

**KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

1. Gina Balsamo – CMT
2. Laura Brown - RLS
3. John Callihan – Greenup County
4. Brian Carr – WVDOH
5. Steve Cole – City of Ashland
6. Paul Davis – TTA
7. Bill Dingus – LEDC
8. Beau Evans – City of Huntington
9. Stephanie Gilbert - OVRDC
10. Michael Graese – City of Ashland
11. Sam Granato – ODOT
12. Erin Grushon – Burgess & Niple
13. Bobby Hall – Greenup County
14. Charles Jackson – KYTC
15. Grant Jacob – Kimley Horn
16. Todd Kelley – Ashland PD
17. Dasha Korostina – KYTC Planning
18. Patrick Leighty – Lawrence County Engineer
19. Jeffery Mace – RIC
20. Tony Maietta – EPA Region 5
21. Mike Maynard – Hillcrest-Bruce Mission
22. Deanna Miller – Qk4
23. Mike Payne – LCT
24. Doug Pinkerton – FIVCO
25. Michael Read – KTYC D9
26. Saleem Salameh – KYOVA
27. Terri Sicking - KYOVA
28. Jody Sigmon – KYOVA
29. Jake Smith – RIC
30. Randy Wheeler – City of Ashland
31. Bethany Wild - KYOVA
32. Thomas Witt - KYTC
33. Jennifer Woodall - TTA
34. 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 December 5, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting were presented to the TAC.

### 3. KYOVA TRANSPORTATION STUDIES UPDATE

- **COMPLETE STREETS** – Erin Grushon gave an update on the Complete Streets work. B&N has developed a Complete Streets inventory. They would like to meet with stakeholders to ensure all projects are included or considered. An ArcGIS Online tool was presented that shows where the projects are located and includes information about the projects.
- **US 60/NEWMAN'S BRANCH ROAD TRAFFIC STUDY** – Gina Balsamo updated the group on the traffic study. CM is recommending a traffic signal at US 60 and Newman's Branch Road along with a road diet on US 60 west of the intersection. The cost is just under \$1.3 million. They are also proposing to widen Newman's Branch Rd. with a cost at around \$9 million. Another option is a shared use path along with widening. Another option is widening the road at pinch points which is estimated to cost around \$2m. Spot sidewalk improvements along US 60 to connect the middle school and new elementary school are also proposed.
- **WAYNE COUNTY INTERSECTION STUDY** – This study is looking at the intersection of Piedmont Road and Spring Valley Drive to address safety and operational concerns. Kimley-Horn visited the site last week and is working on collecting data for the study.
- **RAIL TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY** – Michael Baker is contracted to complete this study which will look at the feasibility of a Rail Trail along an inactive N-S rail line.
- **WV 2/OH 7 OHIO RIVER BRIDGE PEL STUDY** – This project is just getting started with CDM Smith as the consultant.
- **US 60/KY 180 CORRIDOR STUDY** – This study is in response to new developments that are expected to increase traffic. This could lead to operational and safety concerns. Looking to identify ways to improve accessibility and mobility. Final report should be complete in October 2024. Qk4 is currently wrapping up analysis of existing conditions
- **COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN** – This is a requirement for the TMA every 4 years under the IIJA. It ties directly to the 5310 program. It includes rideshare and other opportunities to improve transportation for people with disabilities, low income, and elderly. The outcome is to develop goals and strategies and look at funding opportunities. RLS has identified needs and challenges. Several goals have been developed and they are working on developing strategies to go along with the goals.

### 4. AMENDMENT #3 TO THE KYOVA 2024-2027 TIP

The amendment includes a request from ODOT for changes to the Chesapeake Bypass to complete design, ROW, environmental update, and construction of 1 lane in each direction. Sale date is December 2024.

**Patrick Leighty made the motion and Randy Wheeler seconded the motion to move Amendment #3 to the KYOVA 2024-2027 TIP forward for Policy Committee approval. It was approved unanimously.**

**Dr. Bill Dingus abstained from vote on Amendment #3.**

**5. PRESENTATION OF THE KYOVA FY 2025 DRAFT 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 to complete in FY 2025.

**Bill Dingus made the motion and John Callihan seconded the motion to move the FY 2025 UPWP forward for Policy Board approval. It was approved unanimously.**

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

- **TRI-STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY** – Ridership is coming back. STBG funds used to purchase 3 buses and should be delivered in April. 5339 funds used to update fare box collection system. Looking to offer wifi, use credit cards and possibly display boards for ads in the future.
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY TRANSIT** – Ridership is steady, more so for demand response. 3 replacement buses on order through ODOT contract in process. Intermodal facility project – in process of meeting with FTA to get their approval to get construction manager in place.
- **ASHLAND BUS SYSTEM** – Prices have gone up on buses. State contract – talking about cutaways. Ridership is up. State did open bid for new buses that haven't been approved but making progress.

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

FY 2024 application will be available in the spring. TTA working with RLS on bus stop study. Permission from WVDPT to work from their contract with RLS. Expected to start in early spring. Some extra work will be needed from TTA, LCT, and ABS.

**8. KYOVA STUDIES/BRIEF PROJECT UPDATES/INFORMATIONAL SESSION**

- **FEDERAL UPDATE** – No update
- **TRI-STATE AIRPORT PROJECTS** – No update.
- **SS4A** – Agreement signed in September. Advertised RFQ in October and interviews were held in January. B&N was selected as consultant.
- **CITY OF HUNTINGTON PROJECTS**
  - HAL GREER CORRIDOR PROJECT – no update
  - DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON STREETSCAPES – Working with WVDOH on MOA
  - 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST COMPLETE STREETS – Public meeting to be held on 2/29/24 to present recommendations
  - 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS – no update
- **WVDOH UPDATE** –
  - US DOT RAISE GRANT – KYOVA applied on behalf of the state for underpasses in Huntington
  - State Bike/Ped Coordinator hired yesterday. Will get in touch with MPOs soon.
  - Concerns were mentioned about 17<sup>th</sup> Street West Bridge being weight restricted – also 31<sup>st</sup> Street bridge is not usable
  - Questions about railroad viaduct inspections – this is typically done by the railroad or the entity that owns the bridge

- WV CRS recently approved
- **KYTC CENTRAL OFFICE** – 6 year highway plan recommended to legislature. They can approve as is or make changes. CRS recently completed and is on the Division of Planning website.
- **BOYD AND GREENUP COUNTIES PROJECTS UPDATE** – See project sheet for updates. Flatwoods sidewalk on Powell Lane. Should be finished in April.
- **ODOT UPDATE** – Paving SR 7 from Proctorville to County line.
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE** – SR 243 Stage 3 plans submitted and should receive back soon.
- **REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (RIC) UPDATE** – Draft UPWP is complete. Major update is continuation of Long-range plan – Kimley Horn to do update. FHWA Complete Streets planning waiver. Floated idea of roundabouts in Putnam County but unsure of appeal. Funds are opening up to other cities and counties. Wrapping up road safety assessments. Submitting RAISE grant for Cedar Grove – total street reconstruction planning, design, and street maintenance plan.
- **CITY OF ASHLAND – DOWNTOWN STREETS CAPES/ROUNDABOUT** – Construction is continuing. Focus is currently on 13<sup>th</sup> St. to 18<sup>th</sup> St. on Winchester. 2 Roundabouts open to vehicular traffic under construction conditions. Implemented back in angled parking and has been received well. Brick pavers being added now.
  - **SS4A update** – advertising for consulting services
- **FIVCO AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE** – Completed listing of KY highway freight network. Updated list of multimodal locations points. Greenup County reopened Amtrack station. Rail freight loading and unloading list – not a lot of locations.
- **KYOVA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM** – Language added to eligibility for Carbon Reduction Program. Not a separate application but considered with current. Identify projects that would best use those funds and work with project sponsor if it meets criteria.
- **OTHER AGENCIES**

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

- **USDOT ELECTRIC OR ALTERNATIVE FUEL BUSES NOFO – POSSIBLE DOWNTOWN CIRCULATOR FOR TTA?**
  - Hybrids may be a possibility
  - Need to accommodate high speed chargers
- **TMA CERTIFICATION REVIEW ON MARCH 19 & 20 – PUBLIC MEETING MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> FROM 4:00-6:00PM**
- **FUTURE KYOVA MEETING DATES:**

<i>KYOVA Technical Advisory Committee</i>	<i>KYOVA Policy Committee</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting time: 10:00 a.m. to noon</li> <li>● Location: KYOVA Conference Room and via Zoom**</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.</li> <li>● Location: KYOVA Conference Room and via Zoom**</li> </ul>
February 27, 2024 (Tuesday) – in progress	March 1, 2024 (Friday) - Scheduled
April 23, 2024 (Tuesday)	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.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**