Resolution #2026-016

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT #3 TO THE KYOVA 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

WHEREAS, KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governors of West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio for the Huntington, WV-KY-OH Urbanized Area acting through the West Virginia Department of Transportation/Division of Highways, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and locally elected officials in the KYOVA region; and

WHEREAS, KYOVA has adopted a 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA) have requested to amend the current 2026-2029 TIP; and

WHEREAS, the project information was available for a 15-day (February 5, 2026 – February 20, 2026) public review as outlined in the KYOVA Public Participation Plan and received no comments; and

WHEREAS, the conformity report has been completed for Huntington, WV-KY-OH urbanized Area due to the court vacating the revocation of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard. This area is in attainment for the 2008 and 2015 8-hour ozone standard; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Consultation (IAC) has determined the proposed project amendments to the 2026-2029 TIP are not subject to conformity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Policy Committee of the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission, at a regularly scheduled meeting on February 27, 2026, adopts the attached project list as Amendment #3 to the KYOVA 2026-2029 TIP.

DeAnna Holliday

DeAnna Holliday, Chair
Date: February 27, 2026

Christopher M. Chiles

Christopher M. Chiles, Executive Director
Date: February 27, 2026

KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission

2026 - 2029 TIP Amendment #3

10417 - Lawrence US35/SR7/SR775 Connector FS

State Project ID	Federal ID	Lead Agency	Project Type	Total Cost
92403	-	Lawrence County	Planning Study	$300,000

Route/Road Name	Route Length	AQ Exempt	AQ Exempt Category	AQ Exempt Category Details
775	0	Exempt	-	25 - Planning/technical/feasibility studies - Other

Groupable	Groupable Category	Performance Measure
No	-	PM3

Project Description

The study will assess existing conditions and evaluate the need and feasibility of a new route connecting US 35 in Gallia County to SR7/SR 775 in Lawrence County. The study will be completed in coordination with Lawrence County and Gallia County.

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FUTURE	TOTAL
Feasibility/ Planning Study	Local Match	$0	$0	$60,000	$0	$0	$0	$60,000
Feasibility/ Planning Study	STBG	$0	$0	$240,000	$0	$0	$0	$240,000
Total Feasibility/ Planning Study		$0	$0	$300,000	$0	$0	$0	$300,000
Total Programmed		**$0**	**$0**	**$300,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$300,000**

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Change Description - Move Project to FY 2027
PROJECT CHANGES	Title changed from "Lawrence US35/SR7 Connector" to "Lawrence US35/SR7/SR775 Connector FS" Description changed from "The proposed project would study a new connector from US35 to SR7 on or near SR775 in Lawrence County." to "The study will assess existing conditions and evaluate the need and feasibility of a new route connecting US 35 in Gallia County to SR7/SR 775 in Lawrence County. The study will be completed in coordination with Lawrence County and Gallia County." Plan Revision Name changed from "2026-2029 TIP Carryover Projects" to "Amendment #3" AQ changed from "None" to "Exempt" AQ Exempt Category Details changed from "None" to "25 - Planning/technical/feasibility studies - Other"
FUNDING CHANGES	**STBG** + Increase funds in FY 2027 in FS from $0 to $240,000 - Decrease funds in FY 2027 in D from $240,000 to $0 **Local Match** + Increase funds in FY 2027 in FS from $0 to $60,000 - Decrease funds in FY 2027 in D from $60,000 to $0
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same $240,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same $300,000

10054 - Lawrence Union Rome Trails and Walkways

State Project ID	Federal ID	Lead Agency	Project Type	Total Cost
91067	-	LCPA	Recreational Trails	$2,607,500

Route/Road Name	Route Length	AQ Exempt	AQ Exempt Category	AQ Exempt Category Details
-	0	Exempt	-	29 - National Recreational Trails Project (WV/OH) - Other

Groupable	Groupable Category	Performance Measure
-	-	PM1

Project Description

The Union-Rome Trail Project will construct a 13+- mile shared-use trail system in Union and Rome Townships in Lawrence County, Ohio that connects residential neighborhoods to schools, medical facilities, commercial services, and other activity centers. This project is projected to reduce daily passenger vehicle trips and associated vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by enabling walking and bicycling as a transportation alternative for shorter trips.

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FUTURE	TOTAL
Preliminary Engineering	CMAQ	$0	$0	$120,000	$0	$0	$0	$120,000
Preliminary Engineering	Local Match	$0	$0	$30,000	$0	$0	$0	$30,000
Total Preliminary Engineering		$0	$0	$150,000	$0	$0	$0	$150,000
Right of Way	CMAQ	$0	$0	$0	$40,000	$0	$0	$40,000
Right of Way	Local Match	$0	$0	$0	$10,000	$0	$0	$10,000
Total Right of Way		$0	$0	$0	$50,000	$0	$0	$50,000
Construction	CMAQ	$0	$0	$0	$0	$963,000	$0	$963,000
Construction	Local Match	$0	$0	$0	$0	$481,500	$0	$481,500
Construction	STBG	$0	$0	$0	$0	$963,000	$0	$963,000
Total Construction		$0	$0	$0	$0	$2,407,500	$0	$2,407,500
Total Programmed		**$0**	**$0**	**$150,000**	**$50,000**	**$2,407,500**	**$0**	**$2,607,500**

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Add PE Phase - Add Right-of-Way Phase - Change Description - Change Responsible Agency - Cost Increase
PROJECT CHANGES	Title changed from "Lawrence Union Rome Trails And Walkways Phase 1." to "Lawrence Union Rome Trails and Walkways" Description changed from "Lawrence Union Rome Trails And Walkways Phase 1. Proposed Is The Construction Of A Comprehensive Trail System Throughout The Union And Rome Township Areas Of Lawrence County, Inclusive Of The Village Of Chesapeake And Proctorville, Along With Interconnections With Other Tri-State Trail Systems." to "The Union-Rome Trail Project will construct a 13+- mile shared-use trail system in Union and Rome Townships in Lawrence County, Ohio that connects residential neighborhoods to schools, medical facilities, commercial services, and other activity centers. This project is projected to reduce daily passenger vehicle trips and associated vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by enabling walking and bicycling as a transportation alternative for shorter trips." Lead Agency changed from "Lawrence County" to "LCPA" Plan Revision Name changed from "2026-2029 TIP Carryover Projects" to "Amendment #3" Ohio Group changed from "None" to "Pedestrian / Bicycle"
FUNDING CHANGES	**STBG** + Increase funds in FY 2029 in CN from $428,000 to $963,000 **Local Match** + Increase funds in FY 2029 in CN from $107,000 to $240,750 + Increase funds in FY 2029 in CN from $107,000 to $240,750 + Increase funds in FY 2028 in RW from $0 to $10,000 + Increase funds in FY 2027 in PE from $0 to $30,000 **CMAQ** + Increase funds in FY 2029 in CN from $428,000 to $963,000 + Increase funds in FY 2028 in RW from $0 to $40,000 + Increase funds in FY 2027 in PE from $0 to $120,000
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Increased from $856,000 to $2,086,000 (143.69%)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Increased from $1,070,000 to $2,607,500 (143.69%)

10359 - Revenue Rolling Stock - 30 Ft. Buses

State Project ID	Federal ID	Lead Agency	Project Type	Total Cost
-	-	Tri-State Transit Authority	Transit	$7,690,000

Route/Road Name	Route Length	AQ Exempt	AQ Exempt Category	AQ Exempt Category Details
-	-	Exempt	-	34 - Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet - Mass Transit

Groupable	Groupable Category	Performance Measure
No	WV - 8 - Transit Program	-

Project Description

In 2026, Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA) will purchase (7) replacement 30' buses (these funds are obligated in grants WV-2024-007 and WV-2025-002). These buses will replace a like number of 2014 & 2015, 30-foot Gillig buses, which will have been in service 10 years or more when the replacement vehicles are delivered.

In 2028, TTA plans to purchase an additional (3) 30' replacement buses replacing a like number of 2018 Gillig buses, which will have been in service 10 years or more when they are replaced.

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FUTURE	TOTAL
Transit	Local Match	$330,000	$830,000	$0	$378,000	$0	$0	$1,538,000
Transit	STBG	$1,320,000	$0	$0	$1,512,000	$0	$0	$2,832,000
Transit	STBG - FLEX	$0	$3,320,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$3,320,000
Total Transit		$1,650,000	$4,150,000	$0	$1,890,000	$0	$0	$7,690,000
Total Prior Costs		**$1,650,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,650,000**
Total Programmed		**$1,650,000**	**$4,150,000**	**$0**	**$1,890,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$7,690,000**

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Funding Update
PROJECT CHANGES	Description changed from "Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA) will purchase (3) three lift equipped transit buses with the STBG grant. These buses will replace a like number of 2014, 30-foot Gillig buses which will have been in service 10 years or more when the replacement vehicles are delivered. The replacement of these vehicles under the proposed grant is consistent with FTA's current rolling stock policy as detailed in FTA Circular 9030.1 A. TTA plans to issue a purchase order for the buses in the fall of 2024. The expected delivery date is Spring of 2026." to "In 2026, Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA) will purchase (7) replacement 30' buses (these funds are obligated in grants WV-2024-007 and WV-2025-002). These buses will replace a like number of 2014 & 2015, 30-foot Gillig buses, which will have been in service 10 years or more when the replacement vehicles are delivered. In 2028, TTA plans to purchase an additional (3) 30' replacement buses replacing a like number of 2018 Gillig buses, which will have been in service 10 years or more when they are replaced." Plan Revision Name changed from "2026-2029 TIP Carryover Projects" to "Amendment #3"
FUNDING CHANGES	**STBG** + Increase funds in FY 2028 in TRAN from $0 to $1,512,000 **Local Match** + Increase funds in FY 2026 in TRAN from $500,000 to $830,000 + Increase funds in FY 2028 in TRAN from $0 to $378,000 **STBG - FLEX** + Increase funds in FY 2026 in TRAN from $2,000,000 to $3,320,000
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Increased from $3,320,000 to $6,152,000 (85.30%)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Increased from $4,150,000 to $7,690,000 (85.30%)

10370 - Revenue Rolling Stock - 35 Ft. Hybrid Buses

State Project ID	Federal ID	Lead Agency	Project Type	Total Cost
-	-	Tri-State Transit Authority	Transit	$4,600,000

Route/Road Name	Route Length	AQ Exempt	AQ Exempt Category	AQ Exempt Category Details
-	-	Exempt	-	34 - Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet - Mass Transit

Groupable	Groupable Category	Performance Measure
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Project Description

Purchase 35 Ft. Buses - In 2028, (3) 35' replacement buses replacing a like number of 2016 Gillig buses, which will have been in service 12 years or more when they are replaced.

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FUTURE	TOTAL
Transit	FTA 5339	$2,000,000	$0	$0	$1,680,000	$0	$0	$3,680,000
Transit	Local Match	$500,000	$0	$0	$420,000	$0	$0	$920,000
Total Transit		$2,500,000	$0	$0	$2,100,000	$0	$0	$4,600,000
Total Prior Costs		**$2,500,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$2,500,000**
Total Programmed		**$2,500,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$2,100,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$4,600,000**

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Funding Update - Move Project to FY 2028
PROJECT CHANGES	Description changed from "Purchase 35 Ft. Hybrid Buses - Low / No Emission Grant" to "Purchase 35 Ft. Buses - In 2028, (3) 35' replacement buses replacing a like number of 2016 Gillig buses, which will have been in service 12 years or more when they are replaced." Plan Revision Name changed from "2026-2029 TIP Carryover Projects" to "Amendment #3"
FUNDING CHANGES	**FTA 5339** - Decrease funds in FY 2028 in TRAN from $2,500,000 to $1,680,000 **Local Match** - Decrease funds in FY 2028 in TRAN from $625,000 to $420,000
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Decreased from $4,500,000 to $3,680,000 (-18.22%)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Decreased from $5,625,000 to $4,600,000 (-18.22%)

KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDMENT #3 TO THE FY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Public is hereby made aware that the KYOVA Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission Planning Area is being amended in accordance to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) effective on November 15, 2021, in cooperation with the West Virginia Department of Transportation / Division of Highways (WVDOH), Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Tri-State Transit Authority (TTA), Ashland Bus System (ABS), and Lawrence County Port Authority (LCPA).

The FY 2026-2029 TIP is for the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission's Planning Area which includes: Cabell and Wayne counties in West Virginia; Boyd and Greenup counties in Kentucky; and the urbanized area of Lawrence County in Ohio. KYOVA supports the 3 state DOT's Performance Measure (PM) targets for PM 1: Safety; PM 2: Bridge and Pavement; and PM 3: System Performance in order to track each transportation project toward meeting the baseline goals for each measure in each of the key national performance areas. The FY 2026-2029 TIP includes priority projects and programs for which implementation is anticipated in the four fiscal years (FY 2026, FY 2027, FY 2028, and FY 2029). KYOVA's FY 2026-2029 TIP describes all highways projects, maintenance, and new capacity; transit projects (both capital and operating); and bicycle and other transportation projects for which federal funding is anticipated and provides a financial plan for implementation. The current TIP also includes estimates of available FTA funds for vehicles to serve the elderly and handicapped. Furthermore, the FY 2026-2029 TIP satisfies the Program of Projects (POP) requirements of the FTA.

General public review will begin Thursday February 5, 2026, and conclude at the close of business on Friday February 20, 2026, which satisfies the required 15-day public review period. Persons wishing to review the proposed amendment for the FY 2026-2029 TIP may view the copies by visiting the KYOVA website at **www.kyovaipc.org** or request copies by contacting the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission office before the end of the business day at 4:30 p.m. Friday February 20, 2026. Only written comments will be accepted. All comments must be received no later than 11:59 p.m., Friday February 20, 2026. This amendment will be considered final if no written public comments are received by that time.

The KYOVA office is located at 400 Third Avenue Huntington, WV 25701. Business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All interested persons should direct inquiries to Chris Chiles, Executive Director or Saleem A. Salameh, Ph. D., P.E., Deputy Executive Director, at (304) 523-7434. E-mail requests and comments may be sent to **Ssalameh@kyovaipc.org**.

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