SUMMARY NOTES
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
December 16, 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
Joe Plunk – KYTC D3
Greg Meredith – BGPW
Carroll Duckworth – CASOKY/GObg Transit
Josh Moore – WCPW
Nikki Koller – WCPW
Jennifer Tougas – WKU PTS
Tim McWhorter – WKU PTS
Tyler Graham – BRADD
Jim DeCesare – Sr. Rep. Meredith

STAFF:
Karissa Lemon
Ben Peterson
Monica Ramsey

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 October 28, 2019 TAC meeting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS
MPO Coordinator, Ms. Karissa Lemon, introduced the first item of business. Ms. Lemon briefly reviewed the survey results from the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update transportation survey. Some discussion was had on the results and comments from the survey. Ms. Lemon then reviewed the draft 2045 MTP Introduction and discussed the proposed Goals and Objectives with the committee. Minor comments were made and will be addressed in the document. It was stated that the next TAC meeting will continue the review of completed draft chapters of the MTP.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
There were no stated public concerns.

Ms. Lemon asked for input on the development of the FY21 Unified Planning Work Program. She added if anyone has requests for projects or areas of focus for the work program, to email those in the coming weeks.

Ms. Lemon and Dr. Jennifer Tougas updated the TAC on recently awarded grants enabling the certification of cycling instructors and a mobile bike shop, both working in tandem to promote bicycle education and safety throughout the community.
Project Updates:

• KYTC reported that focus is shifting to maintenance and other work across the district. A study examining the feasibility of a new interchange on I-65 is just beginning. Letting dates for several roadway improvement projects are pushed back due to funding constraints. KYTC is also implementing several safety improvement projects, including Scottsville Rd turning improvements near Alvaton, Scottsville Rd minor widening between Ashley Circle and Smallhouse Rd/Covington St, and I-65 truss signage replacement.

• GObg Transit reported that ridership is continuing to rise for year-over-year comparison. GObg transit routes are now on Google transit. GO bg recently received a new 30’ bus and 7 minivans; they have several more vehicles on order.

• Warren County Public Works is working on maintenance throughout the county. They are underway with a minor widening project on Beech Bend Rd from Garvin Ln to Beech Bend Park. The County is also working on a roundabout project at Smallhouse Rd and Elrod Rd – design is underway and they expect the construction to begin in May/June 2020.

• WKU reported that Topper Transit’s fall ridership held steady and responded well with the newly implemented routes. The evening ridership continued to decline despite the changes; minor changes will be made for the spring 2020 semester. Additionally, WKU reported that the Campus Masterplan update will begin in January 2020.

• The City of Bowling Green Public Works stated that the Downtown Fountain Square Park project is complete. The Shive Ln phase I project is underway with water line relocation. It will be widened to three lanes with a roundabout at Ken Bale Blvd. Design for phase 2 from Ken Bale Blvd to Middle Bridge Rd has also begun, with a roundabout proposed at Middle Bridge Rd. The Southwest Parkway project, in partnership with KYTC, will connect Kobe Way to Russellville Rd. Right-of-way acquisition is complete and was recently let to construction. The project is expected to be completed by August 2020. Additionally, the City Public Works is working on a variety of sidewalk, drainage, and neighborhood roundabout projects.

• The BRADD reported that the Regional Transportation Committee meeting will be January 22; all are welcome. Additionally, the BRADD recently hosted bus driver safety training.

• The City-County Planning Commission reported development is back on the rise, with construction trends expected to level out some in 2020.

• Ms. Lemon added that the US 31W Bypass Road Diet Feasibility study is on hold until data is provided to the consultants from the MPO’s travel demand model.

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be January 27, 2020.