

Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority (KPTIA)
200 Mero Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40622

August 4, 2010
1:00 p.m. EST

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

Those in attendance were: Chairman Michael Hancock, Lori Flanery, Joseph H. Mattingly, Jim Ward, Elaine Walker, Charlie Johnson, Laura Douglas, Nelda Barton-Collings, and Glenn Mitchell.

Mr. Johnson read the minutes of the February 26, 2010 meeting, and the minutes were unanimously approved as written. .

Chairman Hancock asked for public comments from those in attendance. He stated that each person would be given five minutes to speak.

The first speaker was David Morse representing CART, the Coalition for the Advancement of Regional Transportation. Mr. Morse spoke against oversized tolls for what he considered an oversized project.

Curtis Morrison, a Louisville real estate agent, asked KPTIA to re-evaluate the Ohio River Bridges Project's livability issues.

Martina Kunnecke, President of NPP, Neighborhood Planning and Preservation of Kentuckiana, questioned whether this project as currently configured will be beneficial to the community.

The Co-Founder of Say NO to Bridge Tolls, Shawn Reilly, addressed the group. He suggested dividing the project into operationally independent phases and to follow the example that St. Louis set with their two-bridge project for the Mississippi River.

Mr. John Clay Stites stated he had addressed written questions and comments to Mr. Steve Schultz in July concerning the tolling study done in 2007 and that the Kennedy Bridge will be under construction at the same time the East End Bridge comes on line. Mr. Stites spoke in favor of KYTC's decision not to expand the Cochran Tunnel. He presented Mr. Schultz with further questions concerning the viability for the Downtown Bridge.

The next speaker was Patrick Duerr, a candidate for Louisville Metro Council in the Ninth District. He asked that city and state governments act with fiscal responsibility concerning the Ohio Bridges Project. He spoke against tolls and stated it would harm Louisville as a distribution center.

Daniel Borsch, another Co-Founder of Say NO to Bridge Tolls, stated there is not community-based support for this project and questioned the benefits to the community.

Tyler Hess, a Louisville resident, stated that transportation patterns need to change to include more mass transit - rails, cycling, pedestrian walkways, and buses and to not be so dependent on oil.

David Nicklies, Chairman of the Bridges Coalition, spoke in favor of the project. He stated that the infrastructure in a community needs to grow if jobs are to grow. Mr. Nicklies also stated that building a bridge only in eastern Jefferson County would not relieve congestion on the Interstate 65 Kennedy Bridge, and he urged KPTIA to move the project forward.

Cherise Williams, also a Louisville resident, advocated the use of public transit and the need to preserve the Butchertown neighborhood and the Waterfront Park.

At the conclusion of public comments, Chairman Hancock introduced Steve Schultz, Executive Director of the Louisville and Southern Indiana Bridge Authority (LASIBA). Mr. Schultz gave an overview that included the background of LASIBA, key accomplishments to date, the strategy framework, and preliminary timetables for key initiatives. (PowerPoint presentation attached to minutes).

Following Mr. Schultz's presentation, Ms. Douglas discussed the need to formally approve the Mission and Vision Statements of LASIBA, and she made such a motion. After discussion of whether to formally approve or affirm these statements, there was consensus among the members to accept the Mission and Vision Statements as presented, and Ms. Douglas withdrew her motion.

Chairman Hancock thanked Mr. Schultz for his presentation. Ms. Walker asked if KPTIA would need to meet more frequently than quarterly in order to address the December 2010 time frame for approving the financial plan presented by LASIBA. The Chairman stated that as the project unfolds and deadlines near, additional meetings may be necessary.

A motion was made by Ms. Flanery and seconded by Mr. Johnson to adjourn.

Minutes were taped and transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this the 12th day of August, 2010.

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