

MEETING OF THE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND THE POLICY COMMITTEE
OF THE
OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Tuesday
April 28, 2026
10 a.m.

Room 406
Owensboro City Hall
and Online

A-G-E-N-D-A

- I. CALL TO ORDER..... Owensboro Mayor Tom Watson
Policy Committee Chairman
- II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the February 24, 2026, Meeting (Attachment 1).....Mayor Watson
- III. OLD BUSINESS

None
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. UPWP (Attachment 2).....Tom Lovett
 - B. I-165 interchange study update (Attachment 3).....Tom Lovett
 - C. TIP update.....Tom Lovett
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VI. UPDATES
 - A. Highway District Office update.....Deneatra Henderson
 - B. MPO director update.....Tom Lovett
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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M-I-N-U-T-E-S

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Policy Committee of the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) met in a joint meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at Owensboro City Hall and via Zoom. Quorums for both committees were present with the members, as listed:

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Nate Pagan, Owensboro City Manager, Chair
Claude Bacon, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corp.
Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority
Dirk Dooper, Daviess County Engineer
Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Dave Kirk, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce
Tim Lyons, Owensboro Municipal Utilities
Kevin Collignon, Owensboro City Engineer
Kenny Williams, Green River Area Development District
Scott Atherton, Kenergy
Nick Hall, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 2
Sgt. Derek Griffith, Owensboro Police Department
Janie Marksberry, Daviess County Fiscal Court
Camille Robinson, Federal Highway Administration
Sgt. Tyler Free, Daviess County Sheriff's Office
Vickie Pennington, Owensboro Transit System

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Isidro Delgado, KYTC Division of Planning
Garrett Gordon, Regional Water Resource Agency

Johnny "Chic" Roberts, Chairman | Adam O'Nan, Vice Chairman | Curtis Dame, Secretary | Charlie Castlen, Treasurer | Kenneth J. Williams, Executive Director

Megan Pittman, KYTC Office of Transportation Delivery
Tristan Durbin, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Fiscal Court, chair
Tom Watson, City of Owensboro
Deneatra Henderson, KYTC District 2 Office (rep. by Nick Hall)

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator, FTA
Shundreka Givan, KY Division Administrator, FHWA

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Larry Conder, Daviess County Fiscal Court
Skyler Stewart, GRADD
Jennifer Alvey, GRADD
Tom Lovett, GRADD
Mark Brasher, STV
Brad Davis, GOEDC
Michael Hughes, GRITS
John Fisher, GRITS
James Mayse, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Daviess County Judge-Executive Charlie Castlen called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 28, 2025, joint meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Claude Bacon
and seconded by Tim Lyons to approve
the minutes of the October 28, 2025, Technical
Advisory/Policy Committee meeting. A vote
was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. FTA Authorizing Resolution

MPO Director Tom Lovett presented the members with the annual FTA Authorizing Resolution. He explained that the MPO must approve this document annually to allow GRADD's executive director to apply for FTA 5303 funds to operate the MPO.

A motion was made by Kevin Collignon and seconded by Dirk Dooper to recommend that the MPO's Policy approve the FTA Authorizing Resolution. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was then made by Nick Hall and seconded by Judge Charlie Castlen to approve the FTA Authorizing Resolution. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. TAM Targets

MPO Director Tom Lovett presented the members with the annual Transit Asset Management targets for Owensboro Transit System. He explained that OTS is required to set targets for its revenue vehicles, its nonrevenue vehicles and its buildings. The vehicle targets are how many or what percentage of OTS's fleet has exceeded its Useful Life.

He explained that FTA has set a benchmark for revenue vehicles that they are expected to exceed. He cited as an example, a 29-foot bus such as the City of Owensboro operates, is expected to last 10 years and 350,000 miles.

Mr. Lovett went on to say that nonrevenue vehicles and buildings are graded 1-5 on an FTA scale with 1 being in poor condition and 5 being in excellent condition.

Mr. Lovett said he met with Vickie Pennington of OTS to review the targets in January. He said OTS has set its target for revenue vehicles at 25%, meaning no more than 25% of the fleet has exceeded its Useful Life Benchmark.

He said OTS has set its target for nonrevenue vehicles and buildings at 0%, meaning that no building to nonrevenue vehicle is in rated lower than a 3 on the FTA scale, which indicates adequate condition.

A motion was made by Brian Howard and seconded by Kevin Collignon to recommend that the MPO's Policy approve the TAM targets. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was then made by Nick Hall
and seconded by Charlie Castlen
to approve the TAM targets.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. UPWP Update

Mr. Lovett told the members he is in the process of developing the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This is the document that the MPO must produce annually that details what tasks will be accomplished in the coming year by the MPO staff.

He explained the only significant change from FY 2026, was that last year, the MPO had to draft a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which is the MPO's long-term plan. He said this year, the MPO is drafting a new Transportation Improvement Program, which is the short-term plan.

He asked the members to look over the draft he had sent them and contact him with any questions, comments or concerns.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. UPDATES

District 2 Office

Nick Hall update the following projects:

- He said there are cones out on US 60 east of Owensboro at the site of two R-Cut projects. He said there's some corrective work needing to be done and work in the median.
- Work on KY 54 is progressing.
- Work on Fairview Drive is in right-of-way acquisition.
- Brian Wright announced that work of KY 331 that funded by a BUILD grant was completed Dec. 31, 2025.
- Judge Castlen asked about an email he received about the roundabout being built at Farview Drive and Old Hartford Road. The writer claimed the design didn't meet state regulations. Mr. Hall said the email had been forwarded to the chief engineer and the department's PIO and he'd prefer they address it.

MPO

Tom Lovett provided these updates:

- He introduced two new members: Dave Kirk, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Kenny Williams, the new GRADD executive director.
- The I-165 study team met and the second local officials meeting and the meeting for the general public will be scheduled in the near future.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

MEMORANDUM 1

TO: TAC and Policy Committee Members

FROM: Tom Lovett
MPO Director

DATE: April 9, 2026

SUBJECT: UPWP Approval Resolution

Attached please find a resolution approving the MPO's FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at tomlovett@gradd.com.

Attachment

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
APPROVING THE
FY 2027 TRANSPORTATION
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Title 23 U.S. Code, Section 134 of the Federal Urban Mass Transit Act of 1964, as amended, requires the preparation of a Unified Planning Work Program in areas involving urban transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the designated agency responsible for transportation planning in the Owensboro-Daviess County metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Owensboro-Daviess County MPO is responsible, along with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, for addressing the planning process in accordance with 23 CFR 450.334; and

WHEREAS, a Unified Planning Work Program is recognized as a means to consolidate and formally coordinate all transportation planning activities at the metropolitan level when more than one modal planning program is involved; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee of the Owensboro-Daviess County MPO has endorsed and recommended the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program to the Policy Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Policy Committee of the MPO, at its regular public meeting of April 28, 2026, approves the FY 2027 UPWP for the Owensboro-Daviess County MPO area.

Thomas H. Watson
Mayor, City of Owensboro
MPO Policy Committee Chairman

MEMORANDUM 2

TO: TAC and Policy Committee Members

FROM: Tom Lovett
MPO Director

DATE: April 9, 2026

SUBJECT: I-165 Interchange Study

Attached please find handout detailing some of the data compiled as a result of the I-165 Interchange Feasibility Study.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at tomlovett@gradd.com.

Attachment



New Interchange Planning Study

The purpose of this study is to examine the need for a new I-165 interchange between Hartford and Owensboro and to study potential interchange locations.

► New connection = faster travel

An interchange allows local residents who are traveling long distances to get to the Interstate faster. This, in turn, helps reduce some of the traffic volume on US 231.

► Emergency response

During a crash or an incident on I-165, it is critical for emergency responders to access the scene quickly. A new interchange would reduce EMS response times to incidents on I-165.

► Traffic diversion

When I-165 or US 231 needs to be closed due to a crash, a new interchange allows traffic to be diverted to the other roadway.



Comparing Interchange Locations

The Study team assessed how well project goals are met, potential impacts, and costs for each of the five potential interchange locations. The below chart shows a comparison between each location.

This is a planning study, intended to identify interchange feasibility. Interchange type and alignment are not set and would be determined during the design phase. There are no additional funds to design or construct this project at this time.

Scan this QR code to learn more about the project ▶



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		INTERCHANGE LOCATION				
Evaluation Criteria	Existing	1 Massonville- Habit Road	2 KY 142	3 Poplar Log Bridge Road	4 Crane Pond Road	5 KY 764
Reduce Emergency Response Times	✗	✓	✓	+	+	✓
Shorten Detour During Incidents	✗	✓	✓	✓	+	+
Increase Network Connectivity	✗	✓	+	✓	✓	+
Interchange Daily Traffic	✗	+	+	✓	✓	✓
Right-of-Way Impacts	NA	+	+	✗	✓	✗
Utility Impacts	NA	+	✓	✗	+	✓
Farm and Environmental Impacts	NA	✓	✓	✓	+	✗
Estimated Total Cost		\$29,100,000	\$33,200,000	\$44,800,000	\$37,800,000	\$44,400,000
Performance Summary		3 + 4 ✓ 0 ✗	3 + 4 ✓ 0 ✗	1 + 4 ✓ 2 ✗	4 + 3 ✓ 0 ✗	2 + 3 ✓ 2 ✗

NA = Not Applicable



Best Performance/
Addresses Goal



Satisfactory Performance/
Addresses Goal



Poor Performance/
Does Not Address Goal