



SUMMARY NOTES
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
August 23, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.
ZOOM Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Ben Hunt – KYTC, Chair
Barry House – KYTC CO
Wes Watt – KYTC D3
Matthew Holder – KYTC Planning
Jennifer Tougas – WKU PTS
Noura Akkad – FHWA-KY
Aviance Webb – FTA Region 4

Bernadette Dupont – FHWA-KY
Josh Moore – WCPW
Susan Harmon – BGWC Airport
Melissa Cansler – BGPW
Greg Meredith – BGPW
Chris McIntyre – WC Schools

STAFF:

Karissa Lemon
Ben Peterson

Quentin Walker

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 July 26, 2021 TAC meeting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Karissa Lemon stated that the MPO is allocated seven projects to boost in the SHIFT 2022 project prioritization process. Local jurisdictions previously met with staff to review their priorities and provided seven recommended boost projects to the TAC. With some discussion, Mr. Ben Hunt and Ms. Lemon reviewed all proposed projects to be boosted for Warren County, by both the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 3 and the MPO. It was stated that while some of the local priority projects scored low, the MPO and District 3 still see those projects as priorities and worth boosting, as it communicates that despite the data-driven scores, they are priorities. It was mentioned that as development continues in the Plum Springs and Smiths Grove communities, more communication should be had with those leaders to develop transportation projects as needed.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no public concerns expressed.

Project Updates:

WKU reported the start of the fall semester with parking lots full and transit buses running with improved ridership from 2020.

The Warren County Schools representative stated that all is in full-swing, hoping to stay in school in-person five days per week.



Mr. Josh Moore reported that the County's repaving contracts have commenced and bridge work is being done on two county bridges: Old Richardsville Rd and Little Beaver Creek – these projects are anticipated to be complete in November.

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.

Bowling Green Public Works reported on a variety projects. The Downtown Phase 2 improvements are underway, with sidewalk and bump out construction near completion. Resurfacing and restriping will continue, with completion later this season. The Smallhouse Road Phase 3 shared-use path from Ridgecrest Way to Broadway Ave will be out to bid for construction soon, with several remaining properties left for acquisition. Shive Lane Phases 2 and 3 are ready to bid for construction as well. Public Works has received several proposals for road improvements on Ashley Circle and Westin St, including potentially four new roundabouts. Decorative lights will be installed at the 6th/7th Ave intersection with Kentucky St. A number of pedestrian improvement projects are underway: West End Greenway is underway with property acquisition, sidewalk improvements in the West End, and ADA sidewalk improvements along state-maintained roadways. Finally, the City is applying for TAP grants for two projects: improvements to the College St pedestrian bridge and extending the Creekwood Greenway to connect to the Veterans Memorial Greenway.

Mr. Wes Watt provided updates for KYTC. I-65 repaving is underway with the project 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; completion is expected by mid-September. The I-165 Morgantown Road interchange reconstruction project will have traffic on the new ramps within the next few weeks.

The FHWA-Kentucky Division Office provided a brief summary on the proposed infrastructure bill, touting safety as a major emphasis area. Ms. Dupont stated that grants for federal programs will be announced and shared with state and local governments as released.

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

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 September 27, 2021.