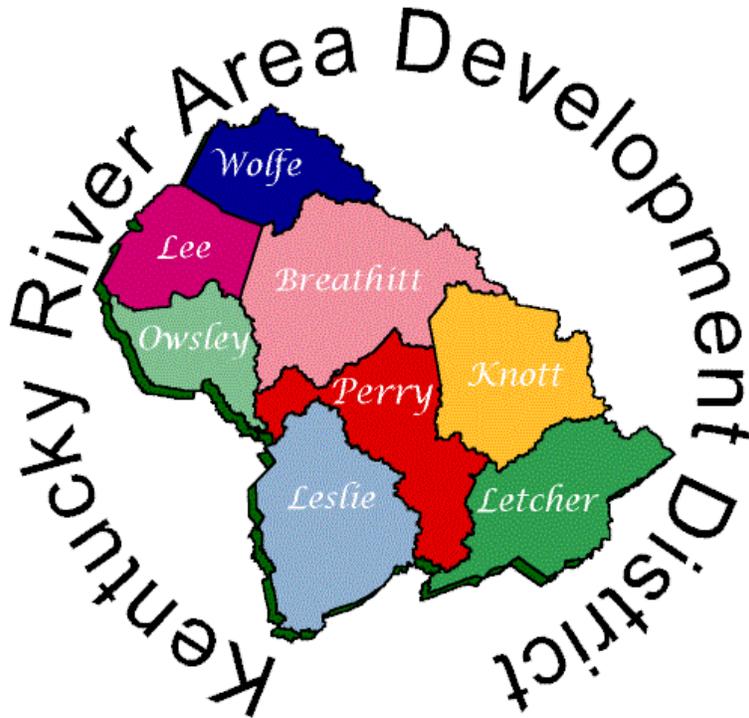


Kentucky River Area Development District



Regional Transportation Planning Committee

DRAFT Regional Goals & Objectives FY 2016

Approved: August 12, 2015

KYTC MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide a safe, secure, and reliable highway system that ensures the efficient mobility of people and goods, thereby enhancing both the quality of life and economic vitality of the Commonwealth.

KYTC GOALS:

Safety and Security
System Preservation
Economic Opportunity and Mobility

The Regional Transportation Planning Program follows suit with the KYTC 's Mission Statements and Goals, therefore the ADD's Goals and Objectives continued with this thought and direction. A regional transportation mission was adopted by KRADD's RTC to reflect the KYTC. In turn, the Regional Goals and Objectives are to be broad overarching goals which will help guide the identification of improvements and the selection of projects. These Regional Goals and Objectives are reviewed and updated annually and approved by the RTC.

KRADD Regional Transportation Planning Mission Statement:

To ultimately improve the quality of life for the citizens of the Kentucky River Area by improving and expanding this region's existing transportation system, developing a transportation system that would be conducive to business and industry, and achieving the safest and most efficient means of transporting goods and people.

GOAL: ACCESSIBILITY AND CONNECTIVITY

Continue to increase and improve the accessibility and connectivity of the transportation system that serves the local and regional movement of people, freight, and services.

Objectives

- Improve the Appalachian Development Secondary Road System by widening, maintaining and enhancing intersection traffic movement on rural two lane major and minor collectors.
- Support and encourage the development of the Southern Kentucky Corridor (I-66) in Eastern Kentucky.
- Improve the regions ability to draw large industries thru the establishment of a major regional airpark hub in Eastern Kentucky.
- Support and continue the regional efforts of the state and local bridge replacement programs through funding by state and federal agencies, thus

providing local governments the resources to ensure that state and local bridge replacement needs are adequately addressed.

- Continue and expand the utilization of the Recreational Trail Program by capitalizing on the terrain specific to this region and maximizes available and cost-efficient natural resources.

GOAL: CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AND MOBILITY

Continue to support and improve mobility and manage congestion.

Objectives

- Continue and support traffic flow and mobility plans by the State Transportation Cabinet and assist in the development of improvements that would enhance and manage the flow of traffic in rural and urban areas.
- Design more limited access sections of road and more frontage roads that would thereby decrease the congestion and turning movement where appropriate.
- Encourage more grade separated interchanges and intersections at rural road crossings, thus potentially decreasing the number of severe crashes that occur in At-Grade intersections.

GOAL: SYSTEM RELIABILITY

Continue to promote and improve transportation safety to reduce fatalities and injuries in the Kentucky River Region.

Objectives

- Continue to develop and support the need for adequate rural intersection lighting and/or rumble strips in the actual lane prior to intersections in order to reduce the number of night time crashes, especially in areas where minor roads intersect with rural principal arterial routes.
- Support and collaborate with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Highway Safety Program to reduce the number of fatal crashes on rural 2-Lane roads in Eastern Kentucky. Engineering, Education, Enforcement, and Emergency Response are all vital components of a successful highway safety program.
- Continuing efforts to remove Rock-fall hazards on principal arterial and major collector routes and establish a timeline for the completion of identified Rock-fall hazard projects in the KRADD region.
- Continue to create awareness by providing educational materials to schools in the area.

GOAL: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Continue to promote and maintain a transportation system that will strive to make our communities and the region healthier and minimize its negative impact on the environment.

Objectives

- Continue to ensure the timely access to all projects and programs that enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Eastern Kentucky, including all significant minority populations.
- Continue to assess the impact of new projects on the environment and all populations within a proposed project area.

GOAL: MULTI-MODAL

Continue to support and improve multi-modal transportation in the region.

Objective

- Encourage and support quick access to the Eastern Kentucky Transportation System for the unobstructed movement of freight, via all modes of transportation that may be applicable to the region: Specific attention should be given to the trucking, railway and air transportation industries.
- Support efforts to promote pedestrian and bicyclist movements along all highways and the development of recreational trails in the region.

GOAL: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Continue to support and provide a safe efficient Regional Highway Transportation System that can increase economic development.

Objectives

- Continue to create, encourage and support tourism by utilizing the recently designated US 23 National Scenic Byway, Country Music Highway and PRIDE Programs, and similar programs.
- Continuing to support and advocate a safe and efficient Highway Transportation System as the means by which to draw tourists and industry to this region.

GOAL: REGIONALISM

Support local and regional transportation needs.

Objectives

- Promote the efficient movement of people and goods by linking the various modes of transportation.
- Promote connections between transportation modes that support the effective shipment of freight.
- Ensure compatibility with the transportation facilities of adjacent cities, counties and states.
- Support statewide transportation initiatives that affect transportation in the Kentucky River region.

GOAL: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Support community involvement in the transportation planning process.

Objectives

- Inform the public about transportation issues in a clear and concise manner.

- Involve the public in a number of ways – early and often – to encourage their participation in the planning process.
- Use public forums, such as fiscal court meetings, city council meetings, community meetings, media announcements, etc. to inform local elected officials, community leaders and the general public of the importance of the transportation planning process.
- Use the planning process in a manner that is inclusive, fair and open to all individuals.
- Ensure that plans respond to the diversity of community needs.
- Solicit the participation of local officials, community groups, and individual citizens in the transportation planning process.