



**SUMMARY NOTES**  
**MPO Technical Advisory Committee**  
**December 14, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.**  
ZOOM Virtual Meeting

**PRESENT:**

**Ben Hunt** – KYTC, Chair  
**Barry House** – KYTC Planning  
**Matthew Holder** – KYTC Planning  
**Wes Watt** – KYTC D3  
**Joe Plunk** – KYTC D3  
**Greg Meredith** – BGPW  
**Melissa Cansler** – BGPW  
**Aviance Webb** – FTA Region 4

**Jim DeCesare** – Sr. Rep. Meredith  
**Susan Harmon** – BGWC Airport  
**Robert Gil** – City Transit/RATP Dev  
**Jennifer Tougas** – WKU  
**Tim McWhorter** – WKU Topper Transit  
**Andrew Stewart** – KYTC D3  
**Jeff Meisel** – City Manager

**STAFF:**

**Karissa Lemon**  
**Monica Ramsey**  
**Rachel Hurt**

**Zack Jones**  
**Ben Peterson**

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 October 26, 2020 TAC meeting.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Lemon, MPO Coordinator, introduced the first item of business – Participation Plan Revisions. Ms. Lemon stated that proposed revisions have been made to the Participation Plan, which was last updated in 2018. These revisions reflect accommodations for virtual meetings and public outreach using virtual platforms. The proposed revisions are posted on the MPO website and will be available for public review and comment through January 29, 2021. The Policy Committee will approve these changes at their next meeting.

Ms. Lemon briefly explained the development of GO bg's Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), approved by City Commission on December 1, 2020, and the MPO's Transit Safety Targets. MPO's are required to establish transit safety targets that coordinate with the local PTASP. The MPO's draft targets reflect the data provided in the PTASP and will be approved by the Policy Committee at their next meeting.

The final item of business was the review of CHAF (wish list) projects for the SHIFT 2022 prioritization process. Ms. Lemon stated the first phase of the SHIFT 2022 process is to review all the CHAF database projects, making modifications to existing projects and/or adding new projects, as necessary. Today's meeting reviewed the first 45 projects on the CHAF list provided to TAC members. Ms. Lemon reviewed each project and comments were made as necessary by staff and TAC members regarding modifications to projects. The only new project idea suggested was related to the Southwest Parkway. The suggested project would make improvements as necessary to the connecting roads between Plano Road (KY 622) and Nashville Road (US 31W), along Carter Sims, Long, Neal Howell, and Dillard Roads. This suggested project will be further explored by staff and sister agencies.



#### **D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

One transportation concern was stated. It was reported from several public complaints that the newly constructed Elrod Road-Smallhouse Road roundabout is too narrow and does not provide adequate lighting, causing safety concerns for motorists.

#### **Project Updates:**

- The City of Bowling Green Public Works reported a number of bicycle-pedestrian projects will soon be implemented. Sidewalk repairs are ongoing around downtown, with some brick sidewalks being replaced with concrete slabs. The City will soon begin work on ADA sidewalk improvements along state-maintained roads within the city limits. The Smallhouse Road shared-use path from Ridgecrest Way to the Broadway Ave intersection is expected to be constructed in spring 2021 with crosswalk improvements at the Broadway Ave intersection. The Jennings Creek/Creekwood Greenway is finished and has incorporated a rectangular rapid flashing beacon at the crossing of Creekwood Ave. Additionally, the City has installed a four-way stop at the Patrick Way and Westen St intersection. Left turn lanes were added on Main Ave at Kentucky/Adams Streets with the recent repavement project. The City will continue the fiscal year's repavement contract in the spring.
- WKU Topper Transit will restore more regular transit routes in the spring, with some modifications to previously utilized routes. It will be a three-route system and Topper Transit will continue to ensure safety of its passengers with social distancing and cleaning procedures.
- KYTC reported that the I-165 Exit 7 (Morgantown Rd) project has begun with ramp reconstruction. Several projects have let this fall and will begin construction as weather permits. These include: I-65 pavement rehab for 12 miles from the Simpson County line; US 231 (Scottsville Rd) widening and improvements from KY 884 (Three Springs Rd) to Bryant Way; a safety project to add a right lane into Gary Farms Blvd from Campbell Ln; repavement of Kentucky and Adams Streets with study recommendations implemented; and intersection improvements along US 231 (Scottsville Rd) in the Alvaton area to include J-turns. Additionally, Operation PRIDE has obtained permits for landscaping on I-65 exits 22, 26, and 28.
- The Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport reported that the taxiway alpha improvement project is nearly complete, and design work is being finalized for the apron rehabilitation project.
- Ms. Lemon reported that the I-65 Interchange Feasibility Study is moving forward, with the consultants planning the next public engagement piece for February/March and continuing analysis of the three proposed interchange locations. Ms. Lemon also stated that the Transit Service Development Plan has begun and the consultants, Michael Baker International, have completed the first analysis looking at transit propensity and collecting input on route locations. A public engagement activity is anticipated for the spring as well.

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be January 25, 2021.