

**KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024**

1. Mark Bates – City of Huntington
2. Laura Brown - RLS
3. Brian Carr – WVDOH
4. Steve Cole – City of Ashland
5. Dave Cramer – Michael Baker
6. Paul Davis – TTA
7. Stephanie Gilbert - OVRDC
8. Michael Graese – City of Ashland
9. Erin Grushon – Burgess & Niple
10. Bobby Hall – Greenup County
11. Todd Kelley – Ashland PD
12. Patrick Leighty – Lawrence County Engineer
13. Tony Maietta – EPA Region 5
14. Deanna Miller – Qk4
15. Mike Payne – LCT
16. Saleem Salameh – KYOVA
17. Matt Selhorst - HDR
18. Terri Sicking - KYOVA
19. Jody Sigmon – KYOVA
20. Scott Thompson – ODOT D9
21. Sam Wallace - FHWA
22. Randy Wheeler – City of Ashland
23. Bethany Wild - KYOVA
24. Jennifer Woodall - TTA
25. 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 February 27, 2024 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting were presented to the TAC.

3. KYOVA TRANSPORTATION STUDIES UPDATE

- **COMPLETE STREETS** – B&N is working on demographic data and who is served by which facilities, and determining where gaps are. Points of interest such as parks and school access have been identified and overlaid with existing and planned networks. The Draft report should be sent out next month.
- **WAYNE COUNTY INTERSECTION STUDY** – Project has been authorized as of 4/23/24

- **RAIL TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY** – Michael Baker gave an overview of the Rail Trail Feasibility Study. The study is looking at whether an abandoned rail line can be used for an alternate use. They are looking at 3 options – rail trail; non-motorized trail along rail line (ROW problem); excursion train feasibility. They are currently trying to gain right of entry from N-S. A public workshop will be held sometime in the summer and the study will be complete in the fall.
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY SRTS AND SAFETY STUDY** – HDR is working with Lawrence County to develop a Safe Routes to Schools plan. They are looking at new roundabouts locations and places to create safe crossings for pedestrians. These projects will be eligible for SRTS or ODOT Safety program funding. Traffic counts were conducted last month and determined if it meets signal warrants. They have been running scenarios which should be complete next month. ODOT mentioned US 52 at Ashland Bridge trouble so they looked at counts there and sent information to ODOT. HDR is in the process of determining any short-term improvements that could be made at that intersection.
- **WV 2/OH 7 OHIO RIVER BRIDGE PEL STUDY** – CDM Smith is in the process of evaluating and updating the Travel Demand Model (TDM) which is expected to complete by mid-June. Upon completion of TDM, they'll start updating the Traffic Report followed by the Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA).
- **US 60/KY 180 CORRIDOR STUDY** – The purpose of the project is to improve accessibility and safety. It started in November and Qk4 has been gathering data on existing conditions. A project team meeting was held in March and presented existing data, received input about growth patterns and future development. They have also opened up public website to gather community input on problem spots along the corridor. Potential build projects may include turn lanes, optimizing signals, etc. Next project meeting likely in June. Discussion will involve determining which recommendations may be feasible.
- **COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN/BUS STOP INVENTORY** – Public outreach has been conducted in the form of a survey. RLS is reaching out to transit providers in the area and is looking at demographic data, needs and challenges, as well as an inventory of bus stops.

4. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG)/CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM

Eligibility requests were made to use STBG and CMAQ funding for several projects including Storms Creek 3rd Roundabout design, Ohio Freight Plan/CMP/Model update, Lawrence 5th Street Bridge, US 52/SR 243 Interchange Improvements, and US 60/Newman's Branch Road Intersection Improvements.

Patrick Leighty made the motion and Steve Cole seconded the motion to move the Eligibility Request forward for Policy Committee approval. It was approved unanimously.

5. AMENDMENT #4 TO THE KYOVA 2024-2027 TIP

Amendments were requested by ODOT, LCT, and TTA to add the following projects – 3rd Roundabout Improvements; OH Freight/CMP Study; LCT proposed to increase funds for 2

buses; TTA for bus replacements – 3 hybrid buses, and bus facilities grant for bus wash and vacuum. Grants announced in June. The amendment went through a 15-day public review and IAC concurred that these projects did not require conformity determination.

Steve Cole made the motion and Jennifer Woodall seconded the motion to move Amendment #4 to the KYOVA 2024-2027 TIP forward for Policy Committee approval. It was approved unanimously.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE KYOVA FY 2025 UPWP FOR THE HUNTINGTON WV-KY-OH URBANIZED AREA (JULY 1, 2024-JUNE 30, 2025)

KYOVA presented the FY 2025 UPWP which details the work products and tasks KYOVA anticipates completing in FY 2025.

Jennifer Woodall made the motion and Randy Wheeler seconded the motion to move the FY 2025 UPWP forward for Policy Board approval. It was approved unanimously.

7. KYOVA 2020 CENSUS URBAN AREA BOUNDARY UPDATE

KYOVA has had discussion with the 3 state DOTs about the Urban Area Boundary and presented the updates in the form of a map. Most of the changes were to make the boundary contiguous and include newer housing developments or connect those to the urban area boundary.

Michael Graese made the motion and Steve Cole seconded the motion to move the 2020 Urban Area Boundary Adjustments forward for Policy Board approval. It was approved unanimously.

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

- **TRI-STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY** – Bus stop study has begun; 3 new buses that came from STBG funds – 2 look like trolleys; in need of bus operators and mechanics
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY TRANSIT** – Replacement buses and vans procured; working with RLS on the bus stop study; met with FTA to discuss intermodal project – in environmental phase
- **ASHLAND BUS SYSTEM** – Detours due to roundabouts; received 2 new vans
- Split letter for FTA funding – funds available on July 1 – small capital grant dollars

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

TTA has exceeded useful life of van that will be transferred to CCCSO. The application cycle for FY 2024 5310 vehicles has opened. Intent to Apply is due May 3 and the full application is due June 21, 2024.

10. KYOVA STUDIES/BRIEF PROJECT UPDATES/INFORMATIONAL SESSION

- **FEDERAL UPDATE** – The Federal Certification Review will be complete in June or July.
- **SS4A** – No update.
- **CITY OF HUNTINGTON PROJECTS**

- HAL GREER CORRIDOR PROJECT – no update
- DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON STREETSCAPES – Approved by City Council last night
- Gallaher Village Streetscapes study is getting underway
- 14TH STREET WEST COMPLETE STREETS – a public meeting was held over the winter. Some changes were recommended to the study.
- 3RD AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS – no update
- Mid-block crossing – slightly delayed
- **WVDOH UPDATE** – Intersection study in Wayne County authorized; Newman’s Branch traffic signal – working on utilizing STBG funds for bulk of project & state will provide match. WV Planning Conference will be in Huntington in May; Federal grant opportunities – trying to get I-64 welcome center at exit 8 application.
- **KYTC CENTRAL OFFICE** – Funding available for TAP for Boyd and Greenup Counties
- **BOYD AND GREENUP COUNTIES PROJECTS UPDATE** – See project sheet for project updates
- **ODOT UPDATE –**
 - Chesapeake Bypass moving forward
 - SR 7 paving project – summer/fall
 - Ironton-Russell Bridge overlay
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE** – US 52/SR 243 Roundabouts – contractors to begin work soon; meetings have been held with local industry leaders to discuss large freight movements – they will need to get trucks through area during construction; Twnshp Rd. 101 bridge replacements – preliminary plans are back from ODOT and should be getting last stages of plans. Construction should begin in the next month or so; CSTP grant received for FY 2029 which will include paving on CR 1 & 107.
- **REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (RIC) UPDATE** – No update
- **CITY OF ASHLAND – DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPES/ROUNDAABOUT** – Roundabout project nearing completion – began construction on remaining 2 roundabouts; both intersections closed currently; installing sidewalks & landscaping; ~6weeks for final asphalt
- **FIVCO AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE** – No update
- **OTHER AGENCIES** – OVRDC – Safety Action Plan in progress; selected safety projects for latest round of STBG funding; all of Lawrence County is included in the Safety Action Plan.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- WV Route 2 Study to Route 35 – Agreement with consultant set to be executed this week – preliminary survey work
- 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: KYOVA Conference Room and via Zoom** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ● Location: KYOVA Conference Room and via Zoom**
April 23, 2024 (Tuesday) – in progress	April 26, 2024 (Friday)
July 23, 2024 (Tuesday) – if needed	July 26, 2024 (Friday) – if needed
September 17, 2024 (Tuesday)	September 20, 2024 (Friday)
December 10, 2024 (Tuesday)	December 13, 2024 (Friday)

*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.

12. ADJOURNMENT