



**SUMMARY NOTES**  
**MPO Technical Advisory Committee**  
**January 24, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.**  
Zoom Virtual Meeting

**PRESENT:**

**Ben Hunt** – KYTC, Chair  
**Barry House** – KYTC CO  
**Isidro Delgado** – KYTC CO  
**Wes Watt** – KYTC D3  
**Matthew Holder** – KYTC Planning  
**Jennifer Tougas** – WKU PTS  
**Noura Akkad** – FHWA-KY  
**Bernadette Dupont** – FHWA-KY

**Melissa Cansler** – BGPW  
**Greg Meredith** – BGPW  
**Joe Plunk** – KYTC D3  
**Nate Heisler** – BRADD  
**Robert Gil** – Gobg Transit  
**Jim DeCesare** – Sr. Rep. Meredith  
**Christian Howard** – BG Area Chamber  
**Susan Harmon** – BGWC Airport

**STAFF:**

**Karissa Lemon**  
**Ben Peterson**  
**Rachel Hurt**

**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 October 25, 2021 TAC meeting.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Karissa Lemon discussed the first item of business – the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program development. Ms. Lemon said development of the work program will begin and the draft will be presented at the February TAC meeting. She reviewed a few update items that will be included and asked if any members had requests for special projects, work tasks, or studies. After presenting an idea to perform a consultant-led Smiths Grove Traffic Study, discussion was had on whether or not this is the top need for using discretionary funds. Mr. Greg Meredith requested the use of discretionary funds for a study evaluating traffic and roadway improvements on Cave Mill and Smallhouse Roads. The TAC decided this is a greater need and will ask for MPO discretionary funds to conduct a study. Ms. Lemon also presented an idea developed by GO bg and City staff for use of FTA Section 5303 planning funds. The use of these funds would go toward a transportation marketing campaign which would focus on available transportation options in Warren County and how they work alongside the transit system. Informational brochures would also be translated into several languages. All members were in favor of the proposed uses of funding. It was added that MPOs may be working on adjustments to the FHWA urbanized areas and roadway functional classifications in the next fiscal year.

The next item of business addressed adjustments to the MPO TAC meeting schedule. Ms. Lemon proposed the TAC meet every other month – each even-numbered month, with special-called meetings as necessary. All were in favor and the changes will begin in February.



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

There were no public concerns expressed.

##### **Project Updates:**

The City-County Planning Commission reported that development trends are up for both residential and commercial developments. Staff's work on tornado recovery is starting to kick into high gear as folks are readying for redevelopment.

FHWA stated a number of training opportunities will be available this spring.

The Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce reported that economic development trends are doing great, with just shy of 2,000 new jobs in Warren County. They expect a busy 2022.

Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport reported the apron project is on hold until April, with most work concentrating on tornado recovery and snow/ice removal as needed.

WKU stated that Topper Transit buses are seeing the highest use yet since the start of the pandemic. Labor shortages and school disruptions are still challenging for the system.

GO by Transit reported ongoing work for facility upgrades to the transit center. Additionally, they are working on the purchasing of new equipment and rolling stock and working on the triennial review with FTA.

Bowling Green Public Works reported on a variety projects. The City's main efforts are geared toward tornado recovery and snow/ice response. They are about  $\frac{3}{4}$  through curbside debris removal. Bids for the Shive Ln project are being evaluated and the project will move forward in the coming weeks. Resurfacing on City streets is still underway. Public Works is in design for the Ashley Cir and Scottsville Road intersection, as well as several roundabouts along Westin Street. Finally, the walking path underneath the River Street bridge is currently under construction.

KYTC is also focused on tornado recovery, cleanup, and repair of signals and signs. Some clearing of trees will begin soon on parts of US 31W near the Richpond area for the upcoming widening project. Mr. Plunk also reported that the Governor's 2022 Recommended Highway Plan was recently released and the final Highway Plan will be published in April.

Ms. Lemon concluded by sharing that together with the Barren River Area Development District, the MPO is seeking funds for a planning study to construct a shared use trail from Downtown Bowling Green to Mammoth Cave National Park.

Upon the announcement of his retirement, Ms. Lemon thanked Mr. Barry House for his years of service working alongside the MPO.

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be February 28, 2022.