



**SUMMARY NOTES**  
**MPO Technical Advisory Committee**  
**August 28, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.**

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

**PRESENT:**

**Ben Hunt** – KYTC Planning, Chair  
**Matthew Holder** – KYTC Planning  
**Jared Jeffers** – KYTC CO  
**Wes Watt** – KYTC D3 (v)  
**Tim McWhorter** – WKU PTS (v)  
**Jennifer Tougas** – WKU PTS (v)  
**Melissa Cansler** – BGPW  
**Joe Plunk** – KYTC Planning

**Josh Moore** – WCPW  
**Noura Akkad** – FHWA KY Division (v)  
**Ron Cummings** – WC Magistrate (v)  
**Austin Sims** – BRADD  
**John Dix** – WCWD (v)  
**Susan Harmon** – BGWC Regional Airport (v)  
**Brandon Pittman** – KYTC OTD

**STAFF:**

**Karissa Lemon**  
**Ben Peterson**

**Rachel Hurt**  
**Quentin Walker**

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 June 27, 2022 TAC meeting. There was none.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

MPO Coordinator, Ms. Karissa Lemon, presented an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect project additions and changes as identified in the 2022 Enacted Highway Plan. The amendment is out for a required 15-day public review and comment period and will then be approved by the MPO Policy Committee.

Ms. Lemon then provided a brief presentation of the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP). Ms. Lemon reviewed the contents of the draft BPMP, including information from each of the following sections: Introduction, Public and Stakeholder Engagement, Non-Infrastructure Recommendations, Infrastructure Recommendations, and Implementation. The proposed priority shared use paths were reviewed, along with the proposed Loop around the City of Bowling Green, and the implementation steps and strategies. Ms. Lemon asked if there were any questions or comments for change. Being none, she stated final editing and formatting will be conducted over the next month to draft the final BPMP for approval in October.

Several upcoming grant and funding opportunities were discussed. Austin Sims, Regional Transportation Planner at the BRADD, stated the BRADD is working with University of Kentucky to develop a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan for the BRADD region. Once complete,



applications for the SS4A Implementation Grants can then be submitted to make improvements to area roadways to accommodate all users. Ms. Lemon then introduced the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), a new program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL), which allocates dedicated funds to reducing carbon emissions. Through Kentucky appropriations, the MPO will receive \$252,190 of CRP funds each year, for the next four years. Ms. Lemon briefly discussed some eligibility requirements and internal ideas, including using the funds to initiate design for the MPO's top priority shared use path projects. It was decided for the TAC to generate additional ideas to discuss in October, with a decision made by December, to begin using funds in January.

Lastly, Ms. Lemon stated the MPO will opt to create a Complete Streets policy/resolution or adopt the State's policy. More details will be presented at the October meeting.

#### **D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

##### **Public Concerns**

Below are expressed public concerns from various TAC members:

- Recent bicyclist fatality on Old Morgantown Road
- Poor pedestrian crossing/safety concerns on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the CSX underpass and Clay Street
- US 31W Bypass – narrow lanes are difficult for large vehicles
- Bike lanes downtown – general complaints about their existence
- Car rider lines increasing issue, particularly at Plano, Alvaton, Richpond, and FCA
- Poor lighting at Otte Court/Scottsville Road
- Long wait times at Emmett Ave/Nashville Road traffic signal

##### **Project Updates**

The Planning Commission is updating the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. A public meeting for the Transportation section held 8/22/2022. Development and permits are high, keeping everyone busy.

The BRADD is working on an application to complete a Safe Streets for All Action Plan study for all counties in the BRADD.

Bowling Green Public Works reported that the Rockingham Ave/Westen St roundabout is complete and open to traffic. The Ashley Circle and Westen St roundabout is slated for the next Westen St improvements. The Smallhouse Rd Phase 3 shared use path from Ridgecrest Way to Broadway Ave started and will be complete by the end of the year. Shive Ln/Ken Bale Blvd extension is also under construction and will connect to Lovers Lane at Searcy Way. The City expects to repave approximately 15 miles of city streets for the annual overlay projects. Approximately 1 mile of new sidewalk will be constructed for the annual sidewalk program.

Warren County Public Works has about 15 miles of paving in their annual overlay contract. Most of their efforts have been related to maintenance of Johnson grass along County rights-of-way.



WKU Topper Transit is receiving two newly refurbished buses and working to finish refurbishing their existing fleet.

KYTC District 3 stated a cape seal project will soon begin on Veterans Memorial Blvd from Jennings Creek to Barren River Road. The US 31W (Nashville Rd) widening project from Dillard Rd to Buchanon Park is under construction and slated for completion by October 2022. Rolling closures on US 31W Bypass for BGMU work will continue later this fall.

Warren County Public Schools reported work will begin on Greenwood High School renovations this fall.

Warren County Water District reported work on a sewer project along Dillard Road and work on a new water main for the VA facility in the Transpark.

The BG-WC Regional Airport stated design is underway for a runaway and apron project and they are continuing to work with insurance for repairs.

Ms. Lemon concluded by sharing several upcoming dates for BikeWalkBG events.

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be October 24, 2022.