



SUMMARY NOTES
MPO Technical Advisory Committee
October 25, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.
Hybrid In-Person and Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Ben Hunt – KYTC, Chair (V)
Barry House – KYTC CO
Wes Watt – KYTC D3 (V)
Matthew Holder – KYTC Planning (V)
Jennifer Tougas – WKU PTS (V)
Noura Akkad – FHWA-KY (V)
Bernadette Dupont – FHWA-KY (V)
Josh Moore – WCPW
Susan Harmon – BGWC Airport (V)

Melissa Cansler – BGPW
Greg Meredith – BGPW
Joe Plunk – KYTC D3
Nate Heisler – BRADD (V)
Tim McWhorter – WKU Topper Transit (V)
Robert Gil – Gobg Transit (V)
Ann Estes – KYTC OTD (V)
Jim DeCesare – Sr. Rep. Meredith (V)

STAFF:

Karissa Lemon
Ben Peterson

Quentin Walker
Zack Jones

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 August 23, 2021 TAC meeting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Karissa Lemon stated that the Agenda item for TIP Amendment #2 does not need to be addressed as the TIP action only requires a modification for a safety and efficiency project on US 68 for turn lanes into the Transpark. TIP Modifications do not require committee action, therefore staff will distribute the TIP Modification upon completion.

Ms. Lemon moved on to address the bicycle and pedestrian updates. Ms. Lemon stated that work is progressing on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update. The first stakeholders meeting was held last week to gather input and review the process. Bike/ped projects will be ranked by the stakeholders and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) in the coming months, to help form the recommendations for the Plan. Additionally, Ms. Lemon discussed the upcoming bike/ped education marketing campaign, to be carried out by CrowdSouth in the spring/summer of 2022. It was mentioned to look into mimicking Lexington's Safe Streets campaign and to target downtown and the WKU campus.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no public concerns expressed.

Project Updates:

The City-County Planning Commission reported, once again, a very busy season. They have started on the update process of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.



Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport's Susan Harmon reported that they are in progress on an apron runway project to improve and expand parking. They are additionally performing sinkhole remediation.

WKU Topper Transit reported a continual rise in ridership, nearing pre-pandemic numbers. There are still some restrictions in place, but buses are seeing higher ridership counts. Additionally, Topper Transit has a request out to replace several buses.

GO bg Transit reported they are in process of purchasing new buses and have an RFQ out for facility upgrades to the transit center. Bus software implementation is underway and they are anticipating minor bus route and stop changes.

Bowling Green Public Works reported on a variety projects. The Downtown Phase 2 improvements are underway, with sidewalk and bump out construction near completion. The project is expected for completion by the end of the year. Decorative traffic signals will be installed at the 6th/7th Ave intersection with Kentucky St. and will include pedestrian signals. The Smallhouse Road Phase 3 shared-use path from Ridgecrest Way to Broadway Ave is on hold until next year due to bids coming in well over budget. Shive Lane Phases 2 and 3 are ready to bid for construction and will include new roundabouts with construction. Public Works is slated for road improvements on Ashley Circle and Westin St, including potentially four new roundabouts and intersection improvements at Scottsville Rd. The ADA sidewalk improvements along state-maintained roadways is slated to start soon with completion by summer 2022.

KYTC reported on a number of ongoing and upcoming projects. A traffic signal rebuild project will close down a portion of US 31W at Beech Bend Road for one night. Exit 7 (Morgantown Rd) of I-165 interchange ramps are functional and open to traffic. The Scottsville Rd RCUTs project in the Alvaton area is still underway, with completion by the end of the year. The US 31W Road Diet project will likely be implemented in spring/summer of 2022. Finally, roadway improvements will be made in Smiths Grove to accommodate increased traffic with the upcoming construction of the new Buc-ee's gas/convenience store.

The SHIFT 2022 cycle is continuing with work being done by KYTC Central Office for the development of the Governor's 2022 Recommended Highway Plan.

The FHWA-Kentucky Division Office encouraged everyone to participate in the survey for the Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan.

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be December 13, 2021.