

**KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

1. Michael Audelo - RTI
2. Paul Davis – TTA
3. Allison Fluitt (phone) – KHA
4. Chandra Inglis-Smith – FHWA
5. Jim Insco – City of Huntington
6. Brad Johnson – HMB
7. Patrick Leighty – Lawrence County Engineer
8. Chet Parsons - AECOM
9. Mike Payne – Lawrence County Transit
10. Doug Rice – RIC
11. Saleem Salameh – KYOVA
12. Bre Shell – City of Huntington
13. Terri Sicking - KYOVA
14. Jody Sigmon – KYOVA
15. Kent Sowards – RTI
16. Randy Spradling – WVDOH
17. Kevin Sullivan – WVDOH
18. Scott Thompson – ODOT D9
19. Alex Vanderpool – Boyd County Road Department
20. Kelly Ward – FIVCO ADD
21. Rob Watson – WVDOH
22. Brent Wells – KYTC D9
23. Randy Wheeler – City of Ashland
24. Bethany Wild – KYOVA
25. Thomas Witt – KYTC
26. Jennifer Woodall – TTA
27. Paul Young – KYOVA

AGENDA ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

AGENDA ITEM #2: MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED

Meeting minutes for the September 30, 2015 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting were presented to the TAC.

Randy Wheeler made the motion and Jennifer Woodall seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes for the September 30, 2015 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #3: FY 2015 KYOVA TRANSPORTATION STUDIES UPDATE (VIA PHONE)

- **KYOVA TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL UPDATE**

Allison Fluitt with Kimley-Horn updated the TAC on the status of the travel demand model. They have sent the draft model information to KYOVA and would like KYOVA to look over the model for calibration/validation. Dates will be scheduled soon for model training.

- **NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR BOYD AND GREENUP COUNTIES, KY**

This plan makes several policy recommendations and lays out the next steps to move forward.

AGENDA ITEM #4: FY 2016 KYOVA TRANSPORTATION STUDIES/PROJECTS UPDATE (VIA PHONE)

- **GROUP 2**

- **HTS ACCESS ROAD STUDY** – KHA is currently collecting background data. A steering committee kickoff meeting is scheduled for March 8.
- **HUNTINGTON NON-MOTORIZED BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN** – The LiDAR data collected as a part of this project is being processed. A kickoff steering committee meeting is scheduled for March 8. KYOVA would also like to coordinate with PATH on this project.
- **TRANSIT STUDY FOR BOYD AND GREENUP COUNTIES, KENTUCKY** – KHA is looking at existing conditions reporting and are hoping to complete a rider survey soon. A steering committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 22.
- **SHRP2** – The results of the workshop have been summarized. Work is currently being done on draft performance measures which will be folded into the MTP.

- **GROUP 1 – HUNTINGTON STREET FLOODING MITIGATION PLAN**

AECOM is working with the Huntington Sanitary Board to get GIS and other data. They will be studying both water and travel related data to examine the problems related to excess stormwater. MS consultants is a subconsultant with AECOM that is charged with developing the stormwater model. This model will be used to figure out a way to best avoid problem areas. A stakeholder committee meeting for this project is scheduled for March 10 and AECOM will be conducting a field review on March 11.

AGENDA ITEM #5: U.S. DOT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS (VIDEO)

TAC members viewed a video from U.S. DOT reviewing its 50 years in operation.

AGENDA ITEM #6: AMENDMENT #3 TO THE KYOVA FY 2016-2019 TIP

Saleem Salameh reviewed projects to be amended to the FY 2016-2019 TIP. Those projects include several resurfacing and bridge projects. One of the most important projects is WV 10. It includes adding a center lane and is included in the KYOVA 2040 MTP. No regional emission analysis is required for this project. One TAP project for the City of Huntington on 3rd Avenue is

on the amendment. Also included is a Heritage Farm Access Road Study and an elevator project for the Huntington Tri-State Airport. Grouped projects for Kentucky are signal installation projects. Several transit projects are also included in the amendment including revenue rolling stock to purchase buses in Ashland. All public participation requirements were fulfilled for this amendment.

Randy Wheeler made the motion and Randy Spradling seconded the motion to move Amendment #3 to the KYOVA FY 2016-2019 TIP forward for Policy Committee approval. It was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7: PRESENTATION OF THE KYOVA FY 2017 UPWP FOR THE HUNTINGTON, WV-KY-OH URBANIZED AREA

The abstract for the FY 2017 UPWP gives an overview of the document. There are several combined work elements as well as state-specific elements. The draft is due March 4 and the Final is due May 2. The UPWP discusses the emphasis areas which are also included in the FAST Act. Lawrence County Non-Motorized Study and a Transit Study for WV are included in this UPWP.

Jennifer Woodall made the motion and Thomas Witt seconded the motion to move the FY 2017 UPWP forward for Policy Committee approval. It was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #8: KYOVA'S REMAINING RESPONSIBILITIES TO MEET TMA REQUIREMENTS

The integrated 2040 MTP will be completed by Spring 2017. The CMP was completed in January 2013. The TMA Travel Demand Model is in progress. KYOVA's first certification review will be on April 19-20, 2016. It will focus on different areas of the MPO work elements including the STIP/TIP, public participation, Congestion Management Process, safety, Civil Rights, and Title VI/EJ. This certification review will be done in coordination with RIC and TTA. An agenda with dates and times will be developed soon. There is also a public meeting portion of this certification review. This is an opportunity for the public to voice their opinions about how they are being served by the MPO.

AGENDA ITEM #9: FTA 5310 TRANSIT PROGRAM FOR THE HUNTINGTON, WV-KY-OH URBANIZED AREA

The 5310 Program recently received an application for Golden Girl Group Home. This organization has been amended into the Coordinated Plan and is eligible for funding. This program needs applicants. Eligible agencies must be included in the Coordinated Plan to receive funding. There was a question about operating funds through this program. They are eligible, however, the money comes on a year to year basis and is not a reliable source of funding for an agency. The funding can be used for bus facilities and infrastructure including bike racks and sidewalks.

AGENDA ITEM #10: TRANSIT SYSTEMS STATUS UPDATE FOR THE HUNTINGTON, WV-KY-OH URBANIZED AREA

- **LAWRENCE COUNTY TRANSIT** – The fixed-route OVC Express bus service is experiencing high ridership. The demand response buses will need to be replaced within a few years.
- **TTA** – The TTA levy needs to be renewed. TTA reminds everyone to vote for the levy. There is no increase; it is just a continuation of what has been passed before. There are several other levy issues on the ballot but this is very important to TTA. The new app which allows customers to track their bus is set to begin in April. It was funded through KYOVA STP funds.
- **ASHLAND BUS SYSTEM** – ABS received permission from the state to purchase a few new vehicles.

AGENDA ITEM #11: FY 2015 KYOVA TRANSPORTATION STUDIES UPDATE

- **TRI-STATE AIRPORT PROJECTS** – The airport is in the process of working on the Access Road Study. They have also secured funds through KYOVA's suballocated STP funds to construct an elevator to assist with ADA compliance.
- **CITY OF HUNTINGTON PROJECTS** – The Old Main Corridor project is moving along. The next phase will be from 7th to 8th Streets on 4th Avenue. The city is also coordinating with RTI on a PATH master plan.
- **HAL GREER ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS** – The state has contracted with Stantec to complete a study for the section of roadway at Columbia and 13th Avenues. Stantec recently performed a site review and is working on getting signal timing plans from WVDOH. A signal is also being installed at Boulevard Avenue. It should be complete soon.
- **KYTC'S NEW SIX YEAR PLAN & KY ADA TRANSITION PLAN** – The six-year plan looked at projects that were needed. The Governor presented it to legislators in January. The final plan should be approved in April. As part of the ADA Transition Plan requirements, the state is working on a prioritized list of areas in need and is requesting that each of the MPOs provide a list of transit stops in their areas. The ADA plans are being pushed from FHWA. Agencies with more than 50 employees are required to have these plans and the MPOs should work with local governments to check on status.
- **BOYD AND GREENUP COUNTIES PROJECTS UPDATE** – See handout for more information. Project 9-8400 on U.S. 60 has reached an agreement with CSX. They are still hoping for late 2016 letting. Project 9-8801 has a ROW issue. This has delayed the project. There are no new projects for the district. Several projects have been pushed to out years.
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY PROJECTS UPDATE** – Solida Rd/US 52 preliminary design has been completed. It is proposed to put a traffic circle at these intersections. CR 1 and Lick Creek Rd. feasibility study is done. The conclusion is that an overpass is needed. The estimated cost of that is \$15 million. They will have to pursue TRAC funds for that project.
- **US 35/SR 775 NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR** – No update.
- **IRONTON RIVERFRONT TRAIL** – Plans are pending with the Corps of Engineers.
- **LAW UNION ROME TRAILS AND WALKWAYS** – KYOVA has been coordinating with OU Southern to develop a plan for the eastern part of the county. KYOVA will still pursue the project if OU isn't interested. This includes a study to look at trails throughout Union and Rome Townships.

- **ODOT DISTRICT 9 PROJECTS UPDATE: I.E. IRONTON-RUSSELL BRIDGE, CHESAPEAKE BYPASS PHASE II & OTHER** – The mainspan of the Ironton-Russell Bridge on the KY side is complete. Looking at April 2017 to be open to the public. No update on the Chesapeake Bypass. They are still working on acquiring ROW.
- **FIVCO ADD** – Working on mapping the sidewalks in the all the cities in their area.
- **WVDOH DISTRICT 2** – KYOVA has brought a few small projects to the attention of the district.

AGENDA ITEM #12: OVERVIEW OF KYOVA SUBALLOCATED FUNDS (STP, TAP, CMAQ – OH) UPDATE

The eligible projects have been included in the TIP amendment. KYOVA wants to ensure that Round 1 and Round 2 project go through smoothly. The DOH has been helping tremendously with this process. Terri Sicking will be taking the lead for KYOVA’s suballocated funds. The Round 3 application will be slightly adjusted. It will hopefully be ready by late spring/early summer. KYOVA asks the TAC to be thinking about what they might want to apply for.

AGENDA ITEM #13: FIXING AMERICA’S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST ACT) FEDERAL UPDATE

Chandra Inglis-Smith with FHWA gave an overview of the new FAST Act transportation bill. There is no official guidance on a majority of the act but there are several things to note. It covers fiscal years 2016-2020. The bill increases funding on average by 11% for all modes and the Federal-aid highway program by 10%. For the NHPP bridge resurfacing, preservation, and reconstruction on non-NHS federal-aid highways are now eligible. The STP program is now called STP block grant (STPBG) and has set asides for TAP and Recreational Trails. The TAP is the same program but will be identified by a different name. Non-profits who are responsible for local transportation safety programs may now be project sponsors. New elements of the bill include the National Highway Freight Program which has apportioned \$1.2 billion to states. It has a highway focus but also includes funding for rail, ports, and intermodal facilities. The new Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects includes competitive grants or TIFIA loans. State freight plans are required and freight advisory committees are encouraged. TIPs/STIPs and long-range plans must include facilities that support intercity transportation. New planning considerations are resiliency/reliability, stormwater mitigation, and enhancement of tourism/travel. There is still guidance to come on this bill. Chandra informed the TAC that the new DA is Edward Stephen. He was formerly in DC division and has also worked in Texas and Missouri.

AGENDA ITEM #14: OTHER BUSINESS

- **2016 KYOVA FREIGHT SUMMIT** – Saleem Salameh provided a summary of the KYOVA Freight Summit. The summit provided participants with good information including some more information on the South Point Port facility.
- **SAVE THE DATE: KYOVA INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY WORKSHOP ON MAY 4, 2016** – KYOVA staff provided an overview of upcoming meetings to be aware of:
 - 3/8/16 – HUNTINGTON TRI-STATE AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

- 3/8/16 – CITY OF HUNTINGTON NON-MOTORIZED PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
- 3/10/16 – CITY OF HUNTINGTON STREET FLOODING MITIGATION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
- 3/22/16 – BOYD AND GREENUP COUNTIES TRANSIT STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM #15: BOYD-GREENUP TRANSPORTATION FORUM UPDATE/QUICK NOTES

Terri Sicking reviewed upcoming meeting dates:

- UPCOMING KYOVA TAC MEETINGS: 4/26/2016 & 9/27/2016
- UPCOMING KYOVA POLICY MEETINGS: 4/29/2016 & 9/29/2016
- UPCOMING BOYD-GREENUP TRANSPORTATION FORUM: 4/21/2016 & 9/22/2016

AGENDA ITEM #16: ADJOURNMENT