



SUMMARY NOTES
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
October 26, 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

Jim DeCesare – Sr. Rep. Meredith
Susan Harmon – BGWC Airport
John Dix – WCWD
Kyle Hunt – BGPW
Steven Beck – City Transit/RATP Dev
Jennifer Tougas – WKU

STAFF:

Karissa Lemon
Monica Ramsey
Rachel Hurt

Quentin Walker
Ben Peterson

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 September 28, 2020 TAC meeting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Lemon, MPO Coordinator, introduced the first item of business. Ms. Lemon briefed the committee on the upcoming SHIFT 2022 project prioritization process for the development of the 2022 Highway Plan. Ms. Lemon explained that a similar process will be used as what was used in the previous iteration of the MPO's SHIFT 2020 process. Ms. Lemon reviewed a draft schedule and timeline with the committee members, then introduced the Planning Commission's new webmap interface that will be used in reviewing the projects. Ms. Lemon noted the public webmap interface should be open and available to the general public by the end of this calendar year. It was noted by several members to seek involvement from the newly elected officials, once in office in early January 2021.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Several members brought up transportation-related concerns that have recently been voiced by the public and/or observed by the committee. These issues include: a pothole at Smallhouse Rd and Campbell Ln; request for the flashing yellow light at Moorman Ln and Louisville Rd to have a dedicated left turn phase (Joe Plunk noted the turn counts at this location do not warrant a traffic signal); and traffic signal timing issues at Woodhurst St and Scottsville Rd, and Ashley Circle and Scottsville Rd.

Project Updates:

- GObg Transit/City Transit Management reported that new benches were recently installed in front of the justice center to accommodate the bus stop at that location. Additionally, their new Token Transit App, which allows for riders to purchase transit fares via their mobile device, has had positive use and sales thus far.



- The City of Bowling Green Public Works stated the Southwest Parkway is nearly complete, with final pavement and street lighting to finish soon. The Smallhouse Rd shared-use path extension from Ridgecrest Way to Broadway Ave/Scottsville Rd is in design, with construction slated for spring 2021. The City is working with KYTC to improve the pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection as well. The Shive Ln phase 2 and 3 project is moving forward, with an expected completion of both phases by the end of 2021. This will include a roundabout at Middle Bridge Rd and will create a new route to connect to Lovers Ln with a traffic light at Searcy Way. It was also reported that the City is wrapping up their Greenways Prioritization and will work on moving into construction for the top ranked projects in the coming months. These projects will address gaps in the existing system and will aim to connect parks and schools.
- KYTC reported that the Exit 7 on I-165 project will start with bridge work and tree clearing this winter. The I-165/US 31W off-ramp Exit improvements opened to traffic last week. Additionally, repavement for Kentucky and Adams Streets will let in November, with repaving to begin in the spring. This project will implement the final recommendations listed in the recently completed Kentucky and Adams Streets Improvements Study. Finally, pavement rehab work will begin on a portion of I-65, with most of the repaving beginning summer 2021.
- Ms. Lemon reported that the I-65 Interchange Feasibility Study is moving forward, with the consultants analyzing the recommended routes and alternatives for a potential interchange. The next public input phase will be in February or March of 2021. Ms. Lemon also stated that the Transit Service Development Plan has begun and the consultants, Michael Baker International, are leading the work of that study.

Ms. Lemon stated that Dr. Jennifer Tougas, the current Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair, will be stepping down and handing the role over to a new member. The next Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting will be December 14th at 4 p.m.

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be December 14, 2020.