



SUMMARY NOTES
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
July 26, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.
Hybrid In-person and ZOOM Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

(V) = Virtual attendance | (P) = In-person attendance

Ben Hunt – KYTC, Chair (P)

Wes Watt – KYTC D3 (P)

Matthew Holder – KYTC Planning (V)

Mike Gardner – BGMU (P)

Brent Childers – BG NCS (V)

Nate Heisler – BRADD (V)

Jim DeCesare – Sr. Rep. Meredith (V)

Jennifer Tougas – WKU PTS (V)

Josh Moore – WCPW (V)

Susan Harmon – BGWC Airport (V)

Robert Gill III – GO bg (V)

Melissa Cansler – BGPW (V)

Aarion Franklin – MBI (V)

Toby Fauver – MBI (V)

Patty Dunaway – MBI (V)

STAFF:

Karissa Lemon (P)

Zack Jones (P)

Rachel Hurt (P)

Ben Peterson (P)

Quentin Walker (V)

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 June 28, 2021 TAC meeting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Karissa Lemon gave a brief introduction to the transit study that has been in progress over the course of the past year. She stated that the consulting firm, Michael Baker International, completed the project and introduced Mr. Aarion Franklin, Mr. Toby Fauver, and Ms. Patty Dunaway to present the findings and recommendations from the study. Mr. Franklin presented a number of slides on the data and analysis performed throughout the development of the transit study. He briefly reviewed the recommendations to improve transit for GO bg, which would include minor tweaks to the existing system, with opportunities for greater changes in several years, contingent on post-pandemic recovery. It was stated that the Study will be adopted by the City Commission at a later date.

Ms. Lemon stated that the SHIFT 2022 scores were not completed by KYTC Central Office and therefore the TAC will not review the scores at the meeting. Ms. Lemon will email the SHIFT 2022 project scores to the TAC to review prior to the August 23th meeting, where members will finalize a list of 7 boost projects to recommend for the Policy Committee approval. The Policy Committee will approve the recommended 7 boost projects at their August 24th meeting.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no public concerns expressed.



Project Updates:

BGMU's Mike Gardner reported that work is nearly complete on a project that replaced 30,000' of forced main along Veterans Memorial Ln. The water treatment plant project has about another year of construction, however, it is expected that fencing, columns, and sidewalk will be constructed later this fall. Additionally, BGMU is underway with extensive lead and copper investigations to meet new water quality standards.

John Dix, Warren County Water District, stated that their primary focus lately has been to provide services in the Transpark area.

Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport's Susan Harmon reported that they are awaiting federal funds for an apron runway project. They are additionally repairing some sinkhole areas.

Ms. Melissa Cansler provided updates for the City of Bowling Green. The Smallhouse Road Phase 3 shared-use path from Ridgecrest Way to Broadway Ave will be out to bid for construction soon. The City paved over 18 miles of roadway for this fiscal year's overlay projects. Shive Lane Phases 2 and 3 are ready to bid for construction as well. Public Works has released an RFP for road improvements on Ashley Circle at Scottsville Road. Additionally, another RFP is out for proposed roundabouts along Westin St – with up to four roundabouts at key intersections. The Downtown Phase 2 improvements are underway, as well as the annual sidewalk program's new sidewalks (Loving Way, Highland Way, Holley Dr, and North Lee St).

Mr. Josh Moore reported that the County is resurfacing about 12 miles of roadway. Work on the Old Richardsville Rd bridge should begin later this summer, with completion by later this fall. Several other bridge projects are underway, with improved water flow at several locations to help mitigate flooding.

Mr. Wes Watt provided updates for KYTC. I-65 repaving is underway with resurfacing in one direction complete. The project is expected to be wrapped up by November of this year. Scottsville Rd from Bryant Way to just north of the Greenwood Mall entrance is under construction, with the final roadway configuration including restricted left turn lanes. Several sections of corridors were recently repaved and restriped, along with some preventative maintenance and safety projects still underway. KYTC District 3 has received positive input regarding the repaving and striping of Kentucky and Adams Streets.

The Planning Commission staff reported a very busy season, with increased development trends and applications for all types of development.

WKU reported that the fall semester begins August 26th, with students moving in in the coming weeks. Topper Transit has an RFP out for refurbishing some of their buses and is underway with driver training.

Robert Gill stated that GO bg transit is working on some software updates with their transit system and has assisted with the development of the transit study.

Ms. Lemon concluded by adding that preliminary work has begun on the BikeWalk Master Plan and will continue throughout the course of this next fiscal year.

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be August 23, 2021.