



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

PRESENT:

Ben Hunt – KYTC, Chair
Barry House – KYTC Planning
Matthew Holder – KYTC Planning
Wes Watt – KYTC D3
Joe Plunk – KYTC D3
Greg Meredith – BGPW
Melissa Cansler – BGPW
Steven Beck – City Transit/RATP Dev
Josh Moore – WCPW
Jennifer Tougas – WKU

Tim McWhorter – Topper Transit
Carroll Duckworth – CASOKY/GObg
Nate Heisler – BRADD
Ron Cummings – Magistrate
Jim DeCesare – Sr. Rep. Meredith
Susan Harmon – BGWC Airport
Dan O’Dea – Stantec
Graham Winchester – Stantec
Aviance Webb – FTA Region 4
Delvagus Jackson – PBC Elementary Principal

STAFF:

Karissa Lemon
Monica Ramsey

Quentin Walker

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

A. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY NOTES

Mr. Hunt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the summary notes from the June 22, 2020 TAC meeting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Lemon, introduced the first item of business. Ms. Lemon introduced the consultants from Stantec to present the findings of the Kentucky/Adams Street Corridor Study. Mr. Dan O’Dea shared a presentation of the study and the proceeding recommendations with the committee. It was stated that the preferred and final recommendation is to conduct a road diet on Kentucky Street, converting one lane of travel to a buffered bike lane, and preserving on-street parking and one lane of travel. The recommendation proposed to keep two lanes of travel (one-way) on Adams Street, but convert the unused on-street parking to a buffered bike lane.

The next item of business addressed the final Draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Ms. Lemon reviewed the remaining items and timeline to get the final 2045 MTP approved by November, and proceeded to provide a brief presentation on the contents of the document. It was stated that it would be helpful to have an understanding of the impacts of COVID-19 incorporated into the travel demand model. Ms. Lemon also announced the 2045 MTP virtual public meeting details.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

BPAC Updates: Ms. Lemon stated that the BikeWalkBG mobile bike program has been put on hold due to COVID-19.



Project Updates:

- KYTC reported that ramp 3 of Interstate-165 (Nashville Rd) northbound exit will soon start construction to accommodate a dual-left turn lane; work for this project is scheduled this season. Additionally, KYTC stated that resurfacing projects across the state are paused until further notice.
- The Planning Commission staff added that they are seeing a steady flow of applications and work is remaining busy.
- WKU is preparing for the fall semester with face-to-face opening on August 24, 2020. The University is taking measures to protect students, faculty, and staff. A slow move-in of on-campus students will begin in the coming week, in an effort to reduce crowds.
- Topper Transit has installed plexiglass shields, will enforce social distancing, and have modified routes for the upcoming school year. They have also purchased an electro-static sprayer to assist with cleaning and sanitizing the buses.
- Warren County Public Works is hoping to finalize design plans for the Smallhouse Road/Elrod Road roundabout in the coming weeks, with work starting thereafter. The County has received a high number of calls requesting stop signs in various neighborhoods; staff is analyzing these locations for possible sign installation.
- GO bg Transit has experienced ridership decline as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. They are implementing social distancing and masks on their buses. Additionally, RATP-Dev is working alongside the City and GO bg transit for transit management.
- The Bowling Green-Warren County Airport reported work is being finalized on phase 2 of their taxiway project; the project is expected to be complete by October.
- The City of Bowling Green Public Works recently received approval to continue work on Shive Lane phase 2 and 3, which will be combined to continue from Ken Bale Blvd and extend with a new road connector to Lovers Lane at Searcy Way. The Southwest Parkway project is expected to be complete in September. The City has a number of sidewalk projects and rehab in the works for this fiscal year, including a TAP grant project to repair sidewalks along state-maintained corridors; new sidewalk in several locations across the city; and additional rehab to address safety concerns. The Jennings Creek Elementary/Moss Middle Greenway Connector project is nearly complete. Additional sidewalk connections to the schools and neighborhood will also be made.

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be August 24, 2020.