SUMMARY NOTES
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
August 26, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m.
City-County Planning Commission
1141 State Street Bowling Green, KY 42101

PRESENT:
Ben Hunt – KYTC, Chair
Barry House – KYTC Planning
Matthew Holder – KYTC Planning
Wes Watt – KYTC D3
Greg Meredith – BGPW
Carroll Duckworth – CASOKY/GObg Transit
Hannah Gray – CASOKY/GObg Transit
Susan Harmon – BGWC Airport
Ron Cummings – Warren County Fiscal Court
Angie Alexieff – Operation PRIDE
Tyler Graham – BRADD
Josh Moore – WCPW
Nikki Koller – WCPW
Brett Hightower – WC Sheriff

STAFF:
Karissa Lemon
Ben Peterson
Rachel Hurt

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 July 22, 2019 TAC meeting. Mr. Barry House commented that the last item for project updates be changed from maintenance to rehabilitation.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS
MPO Coordinator, Ms. Karissa Lemon, introduced the item of business – the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update overview. Ms. Lemon briefly reviewed the MTP update process touching on content of the Plan, timeline, and tentative schedule for completing Plan contents. Ben Peterson, City-County Planning Commission Executive Director, added that ideally, the MTP and the 2030 Comprehensive Plan would meld into one working document to guide future planning efforts and will be used simultaneously.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Mr. Peterson relayed a comment regarding safety concerns for a school bus stop location near Whispering Hills Blvd.

Project Updates:
• KYTC reported that the days leading up to Labor Day weekend will bring a lot of traffic into Bowling Green for the Corvette Museum’s 25th Anniversary. Mr. Wes Watt reported that KYTC crews, along with local law enforcement, will be on location to help direct traffic and signal timing.
• Warren County Public Works is responding to requests for school bus turnarounds and is completing routine maintenance.
• GObg Transit recently received a grant to pay for parking lot improvements and security camera upgrades. It was reported that an additional grant will provide several mini-vans for their ADA service, with five more vehicles coming in the next few weeks. Mr. Duckworth stated that GObg ridership increased 28% year-to-date. Mr. Duckworth added that toll credits will expire after this year, likely presenting some challenges and uncertainty in funding transportation projects. In light of this, Greg Meredith added as a point of interest for the committee, that the need for a gas tax increase is great in order to help fund roadway improvements and maintenance.
• The City of Bowling Green Public Works provided an update on the Downtown Fountain Square Park project. Mr. Meredith reported that the project, excluding landscaping, is slated for completion by November 2019. Additionally, the City's resurfacing/overlay projects are wrapping up for the season.
• Ms. Lemon stated that the US 31W Bypass Road Diet Feasibility Study kicked off on August 27, 2019 with Kimely-Horn selected as the consultant. It was added that due to the rescission of federal MPO planning dollars, the KYTC will be leading several studies across the state to use the funds. A study for the Bowling Green-Warren County MPO will be conducted by KYTC to evaluate the need and feasibility of a new I-65 interchange in the southern part of Warren County. Ms. Lemon also provided a brief update on the work of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). Ms. Lemon stated that the BPAC is working on educational material and programs to encourage and promote bicycle safety.

E. ADJOURNMENT
It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be September 23, 2019.