

SUMMARY NOTES MPO Technical Advisory Committee June 23, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m.

In-Person @ City-County Planning Commission | 922 State Street, Suite 200

PRESENT:

Ben Hunt – KYTC D3, Chair **Wes Watt** – KYTC D3 **Joe Plunk** – KYTC D3

Melanie Lawrence – Operation Pride (v)

Tonya Higdon – FHWA (v)

Josh Moore – Warren County Public Works

Dana Beasley Brown – City Commission

Ron Cummings – Warren Co. District Magistrate

Christopher McIntyre – Warren Co. Schools Melissa Cansler – Bowling Green Public Works Kyle Hunt – Bowling Green Public Works Susan Harmon – BGWC Regional Airport (v) Jennifer Tougas – WKU (v)

Tim McWhorter – RATP Dev/GObg Transit (v)

Amber Kelleher – Citizen (v)

CCPC/MPO Staff - Carroll Duckworth, Ben

Peterson

1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions

- **2. Approval of Summary Notes** Ben Hunt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the summary notes from the 4/28/25 TAC meeting. There were none. Note were approved.
- **3.** MPO Working Items Carroll Duckworth provided update on the following items:
 - A. Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Amendment #3 Amendment to be presented to the Policy Committee on 6/24/25 for approval. Pending approval, submission to be made to KYTC for processing. https://www.warrenpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/BWG-2024-2028-TIP-Admin-3-DRAFT-6-3-25.pdf
 - B. Recommended Resolution to Policy Committee: 2025 Transportation Asset Plan (TAM) Resolution
 TAM targets are provided and proposed by the City through the city's transit contractor, RATP
 Dev.
 - C. City of Bowling Green and WKU transit merger study has been extended for additional tasks.
 - D. <u>Recommended Resolution to Policy Committee</u>: Release of 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (includes bicycle/pedestrian) draft for public review and comment period. https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/237e069900624f41b2be709ad2dbc0bd
 - E. SHIFT Nine (9) projects determined at the 3/24/25 TAC meeting were submitted for sponsorship. Projects are now being scored and will be returned to TAC for boosting which is planned for the next TAC meeting. KYTC D3 will have made the boosting picks before the meeting so double boost can be made if desired.
- **4. Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Working Items** Carroll Duckworth provided update on the following items:
 - A. Smart Growth America Complete Streets Academy Kentucky has been picked to participate to work with Smart Growth America for a Complete Streets Academy Program. Bowling Green is one of three cities selected to participate in quick build projects (around \$22,000/city). Two projects targeted: 1.) Smallhouse/Covington and Broadway/Scottsville Intersection 2.) Morgantown Rd. on inbound side from Wal-Mart entrance (Festival Drive) to where sidewalk begins. More information: https://www.warrenpc.org/mpo/resources/#Quick Build
 - B. Explored Safe Street For All (SS4A) grant opportunity but have chosen not to participate. Deadline is 6/26/25

- C. The League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community (Bowling Green) application: Progress continues on application (due 6/25/25).
- D. BikeWalkBG participating in a Study Advisory Committee for a Kentucky Transportation Ctr. research project to study collecting bike/ped data counts. Counter devices are being tested. Bowling Green a possible recipient of these counters.
- E. BikeWalkBG Marketing Campaign being completed by CrowdSouth to increase social media reach and improve website.

5. Informational Items

- A. MPO Carroll Duckworth provided update on the following items:
 - a. Transit Management Agreement between City of Bowling Green and MPO was updated from 2017 for inclusion in the FY2026 UPWP. Revision was presented to the Policy Committee on 4/29/25 and approved.
 - b. The 2026 UPWP was presented to the Policy Committee on 4/29/25 and approved. The 2026 UPWP was submitted to KYTC on 4/30/25.
 - c. BG2050 Vision -over 7,890 residents weighed in 1,034,868 times. Results were revealed on 04/14/25. See https://report.whatcouldbgbe.com/ for results and next steps.
 - d. The next MPO quarterly newsletter publishes on 7/11/25.
 - e. Title VI update submitted to KYTC for inclusion in state summary.
 - f. 2025 Title VI plan draft submitted to KYTC Office of Civil Rights & Small Business Development.
 - g. All CCPC staff have complete the annual Title VI training.
- B. Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Carroll Duckworth provided update on the following items:
 - a. The League of American Bicyclists awarded the CCPC as a silver level Bicycle Friendly Business (11th in Kentucky)
 - b. Adopt-A-Trail greenway sponsors update; Approximately 20 trials have been adopted.
 - c. Received Spark Grant (available in cities with GM plants) \$2,000 award. Funds have been spent to purchase helmets and bicycles for School Bike Education Program.
 - d. Awarded \$10,000 through the 2024 Paula Nye Memorial grant submission. Funds have been spent to purchase education, promotion, helmets, and supplies for School Bike Education Program and other BikeWalkBG activities.
 - e. AARP Community Challenge Grant MPO in conjunction with the City of Bowling Green and GoBG Transit applied for approx. \$20K in funding to place seats at select bus stop locations. Status: Grant denied.
 - f. Conducted School Bike Education Program at four (4) area schools last fall and four (4) this spring. Reaching approx. 1,000 students. Gearing up for the fall.
 - g. Participated in Duncan Hines days planning. Organized and hosted three (3) BikeWalkBG events: Ride n' Dine Community Bike Ride; Stoll & Roll Parade; Noon Cake Walk
 - h. Conducted BikeWalkBG Community Bike Rodeo at Summer Reading Kickoff held at Ephraim White Park, over 200 children participated. Thanks to CCPC staff, City Parks, and volunteers.
 - i. Upcoming Events:
 - Every Friday Walking Club, 12 Noon, Fountain Square
 - Tuesday, 6/24/25 International Communities Advisory Council Bike Rodeo
 - Thursday, 6/26/25 (Rain Date 6/27/25) BikeWalkBG info booth at Stand for Children, Hotrod Stadium
 - Wednesday, 7/9/25 Jr. Police Academy, BikeWalkBG Bike Rodeo, 10-10:45 a.m.
 - Wednesday, 7/23/25 Jr. Police Academy, BikeWalkBG Bike Rodeo, 10-10:45 a.m.
 - Thursday, 7/27/25 BikeWalkBG Bike Rodeo Thrive Camp, Jennings Creek
 - Week of 9/21-9/25 TBA BikeWalkBG School Bike Education Program, Jennings Creek
 - Friday, 11/7/25 and Saturday, 11/8/25 Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission (KBBC) annual meeting, Bowling Green, More details to come.

- C. KYTC D3 Joe Plunk gave updates on I 165 vegetation trimming, Cemetery Road turn lanes bid status, R-cut at Rockfield, Morgantown Rd./ I 165 / Exit improvements, plans for roundabout at Brookwood and Morgantown Rd., Us 31 Bypass improvements, Nashville Rd. from Potters to roundabout, Three Springs Rd. Sidewalk project, and that Greg Meredith has rejoined KYTC staff.
- D. Warren County Public Works Josh Moore provided updates on Smallhouse paving, fiscal paving project budget, and two box culvert replacements.
- E. City Public Works Melissa Cansler provided updates on FY25 overlay funding, Freeport Rd; Bluegrass Farms, west end sidewalk rehab, signal reworking, and Greenhills projects. Kyle Hunt provide updates on the Cave Mill Rd. and Thomason roundabout projects as well Scottsville Rd. and Highland Greenway projects.
- F. BRADD Ethan Bates was not present however provide the following updates:
 - a. BG-Mammoth Cave Trail: We had great attendance and feedback from our public meeting and activities at Duncan Hines Days, and some good discussions at BRADD's RTC meeting with stakeholders from Edmonson & Barren counties as well. The next round of public engagement will happen later in the year when routes and alternatives are developed and will include communities inside and outside of Warren County.
 - b. Regional Greenways Study RFP is released and has a response date of 6/24/25, a consultant should be selected near the end of July.
 - c. BRADD has been sharing SS4A information with the MPO and will have our letter of support/coordination for your application by the TAC meeting. BRADD's own SS4A project should have draft recommendations ready within the next two months.
- G. Operation Pride Melanie Lawrence provided updates on additional flag installations funded by \$350K from a benefactor and also that plantings will be relocated from Cemetery Rd. to other locations in preparation for turn lane installations.
- H. District Magistrate Ron Cummings asked for information regarding the state of Bettersworth Rd. Josh Moore provide information regarding the project and the multiple parties involved and responsible for various pieces.
- I. CCPC Ben Peterson expressed that commercial and residential developments appear to be picking up. Amber Kelleher inquired if sidewalks in new residential developments are required. Ben Peterson confirmed they are required.
- **6. Public Concern** Carroll Duckworth provided follow-up information on the following items:
 - A. Crosswalk button at Cave Mill Rd and Chandler appears to not be working. This has been repaired.
 - B. The lack of sidewalks in the Patrick Way/Highland area. Party counted seven wheelchair ramps the area. Also stated that the transit stops are not on paved areas. This has been added to the City's sidewalk prioritization list.
 - C. Pedestrian/Crosswalk issues at Ashley Circle and Scottsville Rd. (see BPAC agenda)

 https://www.warrenpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/MPO-BPAC-Agenda-06-09-2025.pdf

 This matter was discussed at the BPAC meeting where individuals were encouraged to bring such issues to our attention.
- 7. Adjournment With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETINGS: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) – August 11, 2025, 3p.m.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – August 25, 2025, 1p.m.

Policy Committee Meeting – June 24, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

Policy Committee Meeting – August 26, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

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