



SUMMARY NOTES
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
October 24, 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)
Jennifer Tougas – WKU PTS (v)
Melissa Cansler – BGPW
Kyle Hunt – BGPW
Joe Plunk – KYTC Planning
Christian Howard – BG Chamber

Noura Akkad – FHWA KY Division (v)
Austin Sims – BRADD
John Dix – WCWD (v)
Susan Harmon – BGWC Regional Airport (v)
Keith Lovan – KYTC Central Office
Leah Spurlin – WCPR
Ryan Pattee – WCPR
Chris McIntyre – WCPS
Diane Moats – BPAC Member

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 August 22, 2022 TAC meeting. There was none.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS

MPO Coordinator, Ms. Karissa Lemon, introduced speaker, Mr. Keith Lovan, Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). Mr. Lovan gave a presentation on KYTC's recent efforts in drafting and finalizing the state's *Complete Streets, Roads, and Highway Manual*. This Manual outlines various design standards, facility uses and recommendations, and other items to consider in developing complete streets across Kentucky. Mr. Lovan emphasized the flexibility of the Manual and the premise being to provide transportation to all users.

Ms. Lemon then provided a brief presentation of the final Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP). Ms. Lemon reviewed the contents of the final BPMP, including a brief overview of each chapter: Introduction, Public and Stakeholder Engagement, Non-Infrastructure Recommendations, Infrastructure Recommendations, and Implementation. Ms. Lemon asked the TAC to recommend the final BPMP to the Policy Committee for approval. All were in favor.

The MPO formed a selection committee to review and select the most preferred and qualified consulting firm to conduct the Smallhouse Road Traffic Improvement Study. HMB was selected



and notified. Without opposition, the TAC recommended HMB to complete the Smallhouse Road Study.

Ms. Lemon reintroduced 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 reviewed the submitted ideas thus far, such as neighborhood roundabouts, safe routes to schools, shared use paths and/or sidewalks, and matching for other projects. There was discussion on utilizing the funds to study solutions to reducing car rider lines at local schools and the issues the newer trend presents. It was determined that a subcommittee will be formed to decide on the use of these funds.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Public Concerns

There were no public concerns.

Project Updates

The Planning Commission is expecting 2022 to be another record-breaking year in terms of development trends.

The BRADD recently submitted a Safe Streets for All action plan grant. Additionally, they are working on a RFP to provide regional transit connections.

Bowling Green Public Works reported ongoing work for their annual overlay contract and various pipe replacement projects. The Smallhouse Rd Phase 3 shared use path from Ridgecrest Way to Broadway Ave is expected to be complete by the end of November. The ADA sidewalk project on state-maintained streets is complete, with another contract to rehab additional City sidewalks in place for their priority zones. Staff is finalizing the RFP for the design phase of the Cave Mill Road minor widening project. Shive Ln/Ken Bale Blvd extension is also under construction and will connect to Lovers Lane at Searcy Way. The Ashley Circle-Scottsville Road intersection improvement project is in final design with property acquisition in progress.

KYTC District 3 is nearing completion of the US 31W (Nashville Rd) widening project from Dillard Rd to Buchanan Park. A Cumberland Trace school safety project will add a turn lane and resurface/restripe a portion of Cumberland Trace at Cumberland Trace Elementary School. Rolling closures on US 31W Bypass for BGMU work will continue later this fall.

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

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be December 12, 2022.