

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

April 28, 2026

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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, April 28, 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
Nick Hall, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 2
Dirk Dooper, Daviess County Engineer
Scott Atherton, Kenergy
Dave Kirk, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce
Tim Lyons, Owensboro Municipal Utilities
Sgt. Derek Griffith, Owensboro Police Department
Janie Marksberry, Daviess County Fiscal Court
Brian Wright, Owensboro Riverport Authority
Vickie Pennington, Owensboro Transit System
Garrett Gordon, Regional Water Resource Agency
Brian Howard, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Kenny Williams, Green River Area Development District
Kevin Collignon, Owensboro City Engineer

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Isidro Delgado, KYTC Division of Planning
Claude Bacon, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corp.
Camille Robinson, Federal Highway Administration
Sgt. Tyler Free, Daviess County Sheriff's Office

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
Mark Brasher, STV
Skyler Stewart, GRADD
Tom Lovett, GRADD
John Kirkpatrick, Owensboro Times

I. CALL TO ORDER

Owensboro Mayor Tom Watson called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 24, 2026, joint meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mayor Tom Watson
and seconded by Judge Charlie Castlen to approve
the minutes of the February 24, 2026, Technical
Advisory/Policy Committee meeting. A vote
was taken and the motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPWP Approval

MPO Director Tom Lovett presented the members with the annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which details the scope of work for the MPO staff over the coming fiscal year. He explained that the MPO must approve this document annually.

He told the members the only significant change was shift in funds from The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) element to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) element. This is because last year the MPO had to write a new MTP, which required a significant amount of time. This fiscal year the MPO is drafting a new TIP.

A motion was made by Tim Lyons
and seconded by Brian Howard to recommend
that the MPO's Policy approve the UPWP.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was then made by Mayor Watson
and seconded by Judge Charlie Castlen
to approve the UPWP. A vote was taken
and the motion carried.

B. I-165 Interchange study update

MPO Director Tom Lovett summarized the results of the I-165 local officials and public meetings that were held on March 24.

He told them that 14 new surveys were collected from the local officials meeting. Of those, 13 said a new interchange was needed. The author of the 14th survey told Stantec officials about some data they felt needed to be incorporated into the study. Stantec officials said the data would be added before the study was finalized.

Mr. Lovett told the members they had far more attendees than anticipated at the public meeting. More than 200 people attended. The plan was to do one presentation at the public meeting, but there were so many people trying to get into the hall that decision was made to do two presentations.

Seventy-two surveys were collected from that public meeting. Of those, 75% said a new interchange is needed. An additional 114 surveys were received online. Eighty percent of online respondents said a new interchange was needed.

Mr. Lovett said that in all three groups of surveys, Crane Pond Road was the top choice for a new interchange.

He reminded the members that the survey was strictly informal to gauge local opinion and was not binding in any way. He said the study group planned to meet in May and hoped to have the final report complete by the end of the summer.

C. TIP Update

Mr. Lovett told the members he is working on a new TIP that will reflect what is in the new Six-Year Plan, which has not yet been formally released.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. UPDATES

District 2 Office

Nick Hall update the following projects:

- Right-of-way funds have been requested for the Thruston-Dermont Road project. Once that money is approved, letters will go out to the potentially affected landowners.
- Work on KY 54 is progressing.
- Work on Fairview Drive is in right-of-way acquisition.
- Mayor Watson expressed concern about the completion of the Fairview Drive roundabout. He said he was worried about the traffic when school begins in the fall.

MPO

Tom Lovett provided these updates:

- The new Six-Year Plan bills have been signed but not formally released. He anticipates it will be released in late June. He said among the highlights, the two-year biennium bill allocates \$2 million to design a new interchange on I-165, north of the Daviess-Ohio county line. The four-year out-year bill allocates money for right-of-way, utilities and construction for the project.
- Mr. Lovett said two projects requested by the city have also been approved – the widening of Carter Road between Parrish and McFarland and the addition of a second turn lane from KY 331 onto US 60.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.