

**KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 25, 2015**

1. Philip Biggs – Greenup County
2. Brett Boothe – Gallia County Engineer
3. Jerry Brienza – Huntington Tri-State Airport
4. Joe Callahan – KYTC District 9
5. Michael Chirico – Congressman Jenkins
6. Todd Dorcas – WVDOT – DPT
7. Scott Ferry – RIC
8. Max Francis – ODOT, District 9
9. Charles Holley – City of Huntington
10. Ralph Kline - ILCAO
11. Andrew Nichols – Marshall University/RTI
12. Elwood Penn – WVDOT
13. Rob Pennington - WVDOT
14. Marion Russell – City of Ashland
15. Saleem Salameh – KYOVA
16. Terri Sicking - KYOVA
17. Jody Sigmon - KYOVA
18. Randy Spradling – WVDOH – District 2
19. Kevin Sullivan – WVDOH
20. Scott Thompson – ODOT, District 9
21. Kelly Ward – FIVCO
22. Jessica Webb - KYOVA
23. Brent Wells – KYTC District 9
24. Randy Wheeler – City of Ashland
25. Bethany Wild – KYOVA
26. Thomas Witt – KYTC
27. Jason Workman – FHWA
28. Paul Young - KYOVA

AGENDA ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Phil Biggs called the meeting to order and requested self-introductions from those in attendance.

It was also noted that two prominent members of the community had recently passed away and KYOVA would like to honor their service. Richard McCoy was a TAC member and dedicated much of his time to improving transportation in the region. Mike Perry and his family own Heritage Farm and he was also a leader in the banking industry in Huntington as well as being heavily involved in Marshall University. Two resolutions will be presented at the Policy Committee meeting to honor their lives.

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

Meeting minutes for the October 1, 2014 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting were reviewed and approved by the TAC.

AGENDA ITEM #3: REVISION #7 TO THE FY 2014-2017 TIP

Saleem Salameh presented Amendment #7 to the TAC. The amendment includes installation of a traffic signal on Hal Greer Blvd for a cost of \$225,000 and two resurfacing projects. They are all exempted from air quality analysis. The request from transit is to bring the funding allocations in line with the TIP/STIP. The 5310 amount was raised to \$746,000 from \$713,000 for a total of the 3 years. For the 5307 and 5339 program it shows the difference between the federal apportionments and the STIP. There is a description in the amendment packet. One comment on the Hal Greer Blvd signal was noted. The signals are not currently timed but it was requested that when the new signal is installed that signal coordination is examined.

Jerry Brienza/Marion Russell to move the revisions to the 2014-2017 TIP forward for Policy Board approval.

AGENDA ITEM #4: PRESENTATION OF KYOVA FY 2016-2019 DRAFT TIP FOR THE HUNTINGTON, WV-KY-OH URBANIZED AREA

Saleem Salameh gave an overview of the 2016-2019 TIP. This TIP will be effective after July 1, 2015. The total amount of the TIP is \$121 million over 4 years and covers all five counties in KYOVA's planning area. The first draft was due on the February 23rd and the final draft should be completed by April 24th. It is still in the review process and all comments should be received prior to the next TAC meeting. There will also be a public meeting on April 7th and public comment period. Projects are programmed based on the best information from the 3 states but TAC members should look over projects carefully and let KYOVA know of any discrepancies. For air quality, in July 2013 US EPA revoked transportation conformity from 1997; however, in December 2014, DC Circuit Court vacated EPA decision to revoke the 1997 requirements. Two weeks ago Federal Register notice final rule decided to again revoke the 1997 requirements and will be effective April 3rd. For the time being conformity was based on previous emissions analysis and KYOVA has met the requirements. ODOT will not require conformity for the TIP after April 3rd.

Randy Spradling/Marion Russell to move the FY 2016-2019 TIP forward for Policy Board approval.

AGENDA ITEM #5: PRESENTATION OF KYOVA FY 2016 DRAFT UPWP FOR THE HUNTINGTON, WV-KY-OH URBANIZED AREA

Saleem Salameh presented the FY 2016 UPWP. This UPWP covers all three states and helps KYOVA meet TMA requirements and certification in 2016. There are joint elements between the three states and state specific work elements. The final draft must be completed by April 30 so comments should be received prior to the next TAC meeting. West Virginia noted that the amount of funding is nearly doubled from what it was last year. The 3 new projects – Huntington Stormwater Plan, Airport Access Road Study, and the 8th Street Bridge Study – have contributed

to that amount. It will need to be discussed further whether the funding will come from the suballocation or PL funds. All three of these projects do already have a local match. The 8th Street Bridge Study may also need to be rolled into the replacement of the 5th Street Bridge.

Jerry Brienza/Ralph Kline to move the FY 2016 UPWP forward for Policy Committee approval.

AGENDA ITEM #6: AMENDMENT #1 KYOVA COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

There was a request from Housing Development Corp. to be added to the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. Housing Development Corp. transports the elderly to different activities and events. They would like to be eligible for 5310 funding and are already meeting requirements for eligibility. Housing Development Corp. has been involved in coordination.

Charles Holley/Ralph Kline to move Amendment #1 to the KYOVA Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan forward for Policy Committee approval.

AGENDA ITEM #7: 1997 OZONE NAAQS FOR TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY

- **REGIONAL EMISSIONS ANALYSIS FOR OZONE MAINTENANCE AREA**

The hope is that the Federal Register notice would be published within 2 weeks and 30 days after publication it would revoke all 1997 NAAQS requirements. If not, KYOVA will have to do full emissions regional analysis.

AGENDA ITEM #8: KYOVA'S TENTATIVE TIMELINES TO MEET THE TMA REQUIREMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES

- **NEW MTP/TIP BY 3/26/16 – IN PROGRESS**

KYOVA has completed all requirements except MTP. This will be completed by March 2016. The MTP integration will be coordinated with RIC.

AGENDA ITEM #9: FTA 5310 TRANSIT PROGRAM FOR THE HUNTINGTON, WV-KY-OH URBANIZED AREA “TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA” (TMA) UPDATE

The 5310 program has received approval and has completed the FY2013 grant cycle. The FY2014 grant cycle will begin soon. Coordination meetings between the three transit providers have begun which helps solve more issues. One topic that has been discussed is a rideshare program for the region. There is also the possibility of creating a mobility manager position. Staff visited SPC in Pennsylvania to look at their mobility program.

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

KYOVA has also been working on an MOU that states that coordination is taking place between the 3 transit agencies and shows a coordinated effort as a TMA. MOUs will hopefully be in place by the next KYOVA meeting in April.

- **FY2015 TRIENNIAL REVIEW PROGRAM**
All transit systems will be reviewed around the same time this year. Initial paperwork was due in December. Ashland is scheduled in May, Lawrence County is scheduled in July and TTA is in June.
- **KYOVA'S PARTICIPATION PLAN**
FTA requires language in the Participation Plan that addresses the transit agencies. Participation Plan should be ready for the April meeting. The public notice and documents will be on the website.
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY TRANSIT**
No update
- **TRI-STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY**
Applied for grant funding for AVL/CAD system
- **ASHLAND BUS SYSTEM**
No update

It is requested that Scioto County possibly be added to the transit system and connected to Portsmouth and ultimately the KYOVA region. KYOVA has requested through the Office of Transportation Delivery of the KYTC to complete a comprehensive study for Boyd and Greenup counties to examine transit. A 20% match would be needed if funding is approved for this study.

AGENDA ITEM # 11: FY 2015 KYOVA TRANSPORTATION STUDIES/PROJECTS UPDATE

The City of Huntington multi-modal riverfront project is in progress. KHA is trying to schedule stakeholder meetings for the Boyd and Greenup non-motorized transportation study. The Ashland parking study will take place prior to the non-motorized study. The Lawrence County multi-modal study is on track and is expected to be completed by July 2015. EL Robinson is working on this and is currently checking on data and will hopefully identify some funding sources to help fund this project. The DSS is for KYOVA's Congestion Management Process. It will rely on the GIS management database. For the model integration a workshop is scheduled March 4. With the DSS and model KYOVA will have very strong tools to make good decisions on future projects and will be available to the 3 states.

AGENDA ITEM #12: ANNUAL LISTING OF FY 2014 ASHLAND AREA FEDERALLY OBLIGATED PROJECTS

Each year any agency that receives federal transportation money is required to submit an annual report of projects that were obligated in the previous year. Kentucky projects were due in December – 90 days from the end of the federal fiscal year. (WV and OH operate on a different schedule with the listing due 90 days from the end of the state fiscal year) The report was submitted to the FHWA by KYTC.

AGENDA ITEM #13: OVERVIEW OF KYOVA SUBALLOCATED FUNDS (STP, TAP, CMAQ-OH) REQUEST

As a TMA KYOVA was allocated different types of funding for different types of projects. KYOVA recently had the 1st round of an open application process. There were requests from the City of

Huntington, City of Russell, Tri-State Airport, and TTA. KYOVA is currently ensuring eligibility and has met with the agencies that have applied for funding. The CMAQ applications are only for Ohio but for WV and KY, agencies must go to the state for CMAQ requests. The next cycle will be in June. Once applications are received, KYOVA will review them and also meet with the states. The application process has been documented and as requested, will be sent to WVDOT. TAP process must be competitive while STP funds are just an application. There was a request to email information on application process for the next round of applications.

AGENDA ITEM #14: KYOVA STUDIES/BRIEF PROJECT UPDATES/INFORMATIONAL SESSION

- **HAL GREER ROAD SAFETY AUDIT** – WVDOH/D2 recently released its report on the Road Safety Audit that was conducted in June 2014. The document lists several improvements to be made along this corridor including adding a traffic signal to the Boulevard Avenue intersection. Other improvements will be examined once this initial improvement is made.
- **SPRING VALLEY ROAD TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT** – KYOVA, along with KHA, recently completed a traffic and safety assessment for Spring Valley Drive. The assessment came as a request from Marshall University. Since the MU School of Pharmacy is now located at the VA, along Spring Valley Drive, there has been an increase in traffic and KYOVA looked at ways to improve safety and traffic along this corridor. Recommendations included lighting, signage and the possibility of widening the road in the future.
- **PROPOSED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY (UAB) FOR WV PORTION** – KYOVA met with WVDOT and adjusted the urban area boundary which was submitted to the FHWA. There has been no report back so it is assumed it will be approved by the Governor.
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY PROJECT UPDATES** – No update
- **IRONTON RIVERFRONT TRAIL/MULTIMODAL TRANSIT PARKING FACILITY (NEW)** – Still proceeding on that. Design has been submitted to ODOT and the USACE for environmental permits. It is between Stage 1 and Stage 2. The alignment of the trail has been identified. Permits and application for the transit marina were submitted 9 months ago and still waiting on that. Golf cart use is still being examined.
- **HEARTLAND INTERMODAL GATEWAY, STATEWIDE FREIGHT PLAN, CMAQ APPLICATION STATUS FOR HUNTINGTON TRAFFIC SIGNALS, HUNTINGTON MALL TRAFFIC STUDY UPDATE** – Construction is continuing on the Heartland Corridor. The scope for the statewide freight plan has been negotiated and should be done in a few weeks. It is scheduled to be in place by the end of the year. Stantec is looking at alternatives for the Huntington Mall traffic study. Construction is set to begin for Route 10 improvements in June 2015. No updated on CMAQ applications.
- **5th STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Environmental study has just been started and the consultant is authorized to work. Construction is set for FY2016 and 2017.
- **IRONTON – RUSSELL BRIDGE & CHESAPEAKE BYPASS PHASE II** – TRAC has awarded \$5 million in ROW acquisition for the Chesapeake Bypass. The Kentucky towers of the I-R bridge will be completed in a month and then the mainspan will begin. Completion is set for summer 2016. SR7 bridge should be open to 2 lanes and fully complete by the first of May.
- **RELATED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT ACTIVITIES** – No update
- **TRI-STATE AIRPORT PROJECTS** – The Airport is set to begin an Access Road Study to look at additional access in the case of an emergency and to assist FedEx which is located at the airport. The Tri-State Aeroplex is a development on the southside of the

airport. It now has sewer and water should be done in the next few months. Fiber will also be added this spring. There is also a taxiway project that should be done by July.

- **CITY OF HUNTINGTON PROJECTS** – Applications have been submitted to KYOVA for bicycle and pedestrian upgrades for 3rd Avenue between 9th and 10th Street and on 10th Street between Harris Riverfront Park and Ritter Park. The project is in response to Marshall moving the Visual Arts Center downtown so that there is a better connection between the University and that center as well as to make connections between employment centers which is a goal of PATH. They also have a notice to proceed for construction for the Old Main Corridor project. It will take place between 10th and 12th Street and will be final piece to connect Hal Greer Blvd to downtown which is a major goal of the project.
- **KYTC/ASHLAND MPO PROJECT UPDATES** – KYTC is in the process of creating a Draft 6-Year Highway Plan so the Districts will begin working with the MPOs soon. Boyd County projects include reconstruction of US 60 from KY 716 to Rose Hill Cemetery. This project has been let to Mountain Enterprises and work should begin once the weather improves. This involves some median removal and turn lane extension. A geotech report for congestion mitigation from US 60 to KY 180 intersection at Cannonsburg has been received and they are now finalizing ROW plans. ROW and utility work will be ongoing. Safety upgrades and turn lane construction on US 23 at 12th Street in Catlettsburg will hopefully begin this year. They are currently negotiating ROW with CSX. Greenup County projects include bridge replacement on KY 244. The geotech report is expected soon. There is no change on the bridge over Pond Run on Williams Avenue. They have received demolition proposal for the bridge on Jefferson Street in Greenup so construction should begin in about a year. Painting and cleaning of the Carl D. Perkins Bridge will be let this spring. Minor maintenance repairs have been added to this project. There is no change to the new connector road connecting Flatwoods to the Industrial Parkway. They are working on contract modifications to begin Phase II design for the reconstruction of KY 2 from MP 13.2 to MP 17.2.
- **KYOVA WEBSITE, E-NEWSLETTER & FUTURE FEDERAL GRANT OPPORUNITIES** – The new website is up and running. KYOVA recently applied for SHRP 2 funding for Highway Capacity Decision Making. This contract would be approximately \$50,000.

AGENDA ITEM #15: PERFORMANCE MEASURE UPDATES

KYTC is actively keeping up with the federal regulations as they are being finalized and proposed. There have been regulations released for Highway Safety and Bridge and Pavement Maintenance and have identified performance measures related to these programs. Work is still being done to understand how this relates to the MPOs. MPOs have the option to meet the requirements that help states fulfill their performance requirements. ODOT is in the process of arranging meetings with the MPOs to discuss performance measures. For WV, it will be discussed in the planning document that currently in progress. The MPOs have 180 days from the state's adoption of performance measures to adopt the state's or create their own.

AGENDA ITEM #16: MAP-21 FEDERAL UPDATE – RE-AUTHORIZATION/NPRM ON PLANNING RULE/CMAQ PROPOSED CHANGES

There is funding until May 2015. Rules for planning should be in the spring and safety should be in the summer. There is much interest in Washington for the Grow America bill. Michael Chirico was introduced as Congressman Jenkins' District Director and is available to meet to discuss important transportation issues to relay to Congressman Jenkins.

AGENDA ITEM #17: OTHER BUSINESS

There was a request to put a synopsis of projects particularly for the Policy Committee (i.e. graphics, quick notes, short statements). This request was made to reduce the amount of time taken at the Policy Committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #18: QUICK NOTES

The upcoming BGTF meeting has been postponed to March due to inclement weather.

- **UPCOMING KYOVA TAC MEETINGS: 2/25/2015, 4/22/2015, 7/29/2015 & 9/30/2015**
- **UPCOMING KYOVA POLICY MEETINGS: 2/26/2015, 4/24/2015, 7/31/2015 & 10/2/2015**

AGENDA ITEM #19: ADJOURNMENT