



**SUMMARY NOTES**  
**MPO Technical Advisory Committee**  
**April 24, 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  
**Jared Jeffers** – KYTC CO  
**Joe Plunk** – KYTC D3  
**Wes Watt** – KYTC D3  
**Nikki Koller** – WCPW  
**Melissa Cansler** – BGPW  
**Kyle Hunt** – BGPW  
**Tonya Higdon** – FHWA (v)

**Austin Sims** – BRADD  
**John Dix** – WCWD (v)  
**Susan Harmon** – BGWC Regional Airport (v)  
**Jennifer Tougas** – WKU PTS (v)  
**Jeff Meisel** – COBG (v)  
**Chris McIntyre** – WCPS (v)  
**Ron Cummings** – Warren County Magistrate (v)  
**Tim McWhorter** – WKU Topper Transit (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 February 27, 2023 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 performance measure targets for asset management and system performance. KYTC adopted their targets earlier this year and the MPO has updated the targets listed in the continuing resolution, which was approved in 2018. No action was needed.

Ms. Lemon moved onto the next item of business. Ms. Lemon informed the committee that staff reviewed the proposed 2020 FHWA Urban Area Boundary and has made several adjustments to smooth the proposed boundary. The MPO's changes will merge the Bowling Green city limits with the 2010 boundary and proposed 2020 boundary.

Ms. Lemon stated that the draft 2023 Participation Plan was out for a 45-day public and stakeholder review period. Comments were submitted by FHWA and FTA, but no public comments were received. The MPO addressed the comments in the final document. No questions or comments were made on the document. All were in favor of recommending the final 2023 Participation Plan to the MPO Policy Committee.



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

The final item of business reviewed the recommended sponsor projects for the SHIFT 2024 prioritization process. Ms. Lemon reviewed each of the nine MPO SHIFT sponsor projects, followed by KYTC District 3 reviewing their 25 sponsor projects for Warren County. No changes were made to the nine recommended sponsor projects.

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

##### **Public Concerns**

It was encouraged for the County to look into a Transportation Alternatives Project (TAP) grant for a pedestrian connection from Warren East High School to Ephram White Park.

##### **Project Updates**

Warren County Public Works is working on stormwater improvements to address drainage issues in various locations and is working on next fiscal year's paving contract.

KYTC District 3 is starting construction season with work at the following locations: US 231 (Campbell Ln) and Gary Farms Blvd, US 231 (Scottsville Rd) resurfacing, US 31W Bypass – lane reconfiguration from the roundabout to Lehman Ave, and repaving on KY 101 from the Allen Co. line to Gotts-Hydro Rd. Additionally, they are continuing to work with Buc-ee's on site and roadway improvements at KY 101 and I-65.

KYTC Central Office reported working to get signage in place for US bike route (USBR) 23, which runs through parts of Warren County.

Bowling Green Public Works reported that the Shive Ln/Ken Bale Blvd project is underway and nearing completion. The new signal will be operating in the coming weeks. The roundabout projects on Westen St are all complete with design and the next priority roundabout at Patrick Way is in progress with property acquisition. Turning lanes are being 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 has begun 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 and will complement the City's new project to extend Greenhill St to connect at Veterans Memorial Blvd. Lastly, the City is in contract for design of Bluegrass Farms Extension, extending to Plano Road.



The BRADD reported work on a regional transit feasibility study and progressing through the Safe Streets for All grants.

WKU stated that work is continuing to secure a joint provider for the City of Bowling Green and WKU's Topper Transit. The contract would cover joint management and operations of both WKU Topper Transit and GoBG Transit.

The Bowling Green Regional Airport reported work on an apron project.

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

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be June 19, 2023.