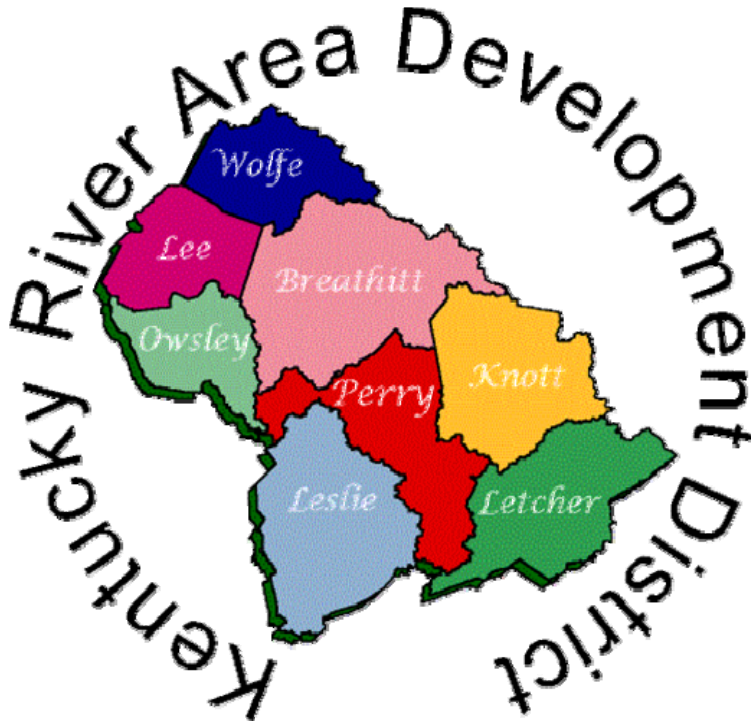


Kentucky River Area Development District



Regional Transportation & Safety Planning Committee

Regional Goals & Objectives FY 2010

Approved October 15, 2009

KRADD MISSION STATEMENT:

To serve as an effective leader, networking with all appropriate groups and agencies, to improve the quality of life for the district, while striving to provide professional assistance, leadership and planning, for the development of services, utilizing to the fullest potential all available resources.

KRADD Regional Transportation & Safety 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.
- Establish and support a Rural Public Transit System for the elderly, minorities, and the less fortunate, as well as the average community citizen, by educating congressmen and legislators to be cognizant of the rural transportation needs in the KRADD region; thus, earmarking specific funding for the establishment of a Rural Public Transit System.
- 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 assure 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. The development of strip-mined roads – the most used ‘unofficial trail system’ for motorized recreational use, can not only serve the local communities, but also serve tourists with an evolving and systemic Land Use Plan that 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 consulting engineering contractors. Qualified specialists can determine the needs for 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 at major shopping centers. Furthermore, the addition of acceleration and deceleration lanes, incorporated with the full use of frontage roads, would enhance traffic mobility at most major rural shopping centers and strip malls.
- 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. This would also address the need for alternatives to traffic signals that so often are deemed by the public to be the “absolute solution” to every intersection problem that occurs.

GOAL: SAFETY/SECURITY

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. Enlarged, improved or additional signage could also improve vision or sight distance creating more reaction time at these rural intersections, especially for the ever-growing population of older drivers.
- 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 through community education by providing target oriented programs throughout the region. Creating visually stimulating programs for elementary and high school students, preschool children, senior citizens and the general population is critical to the overall efforts to reduce the number of fatalities.

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 assure to 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.

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” as an additional means of adding to, and sustaining this region’s economic growth and viability. New roads, the attraction of new industry, better educational establishments will provide for the implementation of a future tourism based economy. By utilizing the recently designated US 23 National Scenic Byway, Country Music Highway and PRIDE Programs, we are already well on our way to obtaining this objective
- Continuing to support and advocate a safe and efficient Highway Transportation System as the primary means by which to draw tourists and industry to this region will effectively produce a secure and economically sustainable community.