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## **SUMMARY NOTES**

### **MPO Technical Advisory Committee**

**August 28, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m.**

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

#### **PRESENT:**

**Ben Hunt** – KYTC D3, Chair  
**Joe Plunk** – KYTC D3  
**Wes Watt** – KYTC D3  
**Josh Moore** – WCPW  
**Melissa Cansler** – BGPW  
**Kevin Jackson** – State Rep  
**Austin Sims** – BRADD

**Mike Gardner** – BGMU  
**Jennifer Tougas** – WKU PTS  
**Susan Harmon** – BGWC Regional Airport (v)  
**Christian Howard** – BG Chamber (v)  
**Jared Jeffers** – KYTC Central Office  
**Andrew Stewart** – KTYC D3  
**Bryan Downing** – Warren County

#### **STAFF:**

**Rachel Hurt**  
**Ben Peterson**

**Amy Scott**  
**Natasha Smith**

The MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order by Chair, Mr. Ben Hunt.

#### **A. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY NOTES**

Mr. Hunt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the summary notes from the July 19, 2023 TAC meeting. There was none.

#### **B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **C. NEW BUSINESS**

Amy Scott introduced the first item of business, the SHIFT Boost Projects. Ms. Scott explained to the group that the MPO had 6 projects to boost and those recommendations will go to the PC for final project boost and approval. Mr. Hunt explained the SHIFT process in more detail and summarized the District Highway Office's boosted projects. After much discussion, the group developed a list of 6 projects to recommend to the PC.

Ms. Scott moved onto the next item of business. Ms. Scott presented the final FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Scott briefly reviewed the public/agency comments of the TIP and stated the Policy Committee will approve the final TIP at the August 29, 2023 meeting. The document will then be distributed to MPO planning partners. With no objections, the TAC recommended the draft FY 2024-2028 TIP to the Policy Committee for approval.

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

##### **Project Updates**

Warren County Public Works is working on ongoing paving projects.



KYTC District 3 has a number of ongoing projects. Mr. Plunk discussed the completion of the US 31-W lane reconfiguration. Additionally, design work is underway for the KY 234 (Cemetery Road) project with the intersection of Hampton Way and Kereiakes Park.

Bowling Green Public Works reported that the roundabout projects on Westen Street are underway with Ashley Circle under construction, then, followed by Patrick Way, then Highland Way. Another roundabout design project is underway near the Preston Miller Park intersection, for next fiscal year. Design work is well underway with American Engineers for the Cave Mill Road project and expected to be complete next spring/summer. The project will include minor widening, intersection improvements, and a shared use path. The City is in plans to extend Greenhill St to connect at Veterans Memorial Blvd, with a shared use path to continue as well. Lastly, the City is in contract for design of Bluegrass Farms Extension, extending to Plano Road.

The BRADD reported slow progress on the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds for the multi-use trail between Bowling Green and Mammoth Cave National Park.

WKU stated that students are back on the hill and mentioned various activates happening on campus as well as the downtown area.

Planning Commission staff reported continued growth, particularly with commercial development. Natasha Smith reviewed upcoming Bile/Walk BG events and status on bike programs.

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be October 23, 2023.