



MPO Technical Advisory Committee
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SUMMARY NOTES

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October 23, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT:

Joe Plunk – KYTC D3

Wes Watt – KYTC D3

Mathew Holder – KYTC D3

Josh Moore – WCPW

Melissa Cansler – BGPW, Vice Chair

Kevin Jackson – State Rep

Richie Sanders – Capital Link – Warren Co.

Jennifer Tougas – WKU (v)

Susan Harmon – BGWC Regional Airport (v)

Christian Howard – BG Chamber (v)

Jared Jeffers – KYTC Central Office

John Dix – Warren County Water District (v)

Andy Souza – BGPW (v)

Tonya Higdon – FHWA-KY (v)

STAFF:

Rachel Hurt

Karissa Lemon

Natasha Smith

Quentin Walker

The MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order by Vice Chair, Ms. Melissa Cansler. Ms. Cansler initiated introductions.

A. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY NOTES

Ms. Cansler asked if there were any additions or corrections to the summary notes from the August 28, 2023 TAC meeting. There was none.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Karissa Lemon presented the first item of business. Ms. Lemon shared the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) modification for inclusion of the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funded trail project between Bowling Green and Mammoth Cave National Park. Ms. Lemon stated that this document does not need approval, but will be added to the TIP once the final FY 2024-2028 TIP approval letter is issued by the Federal Highway Administration. Ms. Lemon said the Barren River Area Development District (BRADD) and MPO are working together on the funded planning study and are hopeful to get the RFPs out this fall. Some discussion was had regarding the details of the planning study and vision of project. Richie Sanders mentioned to look into a project with similar intent that was presented by Mammoth Cave National Park 20+ years ago.

Ms. Tonya Higdon informed the committee of newly released transportation data, the vehicle inventory and use survey data, which can be used for data analysis and freight mapping.



D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Public Concerns

Ms. Lemon shared several public concerns. A community member submitted a complaint over the traffic and safety concerns with Plano Elementary School car rider lines. It was stated that improvement projects on KY 622 would have to go through the SHIFT cycle and be in the Highway Plan. It was stated that coordination could be sought with the school districts to move traffic on their properties.

Another comment was submitted regarding lack of sidewalk/greenway along Louisville Road, particularly between Bristow Elementary and Warren East High School and Ephram White Park. Ms. Lemon shared that she will work with the County and others to pursue grant opportunities for pedestrian connections in this area.

Project Updates

Warren County Public Works is working on ongoing paving projects.

KYTC District 3 has a number of ongoing projects. Mr. Plunk reviewed projects currently under contract: a school safety project at Bristow Elementary for intersection improvements and Buc-ee's road improvements. Projects ready to let: widen Glasgow Road for turn lanes onto Fred Madison Road, turn lane additions on Richpond Road for Richpond Elementary, a section of KY 185 from Pruitt Road to Penns Chapel Road, and a project from approx.. Warren East High School to Mizpah Road. Projects with ROW underway: A section of KY 884 (Three Springs Road), US 31W widening between the Oaklawn Way and Campbell Lane, US 31W from Buchanon Park to Simpson County line, and US 31W from KY 234 to Park Street. Lastly, projects in design: A portion of KY 234 from Roger Porter Road to Fountain Trace, KY 234 near Kereiakes Park, some geotechnical work on Richdsville Road, and the Plano Road "s" curves.

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. Greenways maintenance is of focus with inspections of all trails nearly complete. The City will prioritize the needs over the coming months. Lastly, the City is in contract for design of Bluegrass Farms Extension, extending to Plano Road.

WKU stated that a new contract between the City of Bowling Green and WKU with RATP-Dev is underway to manage and operate both transit systems.



Airport staff reported on ongoing and upcoming runway maintenance, which will intermittently close some of the runways.

The Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce stated that Scotty's is working on entrance and exit ramps off exit 30 for improved access to the Transpark.

Warren County Water District reported ongoing work at the Transpark to expand service and capacity.

Federal Highway Administration staff informed the committee of several notice of funding opportunities for federal grants, including the Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator and the Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program.

Richie Sanders mentioned for the committee to reconsider the "north bypass" project that would provide a connection from I-65 to I-165 in the northwestern part of the county.

Ms. Lemon updated the group on several upcoming grant opportunities that may be further explored by staff.

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be December 11, 2023.