



MPO Technical Advisory Committee  
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**SUMMARY NOTES**  
**MPO Technical Advisory Committee**  
**April 22, 2024 @ 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  
**Andy Stewart** – KYTC D3  
**Zack Neihof** – KYTC  
**Josh Moore** – WCPW  
**Kyle Hunt** – BGPW  
**Andy Souza** – BGPW

**Richie Sanders** – Capital Hill, Warren Co.  
**Austin Sims** – BRADD  
**Isidro Delgado** – KYTC Central Office  
**Susan Harmon** – BGWC Regional Airport (v)  
**Christian Howard** – BG Chamber  
**Tonya Higdon** – FHWA-KY (v)  
**Jennifer Tougas** – WKU (v)  
**Tim McWhorter** – WKU/Go BG Transit (v)

**STAFF:**

**Karissa Lemon**  
**Ben Peterson**

**Rachel Hurt**

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 February 26, 2024 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 stated that minor modifications were made to the MPO's draft FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program and budget that was presented at the February meeting. Ms. Lemon asked for a recommendation to approve the final FY 2025 UPWP. All TAC members were in favor of recommending the FY 2025 UPWP to the Policy Committee for approval. Ms. Lemon stated that the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update Request for Proposals went out the beginning of April, with proposals due May 3, 2024. A selection committee will meet mid-May to select a consulting firm, with work to begin July 1, 2024 and be complete August 1, 2025. Ms. Lemon and Mr. Ben Peterson shared that this will be a comprehensive long-range transportation plan that sets the framework for future infrastructure improvements.

Ms. Lemon shared a link on KYTC's website with videos explaining various roadway reconfigurations. Lastly, Andy Stewart reviewed the 2024 Highway Plan projects awarded to Warren County. There were 39 total projects in Warren County with 13 of those being new projects (from design). KYTC expects the final document to be posted in the next few weeks.



## **D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Public Concerns**

No public concerns were shared.

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Updates**

Ms. Lemon shared that CCPC staff along with staff from Warren County Parks and Recreation and the Barren River District Health Department have been traveling to different elementary schools teaching bicycle education and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. They have reached 6 schools and about 525 fourth grade students.

### **Project Updates**

Bowling Green Regional Airport reported an upcoming electrical project on the main runway and an emergency training session. Additionally, Ms. Harmon shared that the airport offers flight training school for interested persons in learning to become a pilot.

KYTC District 3 is reviewing the final Highway Plan with leadership and will be gearing up to implement projects in the summer construction season.

Warren County Public Works reported that they're finishing up last fiscal year's paving projects and finalizing the budget for next fiscal year.

Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce is well underway with several roadway improvement projects in and around the Transpark, including work on Fred Madison Road and Freeport Road.

Bowling Green Public Works reported that the roundabout projects on Westen Street are nearly complete, with one more roundabout to be constructed at Highland Way this summer. The City is in plans to extend Greenhill St to connect at Veterans Memorial Lane, with a shared use path to continue as well, and a traffic signal at the intersection with Veterans Memorial. Pavement overlay for this fiscal year will be done by July and staff will be focusing future funds on storm sewer improvements. The City has plans to create a road diet on College Street from Riverview Dr to 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, similar to State Street. Lastly, the City will construct the Bluegrass Farms extension as a three-lane roadway with curb, gutter, and sidewalk.

Western Kentucky University informed the group that graduation is upcoming which will generate more traffic around campus and the community. Topper Transit ridership is on the rise with over 400,000 riders in FY 2024 – the highest numbers since the Covid-19 pandemic.

Go BG Transit will receive 6 new buses for replacement of older buses to maintain a state of good repair. Additionally, all Go BG buses will be wrapped with the new branding.



The BRADD staff is finalizing the RFP for the Mammoth Cave trail project using Federal Lands Access Program funds. The BRADD's RAISE grant will work on planning a regional greenway system across the BRADD region.

City-County Planning Commission staff reported that zone changes for single family has slowed down, multi-family zone changes has plateaued, and commercial zone changes are holding steady. Staff will be moving into a long-range planning cycle with an upcoming update of the comprehensive plan.

Ms. Lemon updated the group on several upcoming BikeWalkBG events and programs.

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be June 24, 2024.