

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

A sub-committee of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee

Summary Notes | February 10, 2025; 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid | In-person @ 922 State St, Suite 200 / Virtual Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85959912568>

PRESENT:

Ben Hunt – KYTC D3

Christopher Walden – KYTC D3

Tammy Willinger – Frederick –SKYCTC/ Bowling Green
League of Bicyclist (BGLOBAL)

Jake Moore – Bowling Green City Neighborhood &
Community Services (NCS)

Melanie Lawrence – Operation Pride (v)

Ethan Bates - BRADD

Zach Klosterman – Strong Towns

John Fox – Citizen (v)

Amber Kelleher – Citizen

Jason Childress – Citizen

Nicholas Robbins – Citizen

Ryan Pattee – Warren County Parks

Andy Souza – Bowling Green City Public Works

Kyle Hunt — Bowling Green City Public Works

CCPC/MPO STAFF:

Ben Peterson

Rachel Hurt

Carroll Duckworth

Natasha Smith

Peyton Harmon

1. Call Meeting to Order & Introductions

2. Review Summary Notes – December 9, 2024

- A. There were no additions or corrections to the summary notes from the October 14, 2024 BPAC meeting.

3. Business/Working Items – Carroll Duckworth presented updates on the following:

- A. BikeWalkBG marketing campaign
- B. BPAC survey results review and action steps
 - a. Participation and attendance and Individuals/groups to include
 - Amber Kelleher suggested contacts at Goodwill (Last mile to Work Program) and Salvation Army.
 - b. Suggestion: Have BPAC meetings to handle needed tasks and separate BPAC meetings for public input and feedback
 - c. Suggestion: Alternative meeting schedules or meeting locations,

4. Project Updates:

- A. MPO – Carroll Duckworth presented updates on the following:
 - a. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (includes bicycle/pedestrian) work continues. Next public engagement meetings will be this spring. Presentation by Gresham Smith will be made at the next MPO TAC meeting on 2-24-25.
 - b. City of Bowling Green and WKU third transit merger study meeting with consultant RLS was conducted on 1-15-25
 - c. The next MPO quarterly newsletter was published on 1-10-25. Next edition to publish 4-10-25
 - d. Be a part of the BG2050 visioning process. Make suggestions of what you envision for Bowling Green. Check it out. Input starts 2-14-25 <https://www.whatcouldbgbe.com/>
 - e. FY2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects is complete and posted to website: <https://www.warrenpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/BWG-2024-ALOP-DRAFT.pdf>
- B. BikeWalkBG - Carroll Duckworth presented updates on the following:



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- a. Work is almost completed on the bike friendly business application (due 3-20-25) and good progress has been made on the bike friendly community application (due 6-25-25). Bicycle Friendly University applications due 8-7-25.
- b. Participated in meeting to update GIS greenway mapping.
- c. Adopt-A-Trail greenway sponsors update
- d. Submitted a Neighborhood Flex grant application to partially fund the Traffic Garden at the Fringe which was denied.
- d. Traffic garden at fringe update.
- e. Submitted an American Walks Community Change Grant for \$2000-2,200 to fund trash cans along greenways.
- f. Submitted a Spark Grant (available in cities with GM plants) for \$2,000K to fund helmets and bicycles for School Bike Education Program. UPDATE - AWARDED
- g. Awarded \$10,000 through the 2024 Paula Nye Memorial grant submission. Proceeds to be used to fund School Bike Education Program and other BikeWalkBG activities.
- h. In discussions to host the KY Bicycle and Bikeway Commission annual meeting in Bowling Green this Fall.
- i. Natasha Smith has been named a board member of Cave Country Trails.
- j. Carroll Duckworth nomination to be a Bike Walk Kentucky board member submitted.
- k. Carroll Duckworth registered to attend National Bike Summit in Washington, DC in March hosted League of American Bicyclist.
- l. BikeWalkBG participating in a Study Advisory Committee for a Kentucky Transportation Center research project to study how to collect bicycle and pedestrian data counts.
- m. Conducted Bike Education in Schools Program at four area schools in the Fall and need to ramp up for spring 2025. Looking for volunteers.
- n. Conducted info booth at SKYCTC Club Showcase on 1-22-25.
- o. Met with City and GoBG transit on bike rack mounting PSA video production.
- p. Monday, 12-5-24, Light Up Night Ride had 63 participants.
- q. Sunday, 1-26-25, Community Bike Ride had 12 participants.
- r. Participating in Duncan Hines days planning to include special Friday Community Walk, Community Bike Ride, and Stroll and roll parade.
- s. The purpose and goal of the MPO/BPAC was reviewed from the website.
- t. An update was provide on greenway trailhead markers as well as greenway signage and markings.
- u. Rich Pond Elementary School plans to make application for the All Kids Bike Kindergartner Program. Other schools are encouraged to apply.
- v. MPO/BPAC have resources to share. Resources on bike buses were presented.
- w. MPO/BikeWalkBG has been invited to participate in the Smart Growth America Complete Streets Academy.
- x. Upcoming Events
 - i. BWBG Walking Club | Fountain Square Park | Each Friday | Noon
 - ii. Saturday 2-22-25, Community Bike Ride starting at BOCA Tacos located at 2549 Mount Victor Ln #1, Bowling Green, KY 42103 Participants on-site by 2:45pm with Roll-out at 3pm
 - iii. Sunday, 3-16-25, Community Bike Ride starting at White Squirrel Brewery located at 302 State St. Bowling Green, KY 42101. Participants on-site by 1:45pm with Roll-out at 2pm

C. City (Public Works/Parks) – Jake Moore provided updates on the following:



- a. Jennings Creek Greenway – ATIIP: \$1,200,000, GRANT: \$225,000, City/County:\$75,000 – The project includes preliminary engineering, environmental analysis, and final engineering to advance the proposed Jennings Creek Greenway, which would fill the largest gap in the regional greenway network from Hobson Grove Park to Morgantown Road. Status: Grant Award Announced
- b. Scottsville Road Multi-Use Path – CRP: \$1,426,491, GRANT: \$285,298, City: 71,325 – The project includes the design, easement acquisition, and construction of a new multi-use path extending from Three Springs Road to Campbell Lane and Bryant Way to Cave Mill Road (via Greenwood Mall). Status: Under Design
- c. 102.4 ROW Improvements/West End Greenway Phase II – CDBG Funding – Completion of West End Greenway connecting the West End to Downtown Bowling Green via Hobson Grove Park to Kentucky St. and new pedestrian facilities in Delafield. New multi-use paths and sidewalks will be installed on Double Springs, Church, Pearl, Jackson with street improvements on Beauty. Status: Under Design
- d. 3 Springs Road Sidewalk – TAP: \$440,000, City: \$110,000 – Construction of a 5' sidewalk on 3 Springs Rd. from Wheatstone to Fieldstone Farms and 5' sidewalks on both sides of Fieldstone Farms Blvd. from 3 Springs Road into the existing sidewalks in Fieldstone Farms. Status: Under Design
- e. Riverview Dr. Pedestrian Islands – TAP: \$75,747, City: \$18,937 – The project improves greenways safety through the installation of pedestrian islands on Riverview Dr. at Center St. and College St. The pedestrian islands allow pedestrians and bicyclists to safely cross Riverview Dr. to access Riverfront Park, the College St. Pedestrian Bridge, and the greenways at Riverfront Park. Status: Bidding Process
- f. Asphalt Art Project – \$49,500 grant funding - The City has applied for a Bloomberg Philanthropy Asphalt Art grant that, if awarded, would provide funding to paint pedestrian bump-outs at six intersections in the Shake Rag Neighborhood. Status: Application Submitted
- g. Russellville Road Corridor Improvement Project – \$2.2 million grant funding - The Russellville Road Corridor Improvement Project has been resubmitted as a BUILD grant application. If awarded, grant funds would cover the design of two roundabouts and the relocation of the rail bridge. Scope includes improved pedestrian and bicycle accommodations near WKU campus. Status: Application Submitted.

Andy Souza provided the following updates:

- a. Greenway Lighting – 250,000 in solar lights are being budgeted for greenways in three greenway areas where lack of lighting can limit use and present safety issues.

Kyle Hunt provided the following updates:

- a. Cave Mill Road – Part of a larger roadway widening project between Old Cave Mill/Dishman Lane and Scottsville Rd. The intent is to construct the 8 ft. path on the north side of Cave Mill between the Lost River Greenway near Covington Grove Blvd. and the Greenwood Mall Entrance. The path would then convert to 5 ft. sidewalks on both sides of the road between the mall entrance and Scottsville Rd. and will ultimately tie to the proposed multi-use path on Scottsville Rd. Design for the entire project is approx. 90% complete and design completion is anticipated by the end of the fiscal year. A public meeting was held on Jan. 23rd at Natcher Elementary. KYTC Dist. 3 staff are currently reviewing ROW plans and efforts are being made to have ROW funds released as part of the 2024 Enacted Highway Plan. Status: Design Process
- b. Highland Avenue – Construction is of the 8 foot path is proposed along the north side of Highland between Nashville Rd. and Smallhouse Rd. Design is approx. 90% complete



and is expected to be complete in early March. Property acquisition will begin soon after design completion and construction is anticipated to begin this summer. Status: Design Process

- c. Smallhouse Road – Construction of a 8 ft. path on Smallhouse Rd. from Campbell Lane to Thimble Finger Way. The design process is completed and necessary easements are being acquired. Construction is expected to begin late Spring/early Summer. Status: Acquiring Easements
 - d. Lovers Lane – Expansion of existing sidewalk from 5 ft. to 8 ft. multi-use path from Searcy Way to Soccer complex. The design process is completed and necessary easements are being acquired. Construction is expected to begin late Spring/early Summer. Status: Acquiring Easements
 - e. Greenway expansion program – Regarding both project below: The design process is completed and necessary easements are being acquired. Construction is expected to begin late Spring/early Summer.
 - Smallhouse Road – Construction of 8 ft. path on Smallhouse Rd. from Campbell Lane to Thimble Finger Way.
 - Lovers Lane – Expansion of existing sidewalk from 5 ft. to 8 ft. multi-use path from Searcy Way to Soccer complex.
 - f. Greenhill Extension – City is extending the “Jennings Creek” Greenway over to Veterans Memorial Blvd. to tie to the existing greenway along Veterans. Roadway/greenway design is complete, however, the extension is being built in an existing FEMA flood zone. The consultant is currently performing a hydraulic analysis to accurately size the crossing for Jennings Creek and coordinating with FEMA for necessary permits. Analysis and permitting is anticipated to be complete later this year with construction occurring late 2025/early 2026. Status: FEMA Permits
- D. BRADD –
- a. Ethan Bates provided a summary on Downtown Bowling Green – Mammoth Cave National Park Trail Feasibility Study – FLAP Grant in the amount of \$559,863 for a Shared Use Trail Feasibility Study that would connect Mammoth Cave, Bowling Green, and other areas of Warren County. Status: Study in Process
- E. County (Public Works/Parks) – Ryan Pattee provided updates on the following:
- a. Bike Coop – Mural painting at bike coop located at the fringe on 3-29-25. Coop working on bike tune up fees for general public and various organizations
 - b. Ephram White - County Park Bike Trail
- F. State KYTC-D3 – no project updates provided

5. Updates On Old Business

- A. 2024 Bike Pedestrian Master Plan prioritization update has been completed and posted to the website: [2024-Bike-Ped-Greenway-Prioritization-Wksht-12-2-24.pdf](#)
- B. BPAC (planning) vs BikeWalkBG (outreach) - Contact other BPACs to see their purpose and organization.
- C. Inquiry about the status of the green paint on cross walks/signage/trailhead markers

6. Public Comment/Concern

- A. Amber Kelleher presented a concern regarding the crossing at Smallhouse/Covington and Broadway/Scottsville Rd. Discussion followed with possible discussion. It was agreed to add this to the project list.
- B. Zach Klosterman asked for information regarding item ID-47 on the greenway prioritization



list. It is ranked as #9 in tier 3. No information was available at the time. He also inquired why some projects are on the greenway prioritization list and others are not; and why some higher cost projects appear to have higher priority than some lower cost projects. Discussion followed regarding this items.

7. Adjournment

***NEXT MEETINGS: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) - April 14, 2025, 3p.m.
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) - February 24, 2025, 1p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting - February 25, 2025, 3:30 p.m.***

