusiastic, cares deeply for the region, and communicates well

ADD Planner Response:

I have been pleased with the increase in participation on the RTC, the expansion of the committee and the reduction in the length of the meetings.

Big Sandy Area Development District

2025 Rural Consultation Survey Response

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Big Sandy Area Development District

| Number | Question | Majority Response |
|--------|---|-------------------|
| 7 | How familiar are you with the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) and its role with the transportation process? | very familiar |
| 9 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP)? | somewhat familiar |
| 11 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? | somewhat familiar |
| 13 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky transportation planning process and its role in developing the Six-Year Highway Plan? | very familiar |
| 16 | How convenient are the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting locations for you? | very convenient |
| 17 | Do you believe you have been given an adequate opportunity to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)? | agree |

| | | |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 18 | Overall, how responsive has the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) been to your questions or concerns about highway improvement needs in your area? | very responsive |
| 19 | Overall, how satisfied are you with the Regional Transportation Planning Committee? | very satisfied |
| 23 | Was the ADD Transportation Planner eager to assist you? | yes |
| 24 | How knowledgeable was the ADD Transportation Planner? | very knowledgeable |
| 25 | How clear was the information provided to you by the ADD Transportation Planner? | very clear |

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ADD Planner Response:

Based on feedback gathered from our Regional Transportation Committee, most participants indicated they are *somewhat familiar* with both the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This suggests a general awareness of these foundational planning documents but also highlights an opportunity to deepen engagement and understanding, particularly around how these plans influence project prioritization, funding, and long-term infrastructure goals in our region.

As a next step, we're considering targeted outreach or briefings to help committee members better connect the LRSTP's long-term vision with the STIP's short-term project pipeline. This could strengthen our regional input into statewide planning and ensure local priorities are well-aligned with KYTC's strategic direction. Better understanding can be accomplished with documents, such as 2022-2045 [LRSTP Executive Summary.pdf](#) and [0_FY25-28 STIP BOOK Combined 10.25.2024 condensed.pdf](#). Information from both documents can be used as guidance and can be incorporated in future BSADD RTC meetings.

Additionally, the Rural Consultation Survey requested specific responses about the RTC and ADD planner, the chart(s) on the next few pages display all of those responses. Please review the responses below and provide feedback to the responses

| What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective? |
|--|
| More frequent updates throughout the shift process and how it's going with the general assembly. |
| None |
| Seems good as is |
| Effective |
| N/a |
| N-A |
| None |
| Food! |
| More attention to Bicycle and Pedestrian transportation and safety |
| Social media updates |
| Better attendance by members |
| If there were more Legislators that attended the meetings and directly hear and can address concerns on the Committee. I would like to see less talk and more action on road projects. |
| N/A |

ADD Planner Response:

More frequent updates on the SHIFT prioritization process and its alignment with General Assembly actions would help our committee stay informed and engaged. The transportation planner will work with KYTC staff to ensure we receive timely briefings and can track how our regional priorities are progressing through the system. Greater attention to non-motorized transportation is also noted. The transportation planner will explore ways to elevate bike/ped safety in our planning discussions, including identifying gaps in infrastructure and potential funding sources. This aligns with LRSTP goals around multimodal access and safety. Additionally, increasing direct participation from legislators could strengthen the connection between local concerns and statewide decision-making. All the region's legislative representatives are invited to each meeting and have participated when their schedules allow. The transportation planner will reach out to our legislative contacts and explore opportunities to invite them to future meetings or share committee feedback more directly.

| What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)? |
|---|
| Already do |
| Reinforce importance |
| Being new mayor I had no idea I was to attend. That was my fault |
| Always participate now |
| Attend each one |
| N-A |
| Don't know |
| Food! |
| More attention to Bicycle and Pedestrian concerns |
| posts of projects completed through assistance of RTC |
| Future projects |
| I already do participate |
| I am participating. |

ADD Planner Response:

We'll continue to emphasize how RTC input directly influences project prioritization, funding decisions, and long-term transportation planning. This helps ensure our voices shape outcomes that matter locally. For new officials like mayors or magistrates, we'll improve onboarding so expectations and opportunities to participate are clear from the start. Sharing posts or brief updates on projects completed with RTC support. Seeing tangible results helps reinforce the value of your involvement. We'll also highlight future projects under consideration, so members can weigh in early and help guide development. We'll ensure these concerns are part of our planning discussions and explore ways to elevate safety and access.

| Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner |
|---|
| A works well with us |
| None |
| None |
| None |
| N/a |
| N-A |
| None |
| N/A |
| No attention has been shown for Bicycle and Pedestrian transportation |
| They should be paid more in order to keep them longer. |
| N/A |
| I have no comment |
| N/A |

ADD Planner Response:

The Big Sandy RTC is one of the only Regional Transportation Committees in the state that specifically includes a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian advocate as a permanent voting member of the committee. The Transportation Planner will make efforts to encourage more frequent participation by that member in regular RTC meetings. In addition to the annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan deliverable update and sharing information from the annual Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeways Commission Meeting, the RTP will include more regular updates concerning bicycle and pedestrian activities in the region.

Buffalo Trace Area Development District

2025 Rural Consultation Survey Response

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Buffalo Trace Area Development District

| Number | Question | Majority Response |
|--------|---|-------------------|
| 7 | How familiar are you with the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) and its role with the transportation process? | somewhat familiar |
| 9 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP)? | somewhat familiar |
| 11 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? | somewhat familiar |
| 13 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky transportation planning process and its role in developing the Six-Year Highway Plan? | somewhat familiar |
| 16 | How convenient are the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting locations for you? | very convenient |
| 17 | Do you believe you have been given an adequate opportunity to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)? | agree |

| | | |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 18 | Overall, how responsive has the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) been to your questions or concerns about highway improvement needs in your area? | very responsive |
| 19 | Overall, how satisfied are you with the Regional Transportation Planning Committee? | somewhat satisfied |
| 23 | Was the ADD Transportation Planner eager to assist you? | yes |
| 24 | How knowledgeable was the ADD Transportation Planner? | very knowledgeable |
| 25 | How clear was the information provided to you by the ADD Transportation Planner? | very clear |

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After reviewing the responses above I want to take charge of the committee and ensure that the “somewhat familiar” answers are improved upon. To do this I will have training/speakers to discuss the shift process and ensure that I am adequately utilizing the correct terminology. I will improve upon making the committee aware of the LRSTP which establishes the goals, guiding principles, and strategic actions for the Commonwealth multimodal transportation system. I will also ensure that the committee is familiar with the STIP which contains all the federally funded scheduled projects in Kentucky.

Additionally, the Rural Consultation Survey requested specific responses about the RTC and ADD planner, the chart(s) on the next few pages display all of those responses. Please review the responses below and provide feedback to the responses

What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective?

Our meetings are good.

n/a

Visit my office a few times a year. So I can better stay up to date on all these programs.

Better communications maybe monthly, on all projects. Updates, statuses, timelines for all projects, in my county and those adjacent.

communication

Rotating meeting locations

N/A

ADD Planner Response:

In response to the question and answers above, I plan to have more interactions with my committee members other than my RTC meetings. I am going to try to provide them with monthly updates on activities or projects to keep them engaged in the process. I will try to stop by their offices when I may be in the area to engage in activities of interest.

What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

Shouldn't need any encouragement. It is our job to be at these meetings.

n/a

I attend all or most of the meeting at BTADD.

More project information

better communication

Time of day

N/A

ADD Planner Response:

In response to the questions and answers above I plan to foster more communication with the committee other the RTC meetings. I also plan to incorporate more project data and presentations so that they can see other ideas that are taking place across the state.

Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner

Missy Hardy does a great job for BTADD.

n/a

She does a good job!

BTADD's planner does a good job.

somewhat well

No further

N/A

ADD Planner Response:

As stated in the previous questions and answers, I plan to communicate more often with the committee. I want to work with them to bring new ideas in for discussion.

Cumberland Valley Area Development District

2025 Rural Consultation Survey Response

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Cumberland Valley Area Development District

| Number | Question | Majority Response |
|--------|---|----------------------|
| 7 | How familiar are you with the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) and its role with the transportation process? | Very Familiar |
| 9 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP)? | Somewhat Familiar |
| 11 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? | Somewhat Familiar |
| 13 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky transportation planning process and its role in developing the Six-Year Highway Plan? | Somewhat Familiar |
| 16 | How convenient are the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting locations for you? | Somewhat Convenient |
| 17 | Do you believe you have been given an adequate opportunity to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)? | Agree/Strongly Agree |

| | | |
|----|---|-------------------------------------|
| 18 | Overall, how responsive has the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) been to your questions or concerns about highway improvement needs in your area? | Somewhat Responsive/Very Responsive |
| 19 | Overall, how satisfied are you with the Regional Transportation Planning Committee? | Very Satisfied |
| 23 | Was the ADD Transportation Planner eager to assist you? | Yes |
| 24 | How knowledgeable was the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Knowledgeable |
| 25 | How clear was the information provided to you by the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Clear |

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ADD Planner Response:

To improve *familiarity* with the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP), the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and the Six-Year Highway Plan, the following strategies are recommended:

1. Make the Information More Accessible

This can be achieved through a variety of simple, user-friendly communication tools:

- Create one-page summaries for the LRSTP, STIP, transportation planning process, and the Six-Year Highway Plan. These should be presented and discussed at regular meetings.
- Add direct links and resource pages on the CVADD website to explain these plans and how they affect local project development.

- Send text reminders to local officials for key dates, deadlines, comment periods, and meeting announcements.
- Also include city clerks/secretaries/deputy judges in the correspondences.

2. Increase Engagement with Local Stakeholders

- Continue holding regularly scheduled planning meetings, ideally timed before the bi-monthly Board meetings (held in even-numbered months) to encourage participation.
- Use these meetings to review goals, upcoming deadlines, and provide real-time project status updates, ensuring local officials understand how their input shapes the planning process and project prioritization.

Additionally, the Rural Consultation Survey requested specific responses about the RTC and ADD planner, the chart(s) on the next few pages display all of those responses. Please review the responses below and provide feedback to the responses

| What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective? |
|--|
| ALL PARTIES TO BE PRESENT AT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS |
| Provide more information. |
| Better use of local staff |
| More attendees from the region |
| A set schedule of meetings for the entire year. |
| I think they do a great job |
| The legislative representatives we have are much more effective and engaged |
| Seems to be doing just fine. |
| None that I can think of |
| Personalized email updates on local projects |
| Text links for different projects |

ADD Planner Response:

- Continue holding regularly scheduled planning meetings, ideally timed before the bi-monthly Board meetings (held in even-numbered months) to encourage participation.
- Use these meetings to review goals, upcoming deadlines, and provide real-time project status updates, ensuring local officials understand how their input shapes the planning process and project prioritization.
- Communicate with HDO's and relay project updates to committee members.
- Text/Email important links to stakeholders

What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

I ALREADY ATTEND

To be more engaged.

Na

More funding opportunities

More funding for projects.

Already attend

Effective efforts to do road projects in our area

We are strongly encouraged to participate.

A more local meeting

I do

Text

ADD Planner Response:

- Explain to stakeholders why our meetings and their time matter.
- Also explain what decisions are being made and by who.
- Give/Send more reminders of upcoming RTC meetings, projects and grant opportunities.
- Personal outreach to members who consistently participate.
- Focus more on current project updates, timelines and budgets.

Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner

DOING A GREAT JOB

None

Na

Doing good

No comment.

They do a great job

Very informative and helpful.

Fantastic to work with

None

Very helpful and knowledgeable

ADD Planner Response:

- It's encouraging to read these positive comments. I enjoy working with the current committee. It's hard to know if you're making a meaningful impact. I'll try to be more informative and deliver more information efficiently. From what I have read throughout the

survey, committee members would rather learn about available grant opportunities and local project reports. It would probably be a good idea to take a few minutes to ask about current transportation issues and needs. I'm starting the process of creating a Regional SS4A Action Plan and local safety issues will undoubtedly become a topic of discussion in my next RTC meeting.

Gateway Area Development District

2025 Rural Consultation Survey Response

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Gateway Area Development District

| Number | Question | Majority Response |
|--------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 7 | How familiar are you with the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) and its role with the transportation process? | Very Familiar / Somewhat Familiar |
| 9 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP)? | Very Familiar / Somewhat Familiar |
| 11 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? | Very Familiar / Somewhat Familiar |
| 13 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky transportation planning process and its role in developing the Six-Year Highway Plan? | Very Familiar / Somewhat Familiar |
| 16 | How convenient are the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting locations for you? | Very convenient |
| 17 | Do you believe you have been given an adequate opportunity to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)? | Strongly Agree |

| | | |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 18 | Overall, how responsive has the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) been to your questions or concerns about highway improvement needs in your area? | Very Responsive |
| 19 | Overall, how satisfied are you with the Regional Transportation Planning Committee? | Very Satisfied |
| 23 | Was the ADD Transportation Planner eager to assist you? | Yes |
| 24 | How knowledgeable was the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Knowledgeable |
| 25 | How clear was the information provided to you by the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Clear |

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ADD Planner Response:

The Gateway Area Development District appreciates the feedback provided through the 2025 Rural Consultation Survey and values the opportunity to address both strengths and areas for improvement identified by respondents. While overall results reflect strong satisfaction with the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) process and ADD transportation planning support, several responses highlight specific issues related to familiarity with the planning process, meeting accessibility, and communication that warrant attention.

Several respondents indicated being somewhat unfamiliar, very unfamiliar, or neither familiar nor unfamiliar with key components of the statewide transportation planning process, including the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT), the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and the development of the Six-Year Highway Plan. These responses suggest a need for clearer, more consistent explanation of how these processes function and how local priorities move through the system. In response, Gateway ADD will continue to provide clear, plain-language explanations during in-person RTC meetings, distribute written reference materials and summaries, and offer direct one-on-one technical assistance to elected officials and staff who request additional clarification. Orientation materials will be provided to newly elected officials and individuals who attend meetings infrequently.

While meeting locations were generally considered convenient, several respondents indicated that RTC meeting locations were only somewhat convenient or that they do not attend regularly. Gateway ADD will continue to periodically review meeting locations and schedules within the region to minimize travel burdens where possible and will continue to provide meeting materials in advance to allow participants to maximize the value of in-person attendance.

Although the RTC was rated as very responsive overall, some respondents reported only moderate responsiveness or satisfaction. Comments cited concerns related to long project delivery timelines, limited funding availability, and uncertainty regarding which projects will ultimately receive funding. Gateway ADD acknowledges these concerns and will continue to clearly communicate the role of the RTC, the limits of available funding, and the competitive nature of statewide project prioritization. Written follow-up and status updates will be provided when available to help clarify where projects stand within the planning and programming process.

One respondent expressed concern regarding limited attendance by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet district staff at RTC meetings. Gateway ADD will continue to invite KYTC district representatives to attend and participate in RTC meetings and will communicate this feedback to KYTC to encourage consistent engagement when possible.

Several responses indicated limited consultation with the ADD Transportation Planner and neutral or negative perceptions of KYTC communication related to Highway Plan decisions. Gateway ADD will continue proactive outreach to local officials and staff to reinforce the availability of planning assistance and to encourage direct communication outside of scheduled meetings. The ADD will also continue to share written information from KYTC regarding Highway Plan updates when such information is provided.

Comments regarding staffing capacity within the transportation planning function were noted. Gateway ADD recognizes the importance of continuity and responsiveness and remains committed to maintaining adequate staffing and institutional knowledge to support the region's transportation planning needs.

Additionally, the Rural Consultation Survey requested specific responses about the RTC and ADD planner, the chart(s) on the next few pages display all of those responses. Please review the responses below and provide feedback to the responses

| What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective? |
|--|
| You Tube updates |
| N/A |
| None |

I do not have any major concerns at this time.

A

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District engineer should attend every meeting

The process is too long, and not enough projects receive funding.

Nothing needing improvement stands out

timeframe updates

More clarity on what projects that are in the plan will or won't be funded.

ADD Planner Response:

Several respondents indicated no concerns or no suggested improvements, which suggests general satisfaction with the current structure and function of the RTC. These responses affirm that the committee is largely meeting the needs of participating local officials.

Some responses requested additional updates or information sharing, including requests for YouTube updates and more frequent timeframe updates. While video-based updates are not utilized, Gateway ADD recognizes the underlying need for clearer, more consistent communication. In response, the ADD will continue to provide timely written updates through meeting materials, correspondence, and RTC discussions to clarify project schedules, anticipated milestones, and changes in project status when information is available.

One respondent noted that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet district engineer should attend every RTC meeting. Gateway ADD values KYTC participation and will continue to invite district staff to attend and participate in meetings. Feedback regarding district-level attendance will be shared with KYTC to encourage consistent engagement when feasible.

Concerns were also expressed regarding the length of the transportation planning and project delivery process and the limited number of projects that ultimately receive funding. Gateway ADD acknowledges these concerns and will continue to communicate the constraints of the statewide planning and funding process, including funding availability, prioritization criteria, and statutory requirements. The ADD will also continue to work with local officials to strengthen project readiness and competitiveness within these constraints.

Additional comments requested greater clarity on which projects included in plans are likely to be funded. In response, Gateway ADD will continue to clearly distinguish between planning-level projects and funded or programmed projects during RTC discussions and in written materials, and will provide clarification on project status and likelihood of advancement as information becomes available from KYTC.

What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

Meeting accessible

N/A

n/a

My home is in this area and most of all I am voice to most resident in this community.

A

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I attend but our district engineer hasn't been to any of the meetings i attended.

I do participate.

more frequent less centralized data access and input ability

direct email

N/A

ADD Planner Response:

Several respondents indicated that they already participate regularly or had no additional suggestions, which reflects an existing level of engagement and commitment among local officials. Responses noting that participation is driven by a desire to represent local residents and communities further reinforce the value of the RTC as a forum for local voices in the transportation planning process.

Some comments emphasized the importance of meeting accessibility. Gateway ADD will continue to consider meeting locations and schedules within the region to reduce travel burdens where possible and will continue to distribute agendas and supporting materials in advance to make in-person participation more effective.

One respondent noted continued participation despite the absence of KYTC district staff at meetings. Gateway ADD acknowledges the importance of KYTC involvement and will continue to invite district representatives to RTC meetings and communicate the value of their participation to support informed discussion and coordination.

Additional responses highlighted a desire for more frequent communication, improved access to data, and direct email correspondence. In response, Gateway ADD will continue to share written updates, project lists, and planning information through meeting materials and direct correspondence when appropriate. The ADD will also continue to serve as a point of contact for data requests and coordination with KYTC to support informed participation by local officials.

| Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner | |
|--|--|
| Excellent work | |
| N/A | |
| n/a | |
| Gateway ADD has always had professional employees who is current on all issues regarding Transportation. | |
| A | |
| 11 | |
| none | |
| They seem to have their hands full and suffer from lack of help | |
| typically my mayor is involved and I don't keep up as often as I'd like | |
| The Gateway ADD has had issues filling and keeping the Transportation position filled. | |

ADD Planner Response:

Several respondents offered positive comments or indicated no additional feedback, noting professionalism, strong performance, and up-to-date knowledge of transportation issues. These responses reflect confidence in the quality of technical assistance and support provided through the ADD's transportation planning program.

Comments also acknowledged workload and staffing challenges, including observations that transportation staff have been stretched thin and that the ADD has experienced difficulty filling and retaining the transportation planner position. Gateway ADD recognizes these challenges and the impact staffing capacity can have on responsiveness and continuity. The ADD remains committed to maintaining a knowledgeable and effective transportation planning function and continues to prioritize staffing stability, workload management, and coordination among staff to ensure consistent service to local officials.

Additional comments noted that some respondents rely primarily on their mayor or other local leadership to engage in transportation planning activities and may not stay as closely involved themselves. Gateway ADD will continue to make planning information readily available and remain accessible to all local officials and staff who wish to engage more directly, regardless of their level of prior involvement.

Green River Area Development District

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Green River Area Development District

| Number | Question | Majority Response |
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| 9 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP)? | Very Familiar/Somewhat Familiar * |
| 11 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? | Very Unfamiliar |
| 13 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky transportation planning process and its role in developing the Six-Year Highway Plan? | Very Familiar/Somewhat Familiar * |
| 16 | How convenient are the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting locations for you? | Very Convenient |
| 17 | Do you believe you have been given an adequate opportunity to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)? | Agree |
| 18 | Overall, how responsive has the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) been to your questions or concerns about highway improvement needs in your area? | Very Responsive |

| | | |
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| 19 | Overall, how satisfied are you with the Regional Transportation Planning Committee? | Very Satisfied |
| 23 | Was the ADD Transportation Planner eager to assist you? | Yes |
| 24 | How knowledgeable was the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Knowledgeable |
| 25 | How clear was the information provided to you by the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Clear |

*Significant amount of unfamiliar responses that would warrant response

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ADD Planner Response:

Familiarity with the LRSTP & STIP

Based on responses regarding both the LRSTP and the STIP, I need to do better in highlighting these plans and the role of the RTC. Many responses said an effective way to learn about these plans would be through our website and social media. Therefore:

- 1) I plan to spend time at each meeting discussing a couple of aspects of each plan and how the work of the RTC fits in.
 - Why the plan exists
 - How it is developed & implemented
 - Plan goals & objectives
 - Examples of useful information in each plan
 - Success stories & outcomes

- 2) GRADD will occasionally feature these plans on our website's homepage and make social media posts about them, highlighting their importance

Familiarity with the Planning Process & SHIFT

I feel I do a good job of discussing the SHIFT process at each RTC meeting. I almost always update the committee about where we are in the process. However, we don't do a lot on the website or social media, so we will increase those posts.

Additionally, the Rural Consultation Survey requested specific responses about the RTC and ADD planner, the chart(s) on the next few pages display all of those responses. Please review the responses below and provide feedback to the responses

What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective?

Staying in touch with local leaders.

RTC planner come to the Fiscal Courts once a year to explain the process, various projects, opportunities, and the importance of the RTC.

More community investment

NA

NA

Following through with the forecast planning, like the 5 year, 10 year and 3 year plans

More public information

Unsure

more emphasis on Bike-Pedestrian

GRADD's RTC welcomes any and all feedback to become more effective.

NA Our Chairman/Judge is excellent as is our Transportation/GIS specialist

Na

6 yr plan too far out. Projects just keep getting recycled over the time period based on funding and changing priorities

none

ADD Planner Response:

Based on these responses, I need to start by sending out more informational emails between committee meetings and doing some social media posts.

Speaking at fiscal court meetings is something we did before covid but has fallen by the wayside; I can start doing that again.

I'd like to put more emphasis on the bike/ped side of things, but I'm always at a loss of what to say. Perhaps I can do better research into locations that would be great for a shared-use path and present those ideas.

I completely agree with the last comment about projects getting recycled. Hopefully that will change with the next cycle because we won't have to boost projects already in the Highway Plan.

What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

Present notification is adequate .

Participation is already sufficient

I completely participate

NA

NA

To have a chance to enter local roads the conty needs attention

| |
|---|
| Information |
| Not interested |
| I already think its important |
| N/A |
| Ale we day attend on behalf of the senior centers in our region |
| Na |
| Have been on committee since 2009 |
| zoom option |

ADD Planner Response:

This next meeting will be our first one with a zoom option, so hopefully that will increase participation.

Regarding the comment about projects involving local roads, I'd like to have a meeting where we focus on county and city routes that need updates. Really try to get them thinking. Hopefully I can also get some project ideas when I go to the fiscal court meetings.

| |
|--|
| Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner |
| Very likeable. |
| Does a very good job and is very knowledgeable. |
| Transportation planner at GRADD is excellent |
| Our ADD planner does a great job |
| NA |

Always helpful

No comment

Always willing to help

Na

they always do an excellent job!

Jennifer Alvey possess extensive knowledge of the District and is always eager to assist.

She's super knowledgeable and awesome!

Na

Extremely capable and totally dedicated to her community and her role! She is the best!!

ADD Planner Response:

Nothing to really say here except that I'll keep doing what I'm doing!

FIVCO Area Development District

2025 Rural Consultation Survey Response

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FIVCO Area Development District

| Number | Question | Majority Response |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| 7 | How familiar are you with the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) and its role with the transportation process? | Somewhat Familiar |
| 9 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP)? | Somewhat Familiar |
| 11 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? | Somewhat Familiar |
| 13 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky transportation planning process and its role in developing the Six-Year Highway Plan? | Somewhat Familiar |
| 16 | How convenient are the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting locations for you? | Somewhat Convenient |
| 17 | Do you believe you have been given an adequate opportunity to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)? | Agree |

| | | |
|----|--|---------------------|
| 18 | Overall, how responsive has the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) been to your questions or concerns about highway improvement needs in your area? | Somewhat Responsive |
| 19 | Overall, how satisfied are you with the Regional Transportation Planning Committee? | Somewhat Satisfied |
| 23 | Was the ADD Transportation Planner eager to assist you? | Yes |
| 24 | How knowledgeable was the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Knowledgeable |
| 25 | How clear was the information provided to you by the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Clear |

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ADD Planner Response:

After going through the Survey Responses from the KYTC Public Involvement Survey, I believe that one of the biggest improvements that I would like to work on is the ‘informing’ of the committee members on the various programs that KYTC has. When it came to SHIFT, LRSTP, STIP and the Six-Year Highway plan, the aggregate response was ‘somewhat familiar.’ Perhaps we could have a prepared fillable handout when each of these programs are discussed which would then serve as a mini-training time.

It is my intention to have a PowerPoint presentation to accompany the agenda for each RTC meeting. Hopefully, having an increased visual footprint will enhance the engagement of the attendees with the topics we are discussing. If it is logistically possible, I would like to incorporate project status updates into our committee meetings. I have reached out to Missy Hardy to see how that might be accomplished. I believe our overall committee meeting goal would be having the meetings be both informative *and* practical by building on the premise that attendance is, in truth, profitable. I will be working toward topic engagement, member involvement, and timely communication.

Additionally, the Rural Consultation Survey requested specific responses about the RTC and ADD planner, the chart(s) on the next few pages display all of those responses. Please review the responses below and provide feedback to the responses

What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective?

Not sure

More knowledge on where each item on the lists are in process of completion

N/A

Flexible meeting dates

More up to date information from my district at the meetings.

N/A

Perhaps more electronic communication

I don't think local officials fully understand how this flows into the road plan and how the early development of projects is driven by them.

Don't have the meetings seemed so rushed to end to accommodate the Board of Director's or other meetings scheduled following this meeting.

Better participation by elected officials

Think they are truly trying to help our counties

More transparent with those of us with boots on the ground.

More information

None

More outreach

not sure

Lundie meadows

not sure at this time.

Location

ADD Planner Response:

From the responses above, I am going to research how to update the ongoing projects in each of our three counties. The meeting dates are set by the Executive Director for the ADD. I believe that the addition of a PowerPoint presentation will offer opportunities for disseminating more information, as well as reminding members of upcoming events. As far as rushing the meeting, we can pull a curtain to partition off the portion of the basement where meetings are held, and that might help with the 'rushed' feeling that comes when people arrive early for the next meeting in the same meeting space and are talking loudly.

What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

I send my Deputy Judge

N/A

N/A

More funds for street repair for my city

More up to date information from my district at the meetings.

N/A

I already attend

N/a

I participate and coordinate transportation planning activities currently, so nothing at this moment.

Have been a participant for 18 years

I already attend some of their meetings

Asking me

notice of times

Email

Better outreach

getting quicker response with local issues such as flooding/storm drains on state roads

Public meeting

not sure at this time

More local meetings

ADD Planner Response:

As with the totals from the survey, members seem to want more information about current and future events. We will work on that through handouts and emails. I plan to use the PowerPoint as a method of making announcements at the regular meetings. It is my hope that the meetings can become more interactive and visual. I believe that the flooding/storm drain comment could be a point of discussion at one of our meetings.

Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner

Friendly. Followed up my question later.

N/A

N/A

None

none

N/A

No comments

I work with the FIVCO ADD transportation planner, so I have the convenience of working with him weekly

N/a

N/A

Too many changes in the position.

None

He is very transparent and works very hard

N/A

none

None

Doug is great at FIVCO

Very good

Does a good job

none at this time

Is not that helpful

ADD Planner Response:

Since these comments are for my predecessor, I will not say too much. It would be my hope that I can help our constituents in whatever way possible. I want to make the meetings worth their time and effort.

Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA)

2025 Rural Consultation Survey Response

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Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency

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ADD Planner Response:

The planner has reviewed the survey results as it relates to the identified questions. The respondents had a good familiarity with SHIFT but could improve their understanding of the LRSTP and STIP. The most recent LRSTP is dated 2022-2045 and could be a potential topic at a future Regional Transportation Committee meeting. Links to the LRSTP and STIP can be sent to RTC members.

The respondents indicated that the RTC meeting location was convenient. To respect the members time, the RTC meetings are scheduled immediately prior to the KIPDA Board of Directors meeting. Several RTC members are also members of the Board of Directors.

The RTC has been rated as very responsive and members indicated they were given adequate opportunity to participate. Members are given the opportunity to participate both in person and via Zoom. Additionally, if a member is unable to attend, meetings can be reviewed on postings to the KIPDA website and YouTube channel. Overall, respondents were satisfied with the RTC and the ADD planner.

Additionally, the Rural Consultation Survey requested specific responses about the RTC and ADD planner, the chart(s) on the next few pages display all of those responses. Please review the responses below and provide feedback to the responses

What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective?

I feel it is effective just not enough money to get the work done.

I think the folks at KIPDA do a great job at our RTC meetings.

Send more emails pertaining to road projects in each of the ADD counties. As county officials we see projects started in our counties without any knowledge such as resurfacing roads.

Focus more on the transportation needs in the ADD based on economic development, population growth, and comprehensive planning.

ADD Planner Response:

The planner has reviewed the survey results as it relates to the identified question. An overall lack of funding is an important consideration. The KIPDA Director of Transportation has prepared statistics to present to legislators that show a lack of investment in the KIPDA region compared to other regions in terms of population, vehicle miles traveled and miles of highway.

The ADD planner is subscribed to District 5 press releases and will now also regularly check the District 5 “Roadshow” website for additional project notifications. The county official that requested more emails pertaining to road projects in the survey has been sent an email notification of an upcoming road closure from the “Roadshow” website as well as a link to subscribe to District 5 press releases. Other rural counties will also be monitored and notified of similar projects.

The most recent SHIFT process took into account economic development, population growth, and comprehensive planning when counties selected projects for sponsorship or boosting. Shelby and Spencer County are experiencing more growth and development than Henry and Trimble County, and sponsorships and boosts were distributed in higher numbers to Shelby and Spencer County due to their populations.

What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

I already attend.

I do participate.

I set on KIPDA and RTC board of directors

I already participate at the quarterly meetings.

ADD Planner Response:

The planner has reviewed the survey results as it relates to the identified question. The respondents are regular participants at RTC meetings and engagement will be maintained by continuing to provide proper notification of meetings and by addressing topics of interest to the committee. Members who are not able to attend a scheduled meeting have the opportunity to view a recording of the meeting on YouTube or from a website link.

Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner

Everyone at KIPDA ADD are always willing to help.

Mick Logsdon and Andy Rush do a great job!

none

Mick Logsdon is doing a fantastic job.

ADD Planner Response:

The planner has reviewed the survey results as it relates to the identified question. The responses indicate satisfaction with the ADD planner but the planner will continue to make efforts to improve by continuing training and attending regular ADD planner meetings and statewide transportation planning (STP) meetings. The planner will continue to rely on KYTC partners and the KIPDA Director of Transportation for guidance.

Kentucky River Area Development District

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ADD Planner Response:

It will be KRADD's intention to have more public meetings in the KRADD counties to inform the public of Highway Plans, inform on how projects are selected, and the process of SHIFT and how each project is looked at. Go into more detailed information to help public understand how these transportation plans work and how projects get funded. KRADD will also continue to be proactive when local entities need help, have questions, and information when it comes to transportation and any other aspect that deals with the ADD. Important projects, issues, or problems will be continued to be placed first in priority.

After reviewing the comments on knowledge of Kentucky's plan such as the LRSTP, STIP, and Six-year plan, the planner sees that the public has no familiarity with the plans. The planner will make a conscience effort to include more information on these plans including links, the process of finalizing the projects for each plan, how projects are viewed and scored, and show the importance of these plans for the future.

The survey shows that the public has been given adequate opportunities to participate, seen as very responsive, and very satisfactory. The planner provides an on-line option for those who are not able to participate in person. Meeting minutes can be found on the KRADD website as well

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| What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective? |
|---|
| na |
| They do a great job |
| additional regular meeting with county, city and transportation engineers in prospective county to discuss projects that affect the county. |
| Better communications between the local governments and KYTC district office |
| n/a |
| It would benefit me greatly if someone would have public meeting closer to Beattyville from time to time. |
| TBD |
| Na |
| More involvement from the local governments |
| None |
| None |
| Not sure they do a good job |
| None |
| More available info on incoming projects. |
| More information made available for everyone to read |
| Post meetings on social meeting |

ADD Planner Response:

As a response to what would make the RTC more effective communication was the most prominent suggestion. Other suggestion like more involvement with the local governments as well was noted. The ADD Planner will look into ways to help the local entities get involved with the communities. The ADD planner will also have more public meetings in the KRADD counties to encourage resident and local officials' participation. Meetings will be held in the counties to discuss projects that are on-going, project updates, suggestions for road projects that are needed in the county. These meetings will include mayors, judges, KYTC district personnel, members of the communities, stakeholders, and workers of city and county.

We will be giving updates on projects in an email or announcement on a regular basis to inform the public and local officials. Will also post new updates and transportation announcements on KRADD's web page and social media pages.

| What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)? |
|---|
| NA |
| I participate |
| More detailed explanation of projects and timelines. |
| Don't read the information to me |
| n/a |
| If they were closer to me. |
| Participate quarterly |
| Na |
| Seeing things get done |
| I attend when i can |
| I do participate |
| Learning more about it |
| None |
| Planned local. |
| Just being ask always helps anyone |
| More awareness |
| ADD Planner Response: |

We will encourage the public more and try to get more participation from them. Ask the public along with local officials on topics they would like to discuss or what information they would like presented to them at meetings. Will try to get subjects of interest from the public to present at quarterly meetings. We will try to find ways to incentivize the local officials to participate in more meetings. A virtual option is available for those who wish to participate but can't attend in person. A recording of the meeting along with the minutes can be posted on KRADD's website and Facebook page. In response to the comments, the planner with try to ensure the public and local officials have more awareness of when meetings occur, with reminders and announcements on social media and webpage.

| Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner |
|--|
| need more contact |
| NA |
| He does a great job |
| He does his job OK. |
| no comments |
| n/a |
| N/A |
| None |
| Doesn't really matter about the add planer transportation dept doesn't do anything all drains are stopped up with debris since 2022 flood still have road signs missing or laying beside the road all from 3 years ago |
| Always accessible |
| Keep up the good work |
| It is well planned now. |
| He does well |
| Always been very helpful any time they are needed |
| We need more transportation services and vehicle repairs. |

ADD Planner Response:

KRADD will communicate with local officials through emails, phone calls, and visits to offices when out in the county collecting asset inventory. KRADD will also arrive at city council, fiscal court, or meetings before start time to discuss projects with local officials. KRADD will also take existing projects in CHAF to see what projects are no longer wanted or needed to the entities. The planner will also continue to be accessible to the communities they serve. Majority of responses state the planner does a good job and is always accessible for the entities in the KRADD region.

Lake Cumberland Area Development District

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ADD Planner Response:

The answers to 16-25 seem satisfactory with the respondents choosing the answer that signifies the most satisfaction or knowledge on the topic or subject presented in the question. However, questions 7-13 should be examined as people are likely to choose the second best option when in reality they usually mean a neutral response (similar to how people will consider an average movie a 7 instead of a 5). These responses signal that there may need to be more opportunities to educate the attendees of STIP, SHIFT, LRSTP, and 6YHP.

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What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective?

things are good

None

NA

na

None

More meetings

More in depth understanding of what is available and the overall projection of completing the needs of our area

Possibly have a regular meeting date that might coincide with another meeting at the ADD.

N/A

I think it has been very cooperative and very effective

N/A

I believe it is an effective committee.

Not sure

Not sure at this time

More updates. Better commutation.

Communication and better explain the process.

More direct contact

None

Na

na

ADD Planner Response:

Actionable responses:

- More in depth understanding of what is available and the overall projection of completing the needs of our area
- Possibly have a regular meeting date that might coincide with another meeting at the ADD.
- More updates. Better commutation.
- Communication and better explain the process.

These responses seem to come mostly from the meeting where we selected SHIFT projects for boosting, which happened while this survey was being solicited. From what I take away from this is there should be more education on the SHIFT process going forward. Every SHIFT year there should be an update during the meeting on where the SHIFT process is currently. I also take it that going forward that in addition to education on the SHIFT process as a whole, particular emphasis should be put on the RTC and District's effect on the SHIFT process to allow the attendees to better understand their role.

What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

nothing

I do participate.

NA

na

None

More information

I try to always participate when I am aware and invited.

See answer to number 19.

N/A

more flexible scheduling to accomodate my busy Medical practice

N/A

A YouTube Channel I could access for meetings and/or information as needed.

Not sure

Not sure

More of a notice as to when they will meet. Emails

My city and county roads included in repair.

Direct contact

Currently am

Na

na

ADD Planner Response:

These responses indicate, as did previous ones, that there should be more reminder emails about the meeting. I had initially done 2 emails but going forward I will send 4 emails including a follow up email with results and a summary of the events of the RTC including a recording.

Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner

Have not spent any time with the new person

None

NA

na

None

Give me more information on our projects

There was some changes in the ADD transportation planner and our road list is not correct. I do believe the new planner is trying to correct overlooked work from the previous planner.

They do a very good job.

N/A

very knowledgeable and excellent source of help

N/A

I believe the planner is knowledgeable, fair, and available when needed.

Thanks for all they do

They are learning. Will be ok with time on job.

ADD has done a good job, just the position has changed.

Probably on my end too

Was knowledgeable

Very satisfied

Na

I have emailed the planner. I have recently stepped into the role of Director. Was unaware of any of this. The first meeting is tomorrow and the email I received was from the former director's email. My responses to the survey should not show that the ADD is not doing his job. The messages have probably been going to the old email that he had. I have recently had, our email subscriber forward the emails to me.

ADD Planner Response:

It seems to be mostly positive feedback. I think that I may need to review local positions to make sure I have a correct list of people to send RTC reminders to.

Takeaways and future actions based on feedback:

- Presentation next meeting including:
 - Explanation of SHIFT, CHAF, State Highway Plan, and Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan
 - Update on SHIFT process
 - Regular Meeting Dates
 - Reminder of one-on-one meetings in 2026
- Email 2 weeks, 1 week, 1 day before and follow-up email soon after RTC meeting

Lincoln Trail Area Development District

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ADD Planner Response:

I appreciate the positive feedback regarding familiarity with the transportation planning process, convenience of meeting locations, and the responsiveness of the Regional Transportation Committee. It is encouraging to know that the majority of committee members feel informed and supported. I recognize that some respondents expressed only “somewhat familiar” levels with programs like the LRSTP and STIP, so I plan to introduce more brief, digestible guidance materials and incorporate short overview reminders in between and during future RTC meetings to ensure all members feel fully confident engaging in these processes.

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What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective?

NA

I have been a member of the RTC for years and I have no suggestions at this time. We work together as a team smoothly.

Better communication

Having a District recommended list prior to open discussion

None

I think they are doing a good job. Keep up the good communication.

Get more money

ADD Planner Response:

I am glad that many respondents feel the RTC runs smoothly and communicates well. I also appreciate the suggestions for improvement, such as sharing District priority lists sooner and continuing to strengthen communication. This will be aided by working on communication with Highway District 4 and their participation. Going forward, I will send agendas and supporting documentation earlier to allow committee members more time for review ahead of discussions. The committee has had great success with guest speakers and interactive presentations, so I hope to continue finding similar learning experiences for everyone. I will also continue advocating for increased transportation funding opportunities in our rural counties, recognizing that funding limitations remain a common concern.

What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

NA

N/A

Quantifiable outcomes

No show, no vote

I do

I already do.

More money from the state

ADD Planner Response:

It is wonderful to see that many respondents feel motivated to participate. I understand the desire for quantifiable outcomes, and I share that goal. I plan to include progress updates and measurable tracking of how committee input influences project prioritization and advancement by getting more updates from Kevin Young. Additionally, I will continue to support transparency in how member attendance and input contribute to success at both the local and state level. I have received feedback in the past that google calendar and google based invites work the best so I will follow that format. I will also continue advocating for additional funding resources, as enhanced participation often grows when there is visible progress supported by investment.

Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner

NA

We have had a new planner in the past year but they are doing a great job. Past planners did a great job as well.

N/a

None

Keep up the good communication

Get them more money

ADD Planner Response:

I am appreciative of the kind and supportive additional comments. I will remain committed to providing clear communication, accessibility, and guidance to local officials and stakeholders throughout our region. LTADD has a strong history of excellent planners, and I am proud to continue that tradition. I will also continue to advocate for adequate planning resources so that our region receives the time, attention, and expertise it deserves as we work together toward transportation improvements. The pay raise and job retention of planners and transportation positions at our particular ADD are in discussion. There will be a January 2026 and July 2026 LTADD Department reorganization that will change workflows for the better.

Northern Kentucky Area Development District

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ADD Planner Response: As the NKADD Transportation Planner I always try to make sure as many people, if not all, are well informed with the State Transportation processes. From the responses provided of Very unfamiliar, although all elected officials are invited to the SHIFT process, I think it would be wise to make sure everyone is part of the information decided on at the individual county meetings and the NKADD Transportation meetings. I have discussed in the past about having a transportation dashboard available on the NKADD website. I think this would be a great way for everyone in the community to be able to be informed. Not everyone can be at the SHIFT meetings, so I need to be better at spreading information.

Also, these responses are from Mayors of smaller cities in the rural county and are not part of the Regional Transportation Committee. Moving forward I feel I need to include them in correspondence and information decisions that come out of the RTC meetings, especially regarding SHIFT.

With regard for any positive responses, I think it shows a commitment and willingness from the ADD and District 6 to be on the same page and work together as a team.

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What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective?

Knowing there are more counties involved besides Kenton, Boone and Campbell

More State Funding

I'm good with information we receive

None

None

none

Listen to local leaders about roads that need improvement

More local elected official participation (mayors, council members)

Mail to residents

Leave our farms and green space alone.

Actually take others suggestions seriously

They seem to ignore the outrage of country folk

ADD Planner Response: It is always a goal of mine to increase attendance at the NKADD Transportation Committee meetings. Having a broader reach within the community to be a part of the Transportation process.

I think it would be a good idea to increase membership in the RTC by adding public works employees. This would give the RTC members a better idea on local road improvements needed.

Although the NKADD RTC only involves rural counties and their road projects. The RTC can do a better job of focusing on these projects by spotlighting some of the most pressing needs. This can be done by allowing a member from a county to highlight project at the RTC meetings. This way the members can take more ownership of the process.

What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

More of county level meetings

Funding spread out in the region

Nothing, already participating

I do participate at most all the meetings.

I currently attend regularly.

none

The ability to use Zoom or Teams to be involved in the meetings

Already participate

Closer meeting sites a early start time.

If they actually cared about saving our farms and green space.

The county leaders to actually take the residents suggestions serious

I'm retired. Some health issues.

ADD Planner Response: During the SHIFT process when we hold our RTC meetings, we always strive for in person attendance. But I think we should also have a Teams option for those who cannot attend in person. Maybe we can expand our topics of guest speakers to address a wider range of audience.

Although a number of these comments are from residents in the MPO counties of Boone, Kenton and Campbell, they still apply to what the NKADD RTC Committee is trying to do. I think having a meeting each year away from the NKADD and in a rural community would help this. Also, having the state legislature be more involved where they can share with the public of what they want to accomplish with transportation priorities would help.

Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner

Very willing to help

N/A

The Add Rep. is very helpful in explaining issues

N/A

Jeff does a great job of keeping everyone informed

I have a Main St in our town that was last paved in 1984. The streets are getting in bad shape.

Seems to be always prepared.

Didn't have any answers. Didn't offer to elaborate on those answers. Very succinct and noncommittal

Could not come to talk with a group of interested citizens to explain the process or what the ADD was planning. Very disappointed

Mail everything

We are a very small river community so I have not been in tune with the different programs listed at the beginning of the survey as larger, more directly effected communities would be.

ADD Planner Response: Regarding paving Main St. This usually is something an issue of county and/or state funding. This really is a question for KYTC District office. But maybe the NKADD can offer suggestions of grant opportunities for the Mayor to consider.

As far as responding to Didn't have any answers and could not come to talk with citizens these are responses from the MPO counties of Boone and Kenton. This would be something KYTC D6 and OKI would address.

Pennyrile Area Development District

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| 23 | Was the ADD Transportation Planner eager to assist you? | Yes |
| 24 | How knowledgeable was the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Knowledgeable |
| 25 | How clear was the information provided to you by the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Clear |

*Significant “Very Unfamiliar” answered, please provide a corrective action for this

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ADD Planner Response:

The Planner has reviewed the survey results as it relates to the identified question. The planner’s review of the survey results found that 11 respondents (22.9%) indicated they were either “Somewhat Unfamiliar” or “Very Unfamiliar” with the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT). All of these responses came from mayors of smaller communities that are not active participants in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC). According to RTC bylaws, membership primarily includes mayors of cities with populations over 5,000 or county seats, along with county judge executives, planning commission and chamber representatives, and at-large members.

Because the Mayors of the smaller cities are not voting RTC members, they may have limited exposure to SHIFT discussions. While these communities receive PeADD communications and updates through regular emails and postings, they do not typically participate directly in RTC meetings. To strengthen engagement, the RTC may consider expanding meeting notifications to all mayors in the region and offering an informational session on the SHIFT process in coordination with KYTC.

Additionally, the Rural Consultation Survey requested specific responses about the RTC and ADD planner, the chart(s) on the next few pages display all of those responses. Please review the responses below and provide feedback to the responses

What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective?

I have no complaints with the structure or oversight of the RTC. My only concern is the lack of tangible progress on projects identified through the state's mandated processes. I enjoy the meetings, and believe good projects are identified. However, turning these proposed projects into shovel-in-the-ground infrastructure has been a disappointment.

Address issues before they are a concern.

none

More influence with the process at the state level to get projects funded.

I can't think of anything at this time.

I feel the RTC does a good job achieving its purpose. The concern I have is that decisions made or suggestions provided at the RTC level do not receive the attention necessary to be acted on.

Don't know

We need to be in a different district?

n/a

N/A

Na

NA

N/A

RTC meetings at PADD are well attended and speakers are prepared to give us updates on current projects. I would like to know what plans are being made to improve I-24. Worst highway I've ever been on.

None

Having real input in the decisions of roads and streets in my community

PRIOR NOTICE ABOUT MEETING

More money to fund more projects.

Timely events in district 2

I understand that regional helps us all, but sometimes our issues within our county or city are of higher local issues. Unfortunately, those issues are not boosted due to financial restraints.

None

More involvement with the elected officials. We make priorities to get on priority lists that are then prioritized for execution by others. Seems like good discussion but we do not see if/how it affects the future.

n/a

Increased funding

Create an email group that includes all road foremen and county management to circulate updates and information.

I think it is important that even the unaffected areas, we as a whole need to know what is going on in our region. We are asked frequently questions about expansions and road/bridges conditions and plans.

I see them being effective

At this time, I feel like it is the most effective it can be.

More information in between the quarterly meetings would be helpful.

It works

NA

Meeting as necessary

Provide Zoom options or similar option

None

Not sure

Keep as is

Let the Cities know when they are going to meet

more conversation and transparency

None that I can think of.

ADD Planner Response:

The Planner has reviewed the survey responses as it relates to the identified question. It appears that there is a strong base of satisfaction with the committee's structure and leadership. It appears there is a perceived lack of progress or influence. Some respondents (25–30%) believe the RTC functions well internally but projects don't move through KYTC's programming process swiftly enough. The respondents express frustration about limited authority, lack of momentum for projects, and a lack of follow up on the fate local prioritized projects. Increased communication and information to make the RTC more effective in their mission seems to be the next most commonly expressed concern (15-20%). Respondents expressed the desire for more consistent, proactive communication between meetings. The Planner will investigate providing more updates on project status, upcoming meetings, and what's happening regionally and statewide. The Planner will investigate expanded options for communication and information including but not limited to including local officials such as representatives of the county road department and all mayors. Some respondents (10%) expressed it seemed as though the weight of local priorities are diluted in the regional process, and that local officials could be more involved or visible in supporting the committee's work. Finally it appears that some logistical adjustments could boost participation and accessibility. The planner will investigate the possibility of placing the RTC meetings on the PeADD You Tube Channel. The

PeADD already offers virtual participation opportunities for voting RTC members upon request but strongly encourages in person participation for voting members.

What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

That the process in which the RTC operates more often actually resulted in identified projects been brought to fruition.

I attend.

I already participate in all the meetings

Seeing more progress with the projects recommended by the committee.

Money Allocation. I know of several that don't participate as elected officials and I don't think they know the importance of such.

I am a loyal participant.

I do participate

I do participate.

N/A

A brief understanding of its role and how it impacts our county

Na

I would like to give my proxy to our Public Works Director.

N/A

I always participate.

Nothing

Proof that the process really matters or is just a process to look like involvement

EMAIL NOTICE

Having a say in the planning of my road system.

Road and highway plans

Nothing, already involved in our regional committees.

I participate

Food, lol but also the sense that the meeting made a difference. Even if we could get a glimpse at why our lists do not get acted upon.

n/a

I'm currently participating but a stipend or travel allowance might be helpful in the future

An invitation, or notification of meetings and activities.

I already attend every meeting that is given.

Always having relevant information and speakers that engage committee members.

Not having so much on my plate that requires me to be in the office and present here.

Already a part of it.

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| NA |
| NA |
| Highway discussion only |
| Not sure |
| None |
| Not sure |
| Already attend |
| Knowing when to attend the meetings and what they concern |
| I always attend the meetings |
| My Public Works Dir. attends all these meetings. |

ADD Planner Response:

The Planner has reviewed the survey responses as it relates to the identified question. The majority of responses (50%) participate regularly in the RTC meetings and activities. It appears that there are concerns with perceived lack of impact, desire for improved communication, general engagement fatigue, and time and resource constraints. The remaining responses expressed conditional engagement noting that they would be more motivated if they saw tangible project outcomes, clearer purpose, better communication, or assistance with logistical help such as food, travel stipend, fewer competing priorities. The Planner will investigate adding a "Local Spotlight" segment where a community can briefly present a pressing local transportation issue or project or share the success story of a recently completed project. As it relates to competing priorities, the Bylaws of the Pennyriale RTC allow the voting members (Judge, Mayors, Chamber, and Planning Commission) to appoint a designee to act on their behalf. The planner will investigate the possibility of placing the RTC meetings on the PeADD YouTube Channel. The PeADD already offers virtual participation opportunities for voting RTC members upon request but strongly encourages in person participation for voting members. Communication is through email and meeting notices with calendar placeholders are sent at least a month in advance of the proposed meeting. Minutes and Agendas are also disseminated via email as well as being placed on the PeADD website. The planner will investigate education for the RTC as it relates to the mission, responsibilities, and timelines

Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner

No complaints. A very knowledgeable and eager-to-assist partner through the RTC process.

She's great

The ADD planner is very proficient and helpful.

Angela is doing a great job.

I appreciate the ability to utilize the expertise provided by the ADD transportation director and having the ability to have them available for providing technical assistance.

Excellent job

Angela is great.

N/A

Na

Planner is diligent in her position and keeps us updated.

Well presented

No comment

N/A

Move I69 Ohio Bridge construction up to finish before 1930

She is extremely helpful and has a great deal of knowledge.

Does a great job.

Thanks for keeping us updated on federal and state funding initiatives.

Our planner is very project oriented and focused on the regions growth and transportation needs.

most of my interaction with ADD planning has been through our GIS coordinator, during road inventory reconciliation.

Thanks for your assistance.

N/A

She is great at relaying the information she is given.

Was several years ago-not the current person

NA

Meetings as necessary for highways.

None

Does a great job

None

I appreciate your diligence

She is always very helpful and knowledgeable.

ADD Planner Response:

The Planner has reviewed the survey responses as it relates to the identified question. The planner is encouraged by the positive comments acknowledging professionalism, responsiveness, and technical expertise. The success of the regional transportation planning process depends on strong collaboration with local governments, KYTC District staff, and community partners. The planner values the trust and engagement of RTC members and remains committed to providing timely updates, technical assistance, and coordination support to ensure that local priorities

continue to be reflected in regional and state transportation programs. Recognizing the importance of transparency and communication, the planner intends to build on this positive feedback by providing more regular project status updates and highlighting the connection between RTC recommendations and funded transportation projects. The ADD will continue to work closely with local officials and stakeholders to strengthen the effectiveness of the regional transportation planning process and to promote a safe, connected, and efficient transportation network across the region.

Purchase Area Development District

2025 Rural Consultation Survey Response

KYTC's Public Involvement process goal is to provide Kentuckians the opportunity to aid in the identification of transportation needs and priorities. Non-metropolitan local official public involvement is carried out by the fifteen Area Development Districts (ADDs) throughout the state. The ADDs hold transportation committee meetings several times each year to reevaluate the regional transportation system. The 2025 Rural Consultation Survey asked several questions about the ADD regional transportation committee and ADD transportation planner. Below is a summary of those questions asked during the survey.

Purchase Area Development District

| Number | Question | Majority Response |
|--------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 7 | How familiar are you with the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) and its role with the transportation process? | Somewhat Familiar |
| 9 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP)? | Very Unfamiliar |
| 11 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? | Very Unfamiliar/Somewhat Familiar |
| 13 | How familiar are you with the Kentucky transportation planning process and its role in developing the Six-Year Highway Plan? | Very Unfamiliar |

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| 16 | How convenient are the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting locations for you? | Very Convenient |
| 17 | Do you believe you have been given an adequate opportunity to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)? | Agree |
| 18 | Overall, how responsive has the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) been to your questions or concerns about highway improvement needs in your area? | Very Responsive |
| 19 | Overall, how satisfied are you with the Regional Transportation Planning Committee? | Very Satisfied |
| 23 | Was the ADD Transportation Planner eager to assist you? | Yes |
| 24 | How knowledgeable was the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Knowledgeable |
| 25 | How clear was the information provided to you by the ADD Transportation Planner? | Very Clear/Somewhat Clear |

A green response indicates a positive response, where as, a red response indicates a negative response. Please respond to all red responses in the table as well as the green responses that could use improvement.

ADD Planner Response:

Most of our Judge Executives and Mayors have served for several years and are very familiar with the SHIFT process, having participated in multiple cycles. The public and newly elected officials, however, are less familiar with this process, and we anticipate a significant amount of turnover in the coming years. Because of this, I see increased communication and outreach as essential to maintain continuity and understanding of regional transportation planning. Providing more frequent updates and engagement, especially during off years, will help ensure everyone remains informed and involved.

During my tenure, I've realized that there are aspects of the planning process, such as the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the Six-Year Highway Plan, that haven't always been discussed in depth during RTC meetings. I've worked to become more familiar with these programs myself as well, and I want to make a stronger effort to regularly communicate and explain these topics to both the RTC and the public. Providing more context and detail will help members understand how projects move from planning to implementation and how their input influences long-term transportation priorities.

At each RTC meeting, we do make it a point to give members an opportunity to provide updates, discuss ongoing projects, and raise any concerns from their communities. This open forum fosters collaboration and ensures local priorities are heard and considered in the planning process. I plan to continue promoting open dialogue to maintain an engaged and informed committee.

I was very encouraged by feedback from respondents indicating satisfaction with both the RTC and my work as Transportation Planner. It is important to me that local officials and committee members feel they can reach out easily, and I've worked hard to build trust and credibility.

In my role, I try to ensure everyone stays informed throughout the planning process. I also work closely with the District Highway Office to coordinate ongoing and upcoming projects, which help align local and state priorities. Moving forward, I will continue to build on these efforts, improve engagement, and enhance public outreach so that both the RTC and the communities we serve remain well-informed and actively involved in regional transportation planning.

Additionally, the Rural Consultation Survey requested specific responses about the RTC and ADD planner, the chart(s) on the next few pages display all of those responses. Please review the responses below and provide feedback to the responses

What improvements would make the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) more effective?

n/a

More feedback for the person running the meeting at the ADD. We would appreciate more expertise from him if he had that.

NOne

no input

Works fine as is .

None

none

None

I don't have any suggestions

I have no suggestions at this time. I'm satisfied with the process.

None

none

More engagement such as this

Nothing different

Better public promotion

Unsure at present

More interactive to find the local issues.

None

ADD Planner Response:

It was good to see that most people said they're satisfied with how the RTC is running right now and didn't have major suggestions for change. A few comments pointed out areas where we could grow, like providing more engagement opportunities such as surveys, doing a better job promoting the RTC to the public, and being more interactive when discussing local issues. One response also mentioned a desire for more expertise and feedback from me as the person running the meetings which is fair and something I take seriously and continue to learn and gain more knowledge myself.

Moving forward, I plan to look for ways to make meetings a little more engaging and to communicate more clearly between sessions. I want everyone to feel heard and informed, and I'll keep working to bring more value and insight to the discussions so we can make the RTC even stronger.

What would encourage you to participate in the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)?

n/a

I am good with the meetings as they are now. Fried chicken never hurts.

Already participate

Convnience

No comment

I participate currently

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| none |
| Na |
| I already participate |
| Having the ability to vote, which I don't have as a resident. |
| Work demands |
| none |
| Request for residential input |
| I already do. |
| Currently on the committee |
| Needa |
| No issues |
| Knowledge |

ADD Planner Response:

Again, it's good to know that the structure and format seem to be working well for most members, and I appreciate the positive attitude especially the lighthearted "fried chicken never hurts" comment, which speaks to the friendly and welcoming atmosphere we try to maintain.

A few responses mentioned barriers like work demands or the lack of voting ability for residents, which are understandable limitations but as far as voting, it has been set up that way for obvious reasons, and the voting members are appointed by local officials and voted on by the committee. Others noted that more opportunities for residential input and broader public engagement could help increase participation.

Moving forward, I want to keep building on what's working while finding ways to make the RTC even more accessible and inclusive. Whether that means adding more flexible meeting options, creating new ways for residents to share feedback, or simply keeping the environment inviting and open, my goal is to encourage continued involvement from everyone who cares about improving transportation in our region.

Please provide any comments related to the ADD transportation planner

n/a

Follow up would help

None

no comment

Does a good job

Very helpful

non e

N/a

Has always been responsive to requests

Friendly and knowledgeable

None

None

NA

n/a

Keep planning!

none

Seemed will to help

NA

None

No comment

NONE

None

None

None

ADD Planner Response:

I really appreciate the feedback I received about my work as the ADD Transportation Planner. It means a lot to know that people view me as helpful, friendly, knowledgeable, and willing to assist whenever needed. I've enjoyed getting to know our local officials and working alongside them to address transportation needs across the region.

I also take to heart the suggestion about following up more often. That's something I can improve on, and I see the value in keeping folks updated between meetings or after discussions. I would like to provide simple check-ins or updates between RTC meetings to make sure everyone feels informed and connected.

Overall, I'm grateful for the honest feedback and continued support from the committee and our local partners. My goal is to keep improving communication, stay accessible, and continue being a resource that communities can count on.

Plan of Action

- KYTC is currently in the process of updating their Public Involvement Plan. If adopted, the following process improvements will be included for public review as part of the development of that document.
- One of the goals of the Public Involvement Plan update is to develop easy to read and concise informational documents as well as online webpages. These documents and webpages (once developed) can be shared with the RTC and the public.
- KYTC will consider adding some work elements to the Annual Work Program for the ADDs to develop presentations about the various highway planning documents such as the LRSTP, STIP, and Six Year Highway Plan. Additionally, presentations on SHIFT and the SHIFT process should also be developed.
- KYTC will continue working with the ADDs to maintain an orientation packet for new members detailing the purpose of the Regional Transportation Committee.
- KYTC will train the ADD Planners on how to look up information regarding highway projects using TRAK.
- KYTC will encourage the ADDs to schedule meetings outside the ADD office where appropriate. This may include but not be limited to site visits, one-on-one city/county level meetings, and virtual meetings where appropriate.
- KYTC will work with the ADDs to identify new opportunities for increasing Regional Transportation Committee participation.
- KYTC will work with the ADDs to develop regular meeting schedules and notification procedures. Standardizing the announcements via Social Media.

Summary

The targeted audience for the survey were the participants who identified as “Elected Officials”. The majority of these participants indicated an understanding of statewide planning procedures and documents, regularly participate in the Regional Transportation Committee(s), had positive interactions with the ADD Transportation Planner, and an indication that KYTC is effective in communicating decisions made about the Highway Plan. In contrast, participants who identified as “Residents” largely indicated an unfamiliarity with statewide planning procedures and documents. There is an opportunity to improve these percentages through the Public Involvement Plan update and regular Social Media postings. Overall, KYTC is very pleased to see a positive response regarding the effectiveness of the Regional Transportation Planning Program. KYTC will continue to partner with the Area Development Districts for participation of non-metropolitan local officials and other interested parties for public involvement within the statewide planning program.

KYTC will post this report at the following secure website location:

<https://transportation.ky.gov/Planning/Pages/Regional-Planning.aspx>

The next update to this report will be due no later than December 1, 2030.