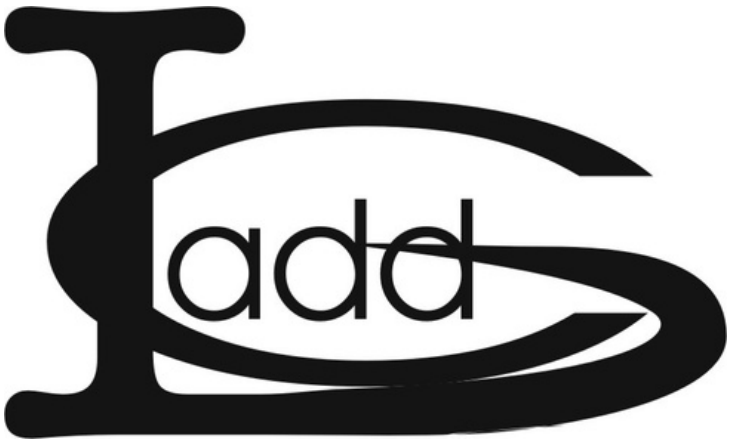
Lake Cumberland Area Development District Regional Transportation Committee Member Guide



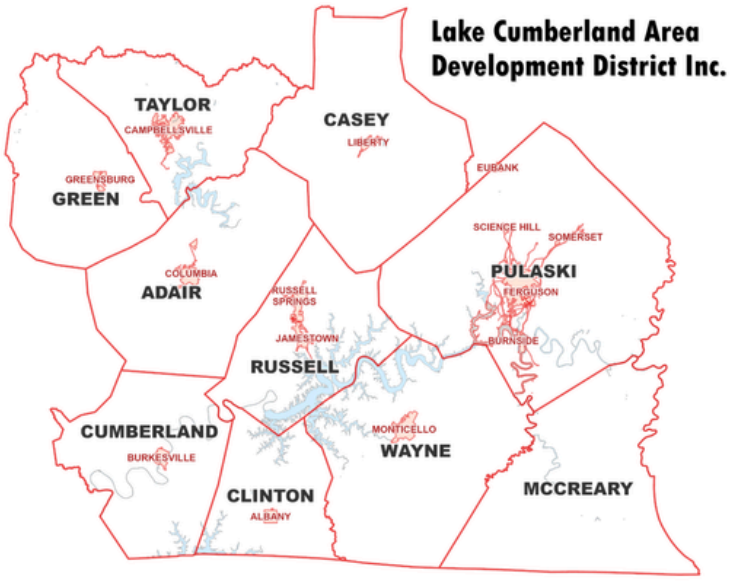
WHAT IS THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE?

The Regional Transportation Committee is a quarterly meeting pertaining to local transportation issues. The meeting is meant to both inform members of transportation grants, programs, studies, and projects as well as allowing for a opportunity for local input in state-level transportation planning. Membership consists of local officials as well as representatives of transportation relevant sectors. It is conducted by the Lake Cumberland Area Development District as a part of our transportation planning contract with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

WHAT DOES A MEETING LOOK LIKE?

A typical Regional Transportation Committee meeting begins after the Regional Water Council meeting, with lunch provided beforehand. The committee meeting starts at 12:00 PM CST (1:00 PM EST) and is called to order by the chairperson. District 4 and District 8 planners provide updates on transportation projects occurring throughout the region, followed by discussions on transportation grants, KYTC programs, local transportation issues, and other items related to the LCADD transportation planner's monthly responsibilities. During odd-numbered years, the committee also plays an active role in the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) process, giving local communities an opportunity to provide input on transportation project priorities and future investments.

WHAT AREA IS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE RTC?



The area, counties, and cities in this map. Our area intersects with KYTC District 4 (Green and Taylor Counties) and District 8 (Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell, Taylor, Wayne Counties)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP?

- Judge-Executives*
- Mayors**
- A representative of the following sectors:
  - Highway/public works
  - Emergency medical services/fire department
  - Education transportation service
  - Tourism/parks
  - The underserved population/minority population
  - The public transit
  - Industrial authorities/commissions
  - Freight movers
  - Law enforcement (minimum of one city, one county, and one state enforcement official, where possible)
  - Public safety agencies
  - Planning and zoning commissions/organizations
  - Economic and industrial development organizations
  - Public citizen at large representative
  - Bikeway/greenway/pedestrian coordinators

* Judge-Executives of the following Kentucky counties: Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell, Taylor, and Wayne

** Mayors of the following Kentucky cities: Albany, Burkesville, Burnside, Campbellsville, Columbia, Eubank, Ferguson, Greensburg, Jamestown, Liberty, Monticello, Russell Springs, Science Hill, and Somerset

WHEN AND WHERE ARE RTC MEETINGS?



Meetings are held both in person at the LCADD office at **2384 Lakeway Drive in Russell Springs, KY** and virtually via Zoom.

Meetings (typically, will be stated otherwise) are held on the **first thursday of March, June, September, and December at 12 CST/ 1 EST.** Meetings usually coincide with the Regional Water Council Meeting

WHO CONDUCTS THE MEETING?

RTC Meetings are organized by the LCADD Transportation Planner. As of October 2026, the LCADD Transportation Planner is Hayden Hancock.
This is a hired position.

RTC Meetings are managed by the RTC chairperson. As of October 2026, the chairperson is Eddie Thomas. This is an appointed position, the LCADD Board of Directors appoint someone for this position. As of October 2026, our Chairperson is Eddie Thomas.

WHAT IS OUR ROLE IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING?

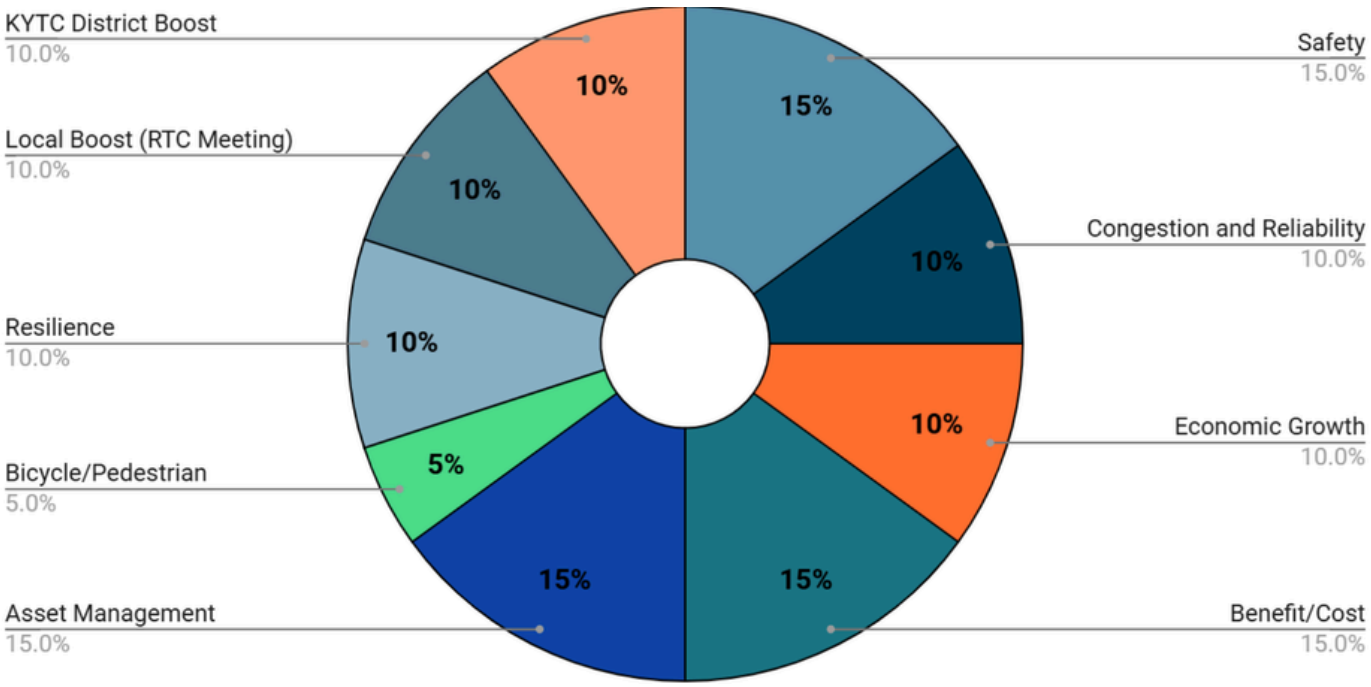
The Regional Transportation Committee is the method in which KYTC attains local input on who transportation projects they should be working on. A basic summary is the transportation planner works with both KYTC district planners and local officials to enter desired local projects into a database named CHAF. Once entered, the projects are evaluated and given a score based on several metrics by KYTC Central Office as a part of a process called SHIFT. After this initial scoring, KYTC districts and our RTC decide which projects we would like to sponsor and add points to (called “boosting”). These projects and their scores are then evaluated by the Kentucky lesgislature for entry into the 6 year Enacted Highway Plan. There is also a segment of the meeting where any member can provide comments that will be reflected in the public minutes.

WHAT IS C.H.A.F?

The Continuous Highway Analysis Framework, or CHAF, is a database of desired highway projects. This is an active database that is continuously edited by ADD Planners and KYTC districts. Local officials can ask either the ADD planner or KYTC district planner to add, edit, or remove a project from the CHAF database. The projects added to this database go on to be evaluated in the SHIFT process and perhaps even eventually end up in the Enacted Highway Plan. It is best to have as few projects as possible to maximize the score in SHIFT.

WHAT IS S.H.I.F.T.?

The Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow is a bi-yearly process to asses transportation projects for addition to the Enacted Highway Plan. Projects from CHAF go through an algorithm that gives a project a 0-80 score based on the factors in the pie chart below. A part of the score is a “boost” (additional 10 points) from both the local KYTC district as well as our RTC meeting.



S.H.I.F.T. 2027 SCHEDULE

		Action	Acting Party	Description
Sponsorship	Winter 2026 - Spring 2027	CHAF's	ADD, MPO, HDO	ADDs and MPOs prepare new and/or update existing CHAFs as needed in their respective areas in order to prepare for project Sponsorship.
		Projects Sponsored	ADD, MPO, HDO	Sponsor projects in the CHAF program.
Data Verification	Late Spring 2027	Review Sponsored Project List	Central Office, HDO, ADD, MPO	Review project list, discuss projects with districts, ADDS and MPOS, review projects for duplications and families
		Update project data	HDO, Central Office	Review and Update data needed for Project Scoring
		Data Verification	Central Office	Confirm entered data on sponsored CHAFs
Statewide Prioritization	Late Spring 2027 - Early Summer 2027	Statewide Scoring	Central Office	CO will start Scoring Process and produce a Statewide list of scored projects along Interstates and Parkways.
		Statewide Project Identification		Projects of statewide significance identified based on facility type and improvement impact. Statewide projects will be generated from this list to be included in Recommended Highway Plan.
Regional Prioritization	Summer 2027	Regional Scoring	Central Office	Planning will produce regional lists, including projects along Interstates and Parkways not selected through the Statewide Prioritization selection process, score regional projects, and distribute project list.
		Boost Point Allocation & Submittal	ADD, MPO, HDO	ADD's, MPO's, and HDO's determine which projects within their area's Regional List will be selected to receive boost points.
		Area Report	ADD, MPO, HDO	ADD's, MPO's, and HDO's will write up the methodology that was used for the 2028 process. This should include Sponsorship and Boosting and discuss what factors or reasons each area used to make decision's.
		Finalize Regional Scores	Central Office	Scoring is completed and disseminated to ADD's, HDO's, MPO's.
KYTC report to Legislature	Fall 2027	Deliver SHIFT 2028 scores to KY Legislature	Central Office	KYTC issues an official copy of SHIFT 2028 scores to Legislature as required by KRS.
Draft Plan	Fall 2027 - Early Winter 2027	KYTC Develops Draft Plan and Delivers to the Governor	Central Office	The Draft Recommended Highway Plan is a combination of statewide list and regional lists. It will also include system preservation and preventative maintenance projects. Submit Draft Plan to Governor. Revise Per Governor request.

WHAT IS THE ENACTED HIGHWAY PLAN?

The Enacted Highway Plan is the list of projects KYTC plans on completing in the next 6 years. This list is updated every 2 years with the SHFT process. Be aware that that this is a plan of highway projects, which means that just because it says certian stages of a project's development are slated for certian times, there is no guarentee of a project's progress.

WHAT IS THE LRSTP?

The Long-Range State Transportation Plan is a plan revised every 20 years that lays out the long term goals and priorities of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

WHAT IS STIP?

The Statewide Transportation Infrastructure Plan is a plan that every state has to submit to the federal government to recieve federal funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act of 2021. It contains a list of state projects based on the funding source.

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