



**SUMMARY NOTES**  
**MPO Technical Advisory Committee**  
**April 27, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.**  
ZOOM Virtual Meeting

**PRESENT:**

**Ben Hunt** – KYTC, Chair  
**Barry House** – KYTC Planning  
**Matthew Holder** – KYTC Planning  
**Joe Plunk** – KYTC D3  
**Wes Watt** – KYTC D3  
**Greg Meredith** – BGPW  
**Josh Moore** – WCPW

**Nikki Koller** – WCPW  
**Jennifer Tougas** – WKU  
**Tyler Graham** – BRADD  
**Chris McIntyre** – WC Public Schools  
**Jim DeCesare** – Sr. Rep. Meredith  
**Chad Bourke** – Strand Associates  
**Adam Clayton** – Strand Associates

**STAFF:**

**Karissa Lemon**  
**Rachel Hurt**  
**Ben Peterson**

**Monica Ramsey**  
**Quentin Walker**  
**Eric Druen**

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

**A. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY NOTES**

Mr. Hunt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the summary notes from the February 24, 2020 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 stated several minor changes were made to the final FY21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and briefly reviewed the contents of the work program. There were no questions; the FY21 UPWP was recommended for approval by the Policy Committee.

Ms. Lemon introduced Mr. Chad Bourke and Mr. Adam Clayton of Strand Associates to present the findings of the US 31W Bypass Road Diet Feasibility Study. Mr. Bourke reviewed data collected throughout the study and presented the recommendation to implement the road diet from the roundabout to Lehman Avenue. It was stated that the road diet is predicted to reduce crashes by 25%, with improved operations at the Broadway Ave. intersection, and will increase queue lengths at some intersections. The committee supports moving forward with the recommendation when funding becomes available, likely in several years.

**D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**BPAC Updates:** Ms. Lemon stated that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is working out the details for the BikeWalkBG mobile bike program. Much of the work has been put on hold due to COVID-19.

**Project Updates:**

- CCPC Executive Director, Ben Peterson, reported that development and construction are holding steady. Permit levels are stable, but development applications are down from previous months.



- Chris McIntyre, Warren County Public Schools, reported that construction is moving forward for Cumberland Trace Elementary, Greenwood High, and Warren Central High. Additionally, it is expected that work will begin on Richpond Elementary by June 2020.
- KYTC stated that due to COVID-19, they expect some budget impacts. Of this, millions of dollars of resurfacing funds have been put on hold. Locally, the Cemetery Road resurfacing is on hold, but the Morgantown Rd-I-165 interchange project will still move forward and is scheduled to let in July. Additionally, Mr. Plunk reported that the 2020 Highway Plan is finalized and the document will be posted online in the coming days.
- Warren County Public Works reported that county permits are holding steady, with many permits pertaining to home improvement projects. The Beech Bend Road project is underway with utility work being completed soon. The project should be finished in May. The County anticipants putting the Smallhouse Road/Elrod Road roundabout project out to bid within the next 30 days. Additionally, the County is beginning to prioritize resurfacing projects.
- The City of Bowling Green Public Works is prioritizing their resurfacing projects for the current fiscal year as well. The Southwest Parkway project is beginning to move dirt and is expected to be complete in September 2020. Work on various neighborhood roundabouts are underway, with the Crossings near completion. The Shive Lane widening project is closed to traffic on Ken Bale Blvd with other temporary access modifications. The roundabout and widening of this phase is expected to be complete in the next few months. Additionally, the City is overseeing the Moss Middle/Jennings Creek Elementary Greenway project – work is on hold until drier conditions allow for construction. The WKU Bikeway project along Center Street is near completion.
- WKU is planning for COVID-19 procedures, re-openings, and how to handle the fall semester. The joint RFP with the City for micro-mobility providers is ready to go, but waiting for COVID-19 restrictions to lift before issuing the RFP.

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be May 18, 2020.