



MPO Technical Advisory Committee
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SUMMARY NOTES

MPO Technical Advisory Committee

February 26, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.

In-Person at City-County Planning Commission | Virtual via Zoom

PRESENT:

Ben Hunt – KYTC D3, Chair
Joe Plunk – KYTC D3
Zack Neihof – KYTC D3
Mathew Holder – KYTC D3
Josh Moore – WCPW
Melissa Cansler – BGPW
Andy Souza – BGPW (v)

Jared Jeffers – KYTC Central Office (v)
Susan Harmon – BGWC Regional Airport (v)
Christian Howard – BG Chamber
Tonya Higdon – FHWA-KY (v)
Jennifer Tougas – WKU (v)
Ron Cummings – Warren County (v)
Chris McIntyre (AI) – WCPS (v)
Jim DeCesare – on behalf of State Rep (v)

STAFF:

Karissa Lemon
Ben Peterson

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 December 11, 2023 TAC meeting. There was none.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Karissa Lemon presented the first item of business. Ms. Lemon stated the MPO By-Laws were updated with minor changes, reflective of current committee memberships and meeting schedules. The US 31W (Nashville Rd) MOU was then presented in its final draft. The MOU will be approved by the Policy Committee, then KYTC Central Office for final adoption. The MPO's draft FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program and budget was presented. Ms. Lemon reviewed several direct expense work items, including use of FTA 5303 transit planning funds, the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update, and a low-cost bicycle and pedestrian marketing campaign. Ms. Lemon then reviewed the annual resolution updates supporting KYTC's Safety Targets and Go BG's Transit Targets. All TAC members were in favor of recommending all above agenda items to the Policy Committee for approval. Lastly, Ms. Lemon addressed the 2024-2028 TIP Modification #03 reflective of the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds for a shared use path project on Scottsville Road. It was suggested to revise the project description to extend the shared use path from Campbell Lane to Three Springs Road (KY-884), rather than Pascoe Blvd as presented. All were in favor of the change.



D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Public Concerns

Several public concerns were shared from committee members:

- General complaint about increase of roundabouts and their difficulty and confusion for traffic.
- Safety and congestion concerns at intersection of US-31W and Ky-240 (improvement coming soon).

Project Updates

Bowling Green Regional Airport reported upcoming runway closures for necessary improvements.

KYTC District 3 has ongoing work with design, right of way, and utility phases on various projects. The Smiths Grove planning study is complete and posted on KYTC's website. The US 31W and KY 240 intersection improvement project will go out to bid this summer, along with the KY 884 and Smallhouse Road roundabout project.

Warren County staff reported planning and prep work for construction season, including their paving schedule.

Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce is well underway with several roadway improvement projects in and around the Transpark.

Bowling Green Public Works reported that the roundabout projects on Westen Street are nearly complete, with one more roundabout to be constructed at Highland Way. Cave Mill Road widening project is nearing completion of design and the City anticipates to contact impacted property owners in the coming weeks, prior to moving into additional project phases. The City is in plans to extend Greenhill St to connect at Veterans Memorial Lane, with a shared use path to continue as well. Lastly, the City will go out for bids for construction of the Bluegrass Farms Blvd extension to Plano Road. The City has plans to create a road diet on College Street from Riverview Dr to 6th Ave, similar to State Street.

Western Kentucky University informed the group that several large events will be happening at WKU in the next few weeks, generating large crowds and more traffic around campus and the community.

City-County Planning Commission staff reported that residential, single-family housing development is falling, but commercial development is still growing.

Ms. Lemon updated the group on several upcoming BikeWalkBG events and programs.

E. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next TAC meeting will be April 22, 2024.