# **BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

A sub-committee of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee Summary Notes | April 14 2025; 3:00 p.m. Hybrid | In-person @ 922 State St, Suite 200 / Virtual Zoom <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85959912568</u>

#### PRESENT:

Ben Hunt – KYTC D3 (v)
Christopher Walden – KYTC D3 (v)
Tammy Willinger-Frederick –SKYCTC/ Bowling Green League of Bicyclist (BGLOB)
Ethan Bates – BRADD (v)
Gretchen Manco – DDS Engineering
Kent Madison – Center for Accessible Living (v) John Fox – Citizen (v) Amber Kelleher – Citizen (v) Ryan Pattee – Warren County Parks Kyle Hunt – Bowling Green City Public Works Trace Kinney – Aviation Heritage Park Chris M? – ? Dana Beasly-Brown – City Commission

#### CCPC/MPO STAFF:

Rachel Hurt Carroll Duckworth Jada Barnett Peyton Harmon

### 1. Call Meeting to Order & Introductions

#### 2. Review Summary Notes – February 10, 2025

- A. There were no additions or corrections to the summary notes from the February 10, 2024 BPAC meeting.
- 3. Business/Working Items Carroll Duckworth provided updates on the following items
  - B. BlkeWalkBG marketing campaign We are awaiting word from KYTC on how to spend funds. Anticipate to compelte in next month or so.
  - C. BPAC survey results review and action steps Only two BPAC in state of Kentucky. Will branch out to neighboring states
  - D. Smart Growth America Complete Streets Academy Kentucky has been picked as a state that will 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 \$20,000 each). Two projects targeted: 1) Smallhouse/Covington and Broadway 2)
     Morgantown Rd. on inbound side from Wal-Mart entrance (Festival Drive) to where sidewalk begins.

#### 4. Project Updates:

- A. MPO Carroll Duckworth provided updates on the following 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 <u>https://greshamsmithplanning.mysocialpinpoint.com/bgwc-2050</u>
  - b. BG2050 Vision -over 4,000 ideas that generated over 1,000,000 interactions. Results will be revealed on 04/14/25. Sign up at <u>https://www.whatcouldbgbe.com/</u> to get updates as this effort moves forward.
  - c. The MPO quarterly newsletter was published on 4-11-25.
  - d. City of Bowling Green and WKU transit merger study continues. Last meeting was conducted on 03/13/25 with consultant RLS.
- B. BikeWalkBG Carroll Duckworth provided updates on the following items
  - a. The League of American Bicyclists Bicycle friendly applications:
    - Business application has been completed for the MPO and submitted
    - Community (Bowling Green) Progress continues on application (due 6-25-25).
    - University applications due 8-7-25. Tammy Willinger-Frederick said that SKYCTC



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- b. Adopt-A-Trail greenway sponsors update; Approximately 20 trials have bene adopted.
- c. Traffic garden at fringe update. Work is approximately 99% completed on the traffic garden and a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled.
- d. American Walks Community Change Grant for \$2000-2,200 to fund trash cans along greenways Grant was denied.
- e. Received Spark Grant (available in cities with GM plants) award for \$2,000K to fund helmets and bicycles for School Bike Education Program. All but approx.. \$400 is left to spend on a bicycle purchase.
- f. 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. Waiting on funds.
- g. 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.
- h. Carroll Duckworth attended National Bike Summit in Washington, DC in March hosted The League of American Bicyclists and reports that he was involved in a panelist discussion. Concerned was expressed over the uncertainty of funding.
- i. BikeWalkBG participating in a Study Advisory Committee for a Kentucky Transportation Center research project to study how to collect bicycle and pedestrian data counts. No recent updates.
- j. MPO worked with City and GoBG transit to producing a PSA video on how to mount bicycle on a transit bike rack. <u>BikeWalkBG\_Bike\_Rack\_PSA\_V2 on Vimeo</u>
- k. Community Bike Ride starting at BOCA Tacos on Saturday 02/22/25 had 15 participants
- I. Community Bike Ride St. Patrick's Day on 03/01/25 had 19 participants
- m. Conducted School Bike Education Program at four area schools last fall and have threefour schools scheduled so far for this spring. Looking for volunteers. (See events below)
- n. Participating in Duncan Hines days planning (See free events below)
- AARP Community Challenge Grant The MPO in conjunction with the City of Bowling Green and GoBG Transit has applied for approximately \$20,000 in funding through AARP to fund placing seats at select area GoBG Transit bus stop locations. The goal is to make Bowling Green more accessible for those who walk and use transit. Status: Awaiting on award announcement.
- p. Upcoming Events
  - Each Friday FREE BWBG Walking Club, Fountain Square Park, Noon
  - 04/24/25, THU School Bike Education Program, Teranga Academy, 503 Old Morgantown Rd, Bowling Green, KY 42101, 1:00am – 2:30pm.
  - 04/26/25, SAT FREE Community Bike Rodeo, Kereiakes Park, 1220 Fairview Ave, Bowling Green, KY 42103; 9:00am-11:30am
  - 04/26/25, SAT FREE Community Bike Ride, Kereiakes Park, Easy Family Ride All Ages, Participants on-site by 11:45am with 12 Noon Roll-out
  - May is National Bike Month (established in 1956)
    - o 05/04/25, Sunday, National Ride a Bike Day 2025
    - o 05/12/25 to 05/18/25 Bike to Work Week 2025
    - o 05/16/25, Friday, Bike to Work Day 2025
  - 05/05/25, MON School Bike Education Program, Oakland Elementary 2494 Church St, Oakland, KY 42159, 12 Noon – 3:00pm.
  - 05/13/25, TUE School Bike Education Program, North Warren Elementary 420 College St, Smiths Grove, KY 42171, 10:00am to 3:30pm



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- 05/15/25, THU Tentative School Bike Education Program, TBA
- 05/21/25, WED FREE Community Bike Ride Ride of Silence 7:00-8:00pm
- 06/03/25, TUE FREE Community Bike Ride- Ride n' Dine
- 06/05/25, THU FREE Duncan Hines Days Stroll and roll parade
- 06/06/25, FRI FREE Special Duncan Hines Days BWBG Walking Club, Fountain Square Park, Noon
- C. <u>City (Public Works/Parks)</u> Kyle Hunt provided the following updates:
  - a. Bowling Green Parks and Recreation (BGPR) Master Plan and asking for public input: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BGPRmasterplan
  - b. Crosswalk art no updates at this time
  - c. Work has begun on the Riverview pedestrian islands
  - d. Sidewalks along Three Springs Rd plans have been submitted to state for review.
  - e. Cavemill widening project is approximately 90% designed.
  - f. Scottsville multiuse path consultants continue to work on plans. Next step is property acquisition.
- D. County (Public Works/Parks) Ryan Pattee provided the following updates:
  - a. Fringe Bike Coop Ryan Mural painting day 04/19/25, 9:00am
    - b. Duncan Hines Days Bike Race may be cancelled
  - c. Ephram White County Park Bike Trail no updates at this time
- E. <u>State KYTC-D3</u> Ben Hunt provided the following updates:
  - a. Bypass widening project from Fairview to Kroger
  - b. Three Springs widening project
  - c. 31W Campbell Lan to Roundabout
  - d. Public meeting for Veterans Blvd. 4/115/25 parker Bennet Elementary 5-7pm
- F. <u>BRADD</u> Ethan Bates provided the following updates:
  - a. BG-Mammoth Cave FLAP project update Public engagement opportunities coming up possibly at Arbor Day Celebration and Duncan Hines Days.
  - b. Road Safety Survey Carroll to send the survey out to all members.
  - c. Future RFP for \$100,000 Regional Greenway study to identify the most feasible manner to connect 10 counties in BRADD.
- G. Other Updates
  - a. Tammy Willinger-Frederick stated that the Corvettee Track will be opening up to the public on Tuesday evneigns from 4-7 pm for bikes and pedestrians
- 5. Updates On Old Business none were brought forth

## 6. Public Comment/Concern

- a. Tammy Willinger-Frederick stated that cross walk button at Cave Mill Rd and Chandler appears to not be working.
- b. Amber Kelleher stated that BikeWalkBG had great coverage in the monthly Bowling Green newsletter.
- c. Amber Kelleher brought a concern regarding the lack of sidewalks in the Patrick Way/Highland Area. She said she counted seven wheelchair ramps the area. Also stated that the transit stops are not on paved areas.

## 7. Adjournment

## **NEXT MEETINGS:**

#### Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) – June 9, 2025, 3p.m. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) - April 28, 2025, 1p.m. Policy Committee Meeting - June 24, 2025, 3:30 p.m. (Special call is anticipated to approve various documents)



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