



SUMMARY NOTES
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
February 27, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT:

Ben Hunt – KYTC D3, Chair
Matthew Holder – KYTC D3
Andrew Stewart – KYTC D3
Jared Jeffers – KYTC CO (v)
Joe Plunk – KYTC D3
Josh Moore – WCPW
Nikki Koller – WCPW
Melissa Cansler – BGPW

Austin Sims – BRADD
John Dix – WCWD (v)
Susan Harmon – BGWC Regional Airport (v)
Jennifer Tougas – WKU PTS (v)
Jim DeCesare – on behalf of Michael Meredith (v)
Jeff Meisel – COBG (v)

STAFF:

Karissa Lemon
Ben Peterson
Natasha Smith

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 December 12, 2022 TAC meeting. There was none.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS

MPO Coordinator, Karissa Lemon, introduced the first item of business. Ms. Lemon stated that the MPO adopts the statewide safety targets, established by KYTC, each year. Ms. Lemon stated that the targets are based on a five-year rolling average and due to data constraints this year, no safety data was provided for Warren County. Ms. Lemon asked if all were in favor to recommend the adopted KYTC safety targets to the MPO Policy Committee. All were in favor.

Ms. Lemon moved onto the next item of business. Ms. Lemon reviewed the draft 2023 Participation Plan update. Minimal changes were made to the document from the last update in 2018. This document is required to be updated every 5 years and must be published for a 45-day public review and comment period after the draft is approved. All were in favor of recommending the draft 2023 Participation Plan to the MPO Policy Committee.

The next item of business addressed the draft FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Ms. Lemon reviewed some of the work tasks included in the draft plan, as well as the direct expenses included in the budget. No questions or comments were made on the draft document. All were in favor of recommending the draft FY 2024 UPWP to the MPO Policy Committee.



The final item of business included discussion of new CHAF projects created for Warren County. These projects will be considered in the statewide SHIFT 2024 prioritization process. Ms. Lemon reviewed each new project and all members were in agreement for their need. Some discussion was had on the SHIFT 2024 process and approach, sponsorship, and timeline of process. No additional projects were recommended.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Public Concerns

Ms. Lemon took a moment to provide an update on the Smallhouse Road Study public meeting where public concerns were communicated in-person and through activity boards. The group discussed the success and challenges of the meeting.

Project Updates

Warren County Public Works is beginning work on their resurfacing project list and hope to get started soon.

KYTC is staying busy outside of construction season with work on various grant projects and design work.

Bowling Green Public Works reported that the Smallhouse Rd Phase 3 shared use path from Ridgecrest Way to Broadway Ave is complete and provides a meaningful connection between parks and neighborhoods. The Shive Ln/Ken Bale Blvd project is still underway with laying pipe and curb – final paving is expected to be complete later this spring or summer. The roundabout projects on Westen St are all complete with design, but limited funding and rising construction costs will deter the ability to construct all of the planned roundabouts. The next priority is a roundabout at Patrick Way, followed by Ashley Circle. Turning lanes will be added at the Ashley St/Circle intersections with Double Dogs and Greenview Hospital. The College St pedestrian bridge will begin a rehab project in the spring – painting and structural maintenance. Design work will soon begin with American Engineers for the Cave Mill Road project. The City is expecting design to be complete within one year and to include minor widening, intersection improvements, and a shared use path. A TAP project to extend the Creekwood greenway to Veterans Memorial Blvd was recently submitted.

KYTC Central Office reported that the FHWA Urbanized Area boundaries are published for review and editing. It was encouraged to have the MPO provide minor edits.

The BRADD reported work on several RAISE grant applications as well as kicking off another grant for Safe Streets for All in an effort to reduce roadway fatalities.



WKU stated that a joint RFP with the City of Bowling Green is out for the joint management and operations of both WKU Topper Transit and GoBG Transit. Topper Transit is struggling with lack of drivers and therefore lack of trips due to the lack of drivers.

The Planning Commission is seeing commercial projects on the rise and growth in the northern part of the county.

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

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be April 24, 2023.