

SUMMARY NOTES MPO Technical Advisory Committee April 25, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

In-Person at City-County Planning Commission | Virtual via Zoom

PRESENT:

Matthew Holder – KYTC Planning, Chair Proxy Isidro Delgado – KYTC CO Wes Watt – KYTC D3 Jennifer Tougas – WKU PTS (v) Melissa Cansler – BGPW (v) Greg Meredith – BGPW (v) Jeff Meisel – City of BG (v) Jim DeCesare – Sr. Rep. Meredith Christian Howard – BG Area Chamber (v) Susan Harmon – BGWC Airport (v) Josh Moore – WCPW (v) Shawn McPherson – State Rep (v) Noura Akkad – FHWA KY Division

STAFF:

Karissa Lemon

Quentin Walker

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 28, 2022 TAC meeting. There were none.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Karissa Lemon stated several comments from KYTC, FTA, and FHWA were addressed in the final FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Ms. Lemon briefly reviewed some of the major work tasks to be performed in FY 2023 and asked if there were any questions or concerns. Being none, the TAC recommended the FY23 UPWP to the Policy Committee for approval.

Ms. Lemon called on KYTC District 3 Chief District Engineer, Joe Plunk, to present on the 2022 Enacted Highway Plan. Mr. Plunk gave a presentation reviewing each of the projects included in the 2022 Enacted Highway Plan. Some discussion was had on several projects. Mr. Plunk emphasized that the 2022 Highway Plan is over programmed (not enough funding available for all the projects included in the Plan).

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no public concerns expressed.

Project Updates:

The Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce reported on major announcements in the Transpark and their partnership with KYTC to provide roadway improvements in response to the expanded growth.

Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport reported the apron repair project is nearing completion.



WKU stated that classes will be over in a few weeks. WKU is seeking approval with the City of Bowling Green to bring a bike share company with electric-assist bicycles to Downtown and WKU campuses in August 2022. Topper Transit is looking at overhauling some routes with a Hilltop Circulation Study underway.

Warren County Public Works is preparing for the upcoming pavement season. They have 2-3 large culvert replacements and routine maintenance underway.

Bowling Green Public Works reported on a variety projects. They recently completed traffic signal replacements at Chestnut and 6th/7th Ave intersections. The Shive Ln project is in progress with mass grading; completion anticipated for mid-2023. Rounabouts along Westin Street are in the planning and design stages, with the Rockingham intersection to be constructed first, with completion by fall 2022. The walking path underneath the River Street Bridge is near completion. The FY22 sidewalk and greenway projects are under design. The final phase of Smallhouse Road, to continue the shared use path, will go out for re-bids this spring/summer. TAP funds were awarded for the rehab of the College Street pedestrian bridge. Additionally, the City is working on their annual sidewalk and greenway prioritization process.

KYTC is starting their construction season. The US 31W (Nashville Road) widening in the Richpond area is well underway. Pavement and crack sealing projects along several roadways are upcoming. The US 31W Bypass road diet project is anticipated to be complete by June 30, 2022.

Ms. Lemon concluded by sharing several upcoming dates for BikeWalkBG events and announced the opening of the public input survey for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update.

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be June 27, 2022.