



MPO Technical Advisory Committee
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SUMMARY NOTES

MPO Technical Advisory Committee

June 24, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT:

Ben Hunt - KYTC D3, Chair
Matthew Holder - KYTC D3 (v)
Joe Plunk - KYTC D3
Andy Souza - BGPW
Kevin Jackson - State Rep
Melanie Lawrence - Operation Pride
Ron Cummings - Dist 6 Magistrate (v)

Isidro Delgado - KYTC Central Office
Susan Harmon - BGWC Regional Airport (v)
Christian Howard - BG Chamber (v)
Tonya Higdon - FHWA-KY (v)
Jennifer Tougas - WKU (v)
Tim McWhorter - WKU/Go BG Transit (v)
Christopher McIntyre - Warren Co Schools (v)

STAFF:

Carroll Duckworth
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 April 22, 2024 TAC meeting. There was none.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Carroll Duckworth provided updates regarding the consultant selected to complete the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan was Gresham Smith. The contract is slated to be approved by the MPO Policy Committee on 6-25-24. Inquiry was made if there were any questions and none were voiced.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Public Concerns

Ben Peterson with CCPC shared that the Buc-ee's grand opening and the traffic configuration appeared to go well.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Updates

Carroll Duckworth shared that CCPC staff have traveled to different locations teaching bicycle education and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. Approximately 235 children registered at the event held at the Corvette Museum.



Project Updates

Andy Souza with Bowling Green Public Works reported that the roundabout projects on Westen Street has been completed, and that the roundabout in process at Highland Way will be completed this summer. Updates were provided on the west end greenway. Street overlay is completed for the month and reduced due to funding. Fire station #8 opened and station 9 is in the planning stages.

Isidro Delgado with KYTC Central Office reported that the FY25 Unified Planning Work Program has been received and will be released.

Joe Plunk with KYTC District 3 provided updates on Hwy185 bid process, 31W section to 4 lanes, Bristow u-cut, and opening/access for Buc-ee's.

Kevin Jackson, State Representative expressed thanks to the legislative delegation on providing funding for projects in the MPO area.

Melanie Lawrence with Operation Pride reported that a third gateway to Bowling Green is in the works before Morgantown Road on I-165 and that grants are underway.

Jennifer Tougus with Western Kentucky University informed the group that traffic has decreased with the summer months and that they are looking to trim their budget.

Tim McWhorter with RATP Dev reported they are working on route modifications for Topper. Go BG Transit has wrapped 4 buses and has a 5th one in the works. GO BG Transit's downtown transit center facility will be renovated starting in mid-July and completion is expected in November. The vehicle procurement process for 6 vehicles continues.

Susan Harmon with Bowling Green Regional Airport reported the upcoming hanger party and updates on the lighting project.

Ron Cummings, District 6 Magistrate echoed Kevin Jackson's statement and inquired about 240 Woodburn roundabout. Joe Plunk gave an update on the progress.

Tonya Higdon with FHWA-KY gave an update on funding opportunities.

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be August 26, 2024.