NKADD Regional Transportation Committee

June 9th, 2026, Minutes

Members' Present
Judge Executive, Ryan Morris, Gallatin County
Judge Executive, David Wilhoite, Carroll County
Elaina Cornett, Carroll County
Mayor, Robb Adams, Carrollton
Matt Dusing, Carroll County
Mayor David Henson, Williamstown
Tom Slayback, Owen County
Mike Bezold, KYTC District 6
Kathryn Riopn, KYTC District 6
Dane Blackburn, KYTC District 6
Kyle McMahon, KYTC District 6
Sen. Matt Nunn, District 17
Sen. Gex Williams, District 20
Jack Couch, KYTC

NKADD Staff
Jeff Thelen, Chris Courtney, Avery Adams, Katie Jo Kirkpatrick, Grace Herrmann, Blake Madden

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 11:30am

Approval of the March 24th Minutes
Without a Quorum we will approve the minutes at the next meeting.

KYTC District 6 Update
District 6 staff gave updates to the NKADD region. Carroll County 6-1084 US 42 Kentucky River Bridge. Environmental Document approved 6/8/2026. Request funding to complete R/W, and Utilities. Construction should begin next summer. Gallatin County 6-8910 I-71 improvements. Acquiring right of way. Anticipate a December 2026 letting if construction funding approved. Construction to start next summer. House Bill 502 has been approved.

Rural and Municipal Aid Program Update from Jack Couch
Jack Couch gave a comprehensive funding updates on the Rural and Municipal Aid Program. Including LARP, Local Assistance Road Program. Grant Pool Program HB501. Highway Contingency Funding -FD-39. County/City Bridge Improvement Program. Lots of detailed information on these important programs. Thanks Jack.

NKADD CEDS Activity from Katie Jo Kirkpatrick
As part of the NKADD CEDS update Katie Jo laid out the importance of input from our community partners. We did an exercise with RTC members giving their priorities for multiple infrastructure projects within the NKADD region. Well done.

Chairman's Update

We had an open discussion, led by Senator Nunn and Senator Williams regarding the temporary pause on the gas tax. The road fund is not keeping up with the rise in construction costs and there is a 27-million-dollar hole in the road fund from suspending the gas tax. This is causing delays in resurfacing projects. There needs to be new strategies to be able to get more money into the road fund for the future.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, we adjourned the meeting.