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 August 26, 2019 TAC meeting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS
MPO Coordinator, Ms. Karissa Lemon, introduced the speaker for the first item of business – Ms. Julie Trovillion, U.S. Census Bureau. Ms. Trovillion presented to the committee basic information about the history of the U.S. Census and the goals, strategies, and changes for the upcoming 2020 Census. Ms. Trovillion expressed the importance of Census data for local government funding and an integral tool in planning practices.

The next item of business addressed the update of the FY2019-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Lemon stated that revisions were made to the draft document during the 30-day public comment and review period. Ms. Lemon worked with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration to incorporate their comments into the final document. With no objections, the TAC recommended the final FY2019-24 TIP to the Policy Committee for their approval.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Mr. Joe Plunk relayed public concerns from Smiths Grove regarding transportation priorities and access management issues near the I-65 exit in Smiths Grove. Mr. Plunk asked if a study could be completed for this area and suggested considering more projects from Warren County’s incorporated areas into future SHIFT
projects. Mr. Ron Cummings passed along public concerns from Alvaton area residents about the use of the J-turns on Scottsville Road.

**Project Updates:**

- KYTC reported on the BGMU project that will close one lane of traffic on US 31W Bypass from Park Street to State Street for 60-days. Within this period, will also be a full roadway closure for two weeks. The I-165 repaving project is nearing completion. A Bridging Kentucky project is underway on the Hammet Hill bridge over Salt Lick Creek. The bridge will be closed and traffic detoured until the replacement is complete. KYTC District 3 participated in the SHIFT West Region Summit to review boosted projects for the region. Mr. Plunk added that the Governor’s Recommended Highway Plan should be ready around the new calendar year. The Southwest Parkway project is moving forward with the Right-of-Way acquisition phase. Mr. Plunk commented on the pedestrian issues (previously discussed) along the Russellville Road railroad underpass, near University Blvd. It was stated that signs will be installed notifying that pedestrians are not allowed on the roadway under the underpass. This is due to safety concerns with access in/out of area developments, in addition to the narrow roadway.

- GObg Transit reported that a local SNAP grant was recently awarded to fund benches in front of the Justice Center. The benches are slated to be installed in November.

- Warren County Public Works is wrapping up the fiscal year’s paving contract and recently authorized funds for the design phase of the roundabout at Smallhouse Rd and Elrod Rd and will bid the project in early spring. Additionally, the final design plans for rehabbing the Old Richardsville bridge are nearly complete; future construction/rehab is undetermined.

- WKU reported that Topper Transit’s new routes are working well, but they did add a circular route in response to passenger need. The new Park Street commuter lot is well utilized and prompting transit ridership from that location.

- The City of Bowling Green Public Works recently installed a stop sign crossing at Chestnut St. and Cabell Dr. in response to high pedestrian traffic alongside WKU’s main campus. The City will remove the traffic signal at Normal St. and Regents Ave. after the completed traffic signal removal study; the intersection will be a four-way stop. The Downtown Fountain Square Park project is continuing, with completion expected by December’s Lights Up event. The Shive Ln phase I project is underway with water line relocation; design for phase 2 from Shive Ln/Ken Bale Blvd to Middle Bridge Rd has also begun. Smallhouse Road phase 3 will include the continuation of the shared-use path and intersection improvements; the start and funding amount for this project is uncertain.

- Ms. Lemon provided a brief update on the work of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). Ms. Lemon stated that the BPAC is working with WKU to implement a safe cycling program with certified cycling instructors. They are also working on a proposed mobile bike program to have an outfitted bike shop in an enclosed trailer that will travel to area schools and events to teach bike safety and provide basic bike maintenance.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be October 28, 2019.