The MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order by Chair, Mr. Ben Hunt. Mr. Hunt initiated introductions.

A. **APPROVAL OF SUMMARY NOTES**

Mr. Hunt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the summary notes from the June 24, 2019 TAC meeting. Being none, he moved onto public comment.

B. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

C. **NEW BUSINESS**

MPO Coordinator, Ms. Karissa Lemon, introduced the first item of new business – the Draft FY 2019-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Lemon briefly reviewed what the TIP is, how it is used, and the schedule for the next few months. With no objections, the TAC recommended the Draft FY 2019-24 TIP to the MPO Policy Committee for approval.

Ms. Lemon moved onto the next item of business – recommending the MPO’s seven (7) SHIFT 2020 boost projects. Ms. Lemon reviewed how the process of boosting works, then reviewed the projects that staff recommended for turbo boosting (KYTC District 3 + MPO boost). With some discussion, the TAC ultimately recommended the following projects to boost: IP20060201 (Nashville Rd widening from Campbell Ln to the roundabout), IP20190007 (Scottsville Rd widening from Cave Mill Rd to South Park Dr), IP20180055 (US 31W Bypass from Park St to Fairview Ave), IP20190111 (Cemetery Rd-I65 interchange), IP20170022 (Elrod Rd interchange), IP20170035 (Cave Mill Rd widening + improvements), and IP20070147 (Plano Rd “S” curves).
D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no public concerns.

Project Updates:

• Ms. Lemon stated that proposals for the US 31W Bypass road diet feasibility study are due by July 26th, with the study kicking off by the first week of September.

• WKU’s fall 2019 semester will start the end of August with students beginning to arrive mid-August. Construction is underway with the Student Life Foundation’s Freshman Village. The Park Street parking lot is under construction and is expected to be complete for the fall semester. Topper Transit saw an increase in ridership in FY19 with numbers well over 700,000. Topper Transit also reported a number of improved efficiencies and cost savings. They will continually work on implementing recommendations from the Michael Baker International transit study.

• The KYTC District 3 recently completed I-165 ramp reconstruction and other improvements between US 31W and US 68 needed to bring the Natcher Parkway up to interstate standards. In the next few weeks, crews will begin resurfacing about 10 miles of I-165 starting at Morgantown Rd. A new signal will be installed at Middle Bridge Rd and Lovers Lane in the next few weeks and a resurfacing project will soon begin on US 68 from Campbell Ln to I-165.

• GObg Transit saw a 14% increase in ridership year-to-date. The current routes will be incorporated into the Google Transit feed in the next two weeks. The agency was recently awarded an operating grant to purchase a number of items for operational efficiencies.

• The BRADD is also working with the area counties to select boost projects for SHIFT 2020.

• BGMU is underway with the water treatment plant improvements. Mr. Gardner reported that US 31W Bypass will have a one-lane closure for sixty (60) days and a full road closure for two (2) weeks. The closure dates have not yet been set, but will be in the next few months.

• The Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport reported that the new 10’ fence around the perimeter of the airport property is complete and they are expecting to fund some taxiway improvements in the coming months.

• Mr. Joe Plunk added that Bowling Green received funding for both of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants that will complete the greenway in the West End and provide compliancy and rehabilitation costs for sidewalks along state-maintained roadways.

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be August 26, 2019.