



SUMMARY NOTES
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
December 12, 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 (v)

Jared Jeffers – KYTC CO (v)

Wes Watt – KYTC D3

Joe Plunk – KYTC Planning

Melissa Cansler – BGPW

Kyle Hunt – BGPW

Noura Akkad – FHWA KY Division (v)

John Dix – WCWD (v)

Susan Harmon – BGWC Regional Airport (v)

Mike Gardner – BGMU (v)

Tim McWhorter – WKU (v)

Jennifer Tougas – WKU PTS (v)

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 October 24, 2022 TAC meeting. There was none.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS

MPO Coordinator, Ms. Karissa Lemon, introduced the proposed project use for the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds. Through Kentucky appropriations, the MPO will receive \$252,190 of CRP funds each year, for the next four years. Ms. Lemon stated that the subcommittee met to discuss the various ideas and decided to pursue, upon approval by the MPO Policy Committee, designing and constructing a greenway connection on Scottsville Rd (US 231). This greenway fills a gap between the greenway on Bryant Way and the future greenway on Cave Mill Road and serves a need to people walking/biking near the mall and surrounding properties. As funds allow in the future, this greenway may extend to Pascoe Blvd and/or fund design of other greenway priorities.

Ms. Lemon moved onto the next item of business. Ms. Lemon stated she will begin updating the FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in the new year. She asked the committee's input on using any extra MPO planning funds on traffic counts/turning movement counts, GIS projects, and/or special projects or studies. The only specific idea mentioned was to look into GIS analysis of crash data over the past five years to identify the highest crash-prone areas and where to focus future prioritization efforts.



D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Public Concerns

Mr. Plunk reported that KYTC District 3 has received many complaints regarding tornado-damaged signs and traffic signals. Mr. Plunk stated that these projects are under contract and are expected to be complete within the next year.

Project Updates

The Planning Commission is expecting a slight slow down moving into the new year. Staff is looking into updating the County's small area plans and is complete with the Comprehensive Plan update.

BGMU will be starting a project next summer to replace lead and copper pipes, per federal requirements. They are hoping to get ahead of pavement projects. BGMU is additionally facing a number of supply chain-related delays with water meters. They are preparing for cold weather and the likelihood of line breaks.

WKU Topper Transit is continuing to work on RFPs with the City of Bowling Green on coordinated transit services. They have several refurbished buses readying for service, however are facing supply chain delays with various bus amenities. A hybrid paratransit van was recently added to the fleet.

Bowling Green Public Works reported that the Smallhouse Rd Phase 3 shared use path from Ridgecrest Way to Broadway Ave is in the final stages. The Shive Ln/Ken Bale Blvd project is mostly on hold until weather permits continued work. 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 Ashley Circle. The College St pedestrian bridge will begin a rehab project in the spring – painting and structural maintenance. A RFP is out for the Cave Mill Rd design phase.

KYTC District 3 is wrapping up construction season. The US 31W (Nashville Rd) widening project is complete, with some corrective work still being done. A school safety project was recently completed at the intersection of Cumberland Trace Rd and Cemetery Rd. Design and contract work is underway for current highway plan projects.

Ms. Lemon concluded by sharing several upcoming dates for BikeWalkBG events and a brief update on the Smallhouse Rd corridor study.

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be February 27, 2023.