

**KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – VIRTUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021**

1. Nate Brugler - ODOT
2. Brian Carr – WVDOH
3. Steve Cole – City of Ashland
4. Paul Davis – TTA
5. Bill Dingus – Lawrence County
6. Bernadette Dupont – FHWA KY Division
7. Carrie Elliston – OTD/KYTC
8. Allison Fluitt – Kimley-Horn and Associates
9. Michael Graese – City of Ashland
10. Michelle Grubb – City of Ashland
11. Erin Grushon – B&N
12. Daniel Haake – HDR
13. Todd Kelley – Ashland PD
14. Ralph Kline - ILCAO
15. Patrick Leighty – Lawrence County Engineer
16. Tony Maietta – EPA R5
17. Mike Payne - LCT
18. Doug Pinkerton – FICVO ADD
19. Saleem Salameh – KYOVA
20. Matt Selhorst – HDR
21. Bre Shell – City of Huntington
22. Terri Sicking - KYOVA
23. Jody Sigmon – KYOVA
24. Evan Snyder - WVDOH
25. Perry Su - WVDOH
26. Kevin Sullivan – WVDOH
27. Scott Thomson - KYTC
28. Kelsey Tucker - RIC
29. Patricia Wetzels – ODOT D9
30. Randy Wheeler – Ashland Bus System
31. Thomas Witt - KYTC
32. Betty Wood – TTA
33. Jennifer Woodall – TTA
34. Jason Workman - FHWA
35. Paul Young - KYOVA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Paul Davis called the meeting to order and requested self-introductions from those in attendance.

2. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED

Meeting minutes for the September 28, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting were presented to the TAC.

3. KYOVA TRANSPORTATION STUDIES UPDATE

• KYOVA MULTIMODAL STUDIES

- Huntington Truck Route Study – Study is complete
- Downtown Huntington Parking Study – Study is complete
- Parking Study for Tri-State Airport – KH is currently working on finalizing the study. KH met with airport stakeholders to gather information and data for the study. Previous studies have recommended a new parking structure to meet demand. Data collected as part of this study reinforces the need for additional parking at the airport. The study presents a phased set of recommendations for constructing the ultimate goal of a new parking deck.
- **BOYD-GREENUP FREIGHT PLAN** – The study was recently completed and includes many recommendations for projects in the area. Projects were scored on various criteria and then prioritized using the SHIFT process. Projects were separated into tiers such as short, medium, and long-term improvements. Projects can be viewed in the plan which is on the KYOVA website.
- **US 52-SR 7 SAFETY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN & US 52/CR 15 STUDY** – The US 52/SR 7 study is nearing completion. After reviewing problem areas and alternatives, HDR was able to determine locations for recommended improvements. Recommendations have been separated into short, medium, and long-term improvements along with draft construction costs for those improvements. HDR is also looking at short-term improvements for US 52/CR15 which includes a possible recommendation for a left-turn lane on US 52.
- **2050 MTP** – An online open house was held through the kyova2050.com website which included a survey and mapping application for comments. The Advisory Group and several focus groups have also been held in the last few months. The public and stakeholder engagement has helped to refine goals and objectives as well as identify transportation system needs. Next steps include additional public and stakeholder engagement in early 2022 to meet February and April deadlines. Go to www.kyova2050.com for more information.

4. AMENDMENT #8 TO THE KYOVA FY 2021-2024 TIP & #20 TO THE 2040 MTP

Saleem Salameh presented the amendments to the TAC. They include amendments to highway and transit in WV and additional funding for ROW in Lawrence County for the Chesapeake Bypass. KYOVA's public participation process was implemented and no comments were received.

Ralph Kline made the motion and Bill Dingus seconded the motion to move Amendment #8 to the FY 2021-2024 TIP and Amendment # 20 to the 2040 MTP forward for Policy Committee approval. It was approved unanimously.

5. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (STBG)

The City of Ashland has requested STBG funding for Winchester Avenue from 13th Street to 18th Street in the amount of \$320,000. This will include planning and design phases. Applications are available online for other agencies wishing to apply for funding.

Michael Graese made the motion and Jennifer Woodall seconded the motion to move the Surface Transportation Block Group (STBG) Program funds forward for Policy Committee approval. It was approved unanimously.

6. ANNUAL LISTING OF FY 2021 FEDERALLY OBLIGATED PROJECTS FOR KY

Information is available on KYOVA's website. The document shows projects that have been obligated for funding in FY 2021 and FFY 2021. These are funds that are committed for projects.

7. TRANSIT SYSTEMS STATUS UPDATE FOR THE HUNTINGTON, WV-KY-OH URBANIZED AREA

- **TRI-STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY** – Ridership is beginning to increase since COVID-19 pandemic began. Several bus drivers have recently been hired. The mask requirement has been extended until March 18th for riders and drivers.
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY TRANSIT** – Lawrence County is continuing masks and protection. LCT is still waiting on buses that have been delayed during this time. Ridership is starting to increase. LCT is also experiencing vaccination requirement issues.
- **ASHLAND BUS SYSTEM** – Ridership is down and drivers are needed. Triennial review packet was recently received. The review will be coming up next year.
- **RIDESHARE PROGRAM GOHIO** – Program is available on KYOVA's website. A video advertisement has been produced to promote the program and encourage users.

8. FTA 5310 TRANSIT PROGRAM FOR THE HUNTINGTON, WV-KY-OH URBANIZED AREA

Applicants for this cycle included CCCSO and TTA. Funding is meant to expend CRRSAA and ARPA funds to help with COVID relief. The application has been submitted to FTA and should be processed shortly.

9. KYOVA STUDIES/BRIEF PROJECT UPDATES/INFORMATIONAL SESSION

- **FEDERAL UPDATE** – A website has been created for information on the new infrastructure bill. A powerpoint presentation was also posted that gives a summary on the highlights and programs in the bill.
- **TRI-STATE AIRPORT PROJECTS** – No update
- **CITY OF HUNTINGTON PROJECTS** –
 - Hal Greer Blvd – Additional funding for the project to move forward. Waiting on final ROW certification to get the project out to bid. Construction will hopefully start as soon as possible in the next year.
 - 3rd Avenue Complete Street – Project on hold while rescoping is being discussed
 - Complete Streets Advisory Board – Bre is a member of the statewide Complete Streets Advisory Board. They will be proposing action items on how policies can be implemented across the state.

- 14th Street West Complete Street – A scoping meeting was held with WVDOH and potential consultant. Waiting on final scope
- **WVDOT UPDATE** – MPO Annual Reviews are continuing to ensure MPO plans and policies are up to date. WVDOH Planning Conference is scheduled for May 10-12. A new STIP will be updated this year. Freight Plan will be updated this year as well.
- **KYTC CENTRAL OFFICE** – Working on Six-Year Plan. Updating the Statewide LRTP. A survey just closed yesterday. LRTP should be finalized by December 2022.
- **BOYD AND GREENUP COUNTIES PROJECTS UPDATE** – A brief update was given on the projects. See project sheet for more information.
- **ODOT UPDATE** – US 52/SR 93 project is moving forward with roundabout at the ramp. D9 will review HDR studies. Intersection 141 & CR 7E meeting to discuss partnership with KYOVA for potential improvements. Progress continues on design for Chesapeake Bypass.
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY PROJECT PRIORITIES ENDORSEMENT & UPDATE** – Lawrence County TID wanted to prioritize projects in Lawrence County. Chesapeake Bypass is the number one priority for the county. The second priority is US 52 and SR 243 interchange. Additional priority projects were presented to the TAC and can be viewed in the meeting materials.

Patrick Leighty made the motion and Bill Dingus seconded the motion to move the Lawrence County Project Priorities Endorsement forward for Policy Committee approval. It was approved unanimously.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- EPA Update – Infrastructure Bill providing EPA \$5 billion over 5 years for replacing school buses. \$2.5 billion is for electric and the other \$2.5 billion is for electric and alternative fuel replacement. More funding for clean diesel program. More information will be coming in the coming months. Staffing increases to assist in programs.
- Video – ODOT IS WORKING TO MAKE DOZENS OF INTERSECTIONS SAFER FOR PEDESTRIANS
- FUTURE KYOVA MEETING DATES:

<i>KYOVA Technical Advisory Committee</i>	<i>KYOVA Policy Committee</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting time: 10:00 a.m. to noon ● Location: To Be Determined** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting time: 10:00am ● Location: To Be Determined**
December 7, 2022 (Tuesday) – in progress	December 10, 2021 (Friday)
February 22, 2022 (Tuesday)	February 25, 2022 (Friday)
April 19, 2022 (Tuesday)	April 22, 2022 (Friday)
July 26, 2022 (Tuesday) – tentative	July 29, 2022 (Friday) – tentative
September 27, 2022 (Tuesday)	September 30, 2022 (Friday)
December 6, 2022 (Tuesday) – tentative	December 9, 2022 (Friday) – tentative

*KYOVA reserves the right to alter the dates based required board approval and if need, to hold special meetings.

** As meeting date nears a determination may be made to meet virtually to ensure the health and safety of attendees and staff. If the meeting is virtual KYOVA will post the connection information on the KYOVA website and forward electronically to committee members.

11. ADJOURNMENT