



**MPO Policy Committee
Summary Minutes
April 29, 2025 SPECIAL CALL MEETING**
City Commission Chambers (City Hall, 1001 College Street)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bowling Green Mayor Todd Alcott
Warren County Judge-Executive Doug Gorman
Joseph Plunk, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 3

MPO STAFF PRESENT

Ben Peterson
Rachel Hurt
Carroll Duckworth

Warren County Judge-Executive Doug Gorman called the MPO Policy Committee to order.

1. Roll Call - A roll call was conducted in order to determine a quorum; quorum was determined with all members present.
2. Approval of Summary Minutes – There was no discussion regarding the December 16, 2024 meeting minutes. Mayor Alcott made a motion, seconded by Joseph Plunk, to approve the December 16, 2024 minutes. All in favor, so approved.
3. New Business
 - a) Approve: Transit Management Agreement between City of Bowling Green and MPO for inclusion in the FY2026 UPWP. This document updates and will replace the agreement signed in 2017. A motion was made by Joseph Plunk to approve the updated Transit Management Agreement; Mayor Alcott made a second. All in favor, so approved.
 - b) Approve: FY2026 Unified Planning Work Plan (UPWP) document. A motion was made by Joseph Plunk to approve the FY2026 UPWP; Mayor Alcott made a second. All in favor, so approved.
 - c) Approve: 2025 Safety Performance Measure Targets. A motion was made by Joseph Plunk to approve the 2025 Safety Performance Measure Targets; Mayor Alcott made a second. All in favor, so approved.
 - d) Approve: Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) sponsored projects. A motion was made by Mayor Alcott to approve the SHIFT projects sponsored by the MPO; Joseph Plunk made a second. All in favor, so approved.

SHIFT 2026 CHAF PROJECTS FOR WARREN COUNTY									
Line#	TAC RANK	CHAF ID	Item #	Route	Type of Work	Description	BMP	EMP	Cost Estimate
36	18.82	IP20170035	1-80301	CR 1704X	Congestion Mngmnt	Reduce congestion and increase safety on Dishman Lane Ext. from MP 0.570 to just east of Grider Pond Road on Cave Mill Road.	0.570	0.943	\$29,460,000
32	17.88	IP20160208	1-80301	CS 1334	Major Widening	Improve safety and mobility on Smallhouse Road (CS 1334/CR 1235) from Elrod Road (CR 1240) to Campbell Lane (US 231).	0.656	0.879	\$24,480,000
95	16.94	IP20230040		CS 1334	Major Widening	Improve safety and mobility for all users on Smallhouse Road (CS 1334/CR 1235) from KY 886 (Three Springs Road) to Elrod Road (CR 1240).	0.000	1.190	
33	16.18	IP20150072	1-80301	US 31W	Reconstruction	Improve safety and mobility at the US 31W Intersection with Broadway Avenue.	12.789	12.834	\$29,120,000
19	15.00	IP20170022	1-80301		New Interchange	Provide additional access to I 165 and reduce congestion and travel time on US 231, KY 884, and US 31W.			\$56,350,000
10	14.12	IP20180054	1-80301	KY 234	Minor Widening	Reduce congestion and increase mobility on KY 234 from MP 11.9 to 12.4.	11.900	12.400	\$4,400,000
27	13.18	IP20080150	3-8852	KY 884	Major Widening	Improve safety and mobility on KY 884 from the intersection with Long Road to I 165 overpass.	5.516	7.302	\$15,950,000
96	12.24	IP20230041		CR 1266	Major Widening	Improve safety and mobility on Dillard Road (CR 1266) from US 31W (Nashville Road) to Neal Howell Road (CR 1241).	0.000	2.470	
14	11.29	IP20190110		US 231	Spot Improvement	Reduce congestion and improve safety and mobility on US 231 at the intersection with US 68 and US 68X.	13.832	13.882	\$16,360,000

4. Working Items
 - a) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (includes bicycle/pedestrian) work continues with multiple ways for the public to participate: 1.) Charts from public engagement event held on 03/13/25; 2.) PSA video with Q&A 3.) Interactive Map 4.) Survey <https://greshamsmithplanning.mysocialpinpoint.com/bgwc-2050>

- b) City of Bowling Green and WKU transit merger study continues. Last meeting was conducted on 03/13/25 with consultant RLS.
 - c) The League of American Bicyclists Bicycle friendly applications:
 - i) Business – application has been completed for the MPO and submitted
 - ii) Community (Bowling Green) - Progress continues on application (due 6-25-25).
 - d) Adopt-A-Trail greenway sponsors update; Approximately 20 trails have been adopted.
 - e) Traffic garden at fringe update. Ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled. 5/6/25, 11:00am.
 - f) Warren County Bicycle Copop grand opening is scheduled for 5-3-25, 9:00am - 1:00pm.
 - g) Awarded \$10,000 through the 2024 Paula Nye Memorial grant submission. Proceeds funds School Bike Education Program and other BikeWalkBG activities. Waiting on funds.
 - h) Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission (KBBC) confirmed that their annual meeting will be held in Bowling Green this Fall. Dates are Friday, 11/7 and Saturday, 11/8.
 - i) BikeWalkBG participating in a Study Advisory Committee for a Kentucky Transportation Ctr. research project to study collecting bike/ped data counts. No recent updates.
 - j) Conducted School Bike Education Program at four (4) area schools last fall and have four (4) scheduled for this spring. Reaching approx. 1,000 students. Looking for volunteers.
 - k) Participating in Duncan Hines days planning. Three (3) BikeWalkBG events planned.
 - l) AARP Community Challenge Grant – MPO in conjunction with the City of Bowling Green and GoBG Transit has applied for approx. \$20K in funding to place seats at select bus stop locations. Status: Awaiting on award announcement.
 - m) May is National Bike Month (established in 1956) – National Ride a Bike Day (Sunday, 05/04/25); Bike to Work Week (05/12/25-05/18/25); Bike to Work Day (Friday, 05/16/25)
5. Old Business
- a) Carroll Duckworth attended statewide MPO meeting in Elizabethtown and made BPAC presentation. Bowling Green and Lexington are the only two (2) BPACs in Kentucky.
 - b) Quarterly MPO report and invoices were submitted for reimbursement.
 - c) The MPO quarterly newsletter was published on 4-11-25.
 - d) Carroll Duckworth attended National Bike Summit in Washington, DC in March hosted by The League of American Bicyclists. Participated in leading a panel discussion. Concerned was expressed over the uncertainty of funding.
 - e) Received Spark Grant (available in cities with GM plants) \$2,000 award to fund helmets and bicycles for School Bike Education Program.
 - f) American Walks Community Change Grant for \$2000-2,200 to fund trash cans along greenways was denied.
 - g) Worked with City and GoBG transit to produce a PSA video on how to mount bicycle on a transit bike rack. [BikeWalkBG Bike Rack PSA V2 on Vimeo](#)
 - h) BikeWalkBG teaching a Society for Lifelong Learning (SSL) course at WKU on 04/23/25, 11:00am - 12:30pm.
6. Announcements & Information - A brief discussion was held regarding recent flooding as related to the Cave Mill Road project.
7. Adjournment - With no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Alcott, seconded by Joseph Plunk. The meeting was adjourned.


CHAIRMAN
DATE

Next Meetings: *MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) – June 9, 2025, 3:00 p.m.*
MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – June 23, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
MPO Policy Committee (PC) – June 24, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

Meeting materials, maps, studies, plans and additional information online: www.bqareampo.org