

**KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025**

1. Patrick Anater – HDR
2. Jayalakshmi Balaji - KYTC
3. Mark Bates – City of Huntington
4. John Callihan – Greenup County
5. Brian Carr – WVDOH
6. Dave Cramer – Michael Baker
7. Steve Cole – Thoroughbred Engineering
8. Michael Dombrowski – ODOT
9. Kara Greathouse – FHWA
10. Bobby Hall – Greenup County
11. Donna Hardy – Mead & Hunt
12. Tonya Higdon – FHWA KY
13. Blake Jones – KYTC D9
14. Ralph Kline - ILCAO
15. Dasha Korostina – KYTC Planning
16. Patrick Leighty – Lawrence County Engineer
17. Tony Maietta – EPA Region 5
18. Mike Maynard – Hillcrest-Bruce Mission
19. Tim Padgett – Kimley Horn
20. Zane Parsley – City of Huntington
21. Mike Payne – LCT
22. Saleem Salameh – KYOVA
23. Kendra Schenk – B&N
24. Matt Selhorst - HDR
25. Terri Sicking - KYOVA
26. Jody Sigmon – KYOVA
27. Jake Smith – RIC
28. Larry Smith – CDM Smith
29. Wes Stafford – Michael Baker
30. Mitchell Stevenson – CDM Smith
31. Scott Thompson – ODOT D9
32. Katherine Utsinger – City of Ashland
33. Sam Wallace – FHWA OH
34. Rob Watson – Michael Baker
35. Randy Wheeler - ABS
36. Bethany Wild - KYOVA
37. Thomas Witt - KYTC
38. 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 25, 2025 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting were presented to the TAC.

3. KYOVA TRANSPORTATION STUDIES UPDATE

- **WV 2/OH 7 OHIO RIVER BRIDGE CROSSING PEL STUDY** – A public meeting was held in March and was well attended. Recommendations were presented and the study should be complete in May. Concerns were raised about next steps in the process. There is no dedicated funding for this project at this time.
- **LAW US 52/ASHLAND BRIDGE INTERSECTION STUDY** – HDR has looked at adding lanes, improving lanes, signal timing, interchange redesign. The alternatives will be presented soon and a stakeholder meeting will be held with the Village of Coal Grove as well.
- **CABELL WAYNE TRANSPORTATION LAND USE STUDY** – Components of the project include reviewing data, engaging stakeholders, and presenting recommendations. The study should be complete by next summer.
- **SOUTHSIDE TRAFFIC STUDY** – Coordination with the COH and Cabell County have been completed. Discussions will be held with the individuals schools in the next few weeks. Several strategies have been evaluated to improve school traffic safety and congestion. A draft report should be completed soon. A meeting with the schools will be held the week of May 19th.
- **SS4A OHIO RIVER TRI STATE SAFETY ACTION PLAN** – The Safety Action Plan is in the beginning stages of progress. B&N is looking at all plans and documents that have been completed to see how they can be incorporated into the Safety Action Plan. There will be opportunities for the public to comment and engagement with stakeholders. Citan software will be used to evaluate data and help develop recommendations.
- **KYOVA FREIGHT PLAN** – HDR is working on developing vision, goals, and objectives and collecting and analyzing data. The study should be completed by the end of June 2026.
- **KYOVA CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS & TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL** – This project is in the beginning stages of development. A kickoff meeting has been held and next steps include gathering data and engaging stakeholders.

4. AMENDMENT #8 TO THE KYOVA 2024-2027 TIP

The amendment includes requests from ODOT and LCT. These projects do not require a conformity determination. All public participation processes were followed and no comments were received.

Patrick Leighty made the motion and John Callihan seconded the motion to move Amendment #8 to the KYOVA 2024-2027 TIP forward for Policy Committee approval. It was approved unanimously.

5. PRESENTATION OF KYOVA FY 2026-2029 UPWP FOR THE HUNTINGTON, WV-KY-OH URBANIZED AREA

The UPWP lays out the planned work tasks for KYOVA during FY 2026. The final draft is due April 30th to KYTC and May 9th to WVDOT and ODOT.

Randy Wheeler made the motion and Ralph Kline seconded the motion to move the FY 2026 UPWP forward for Policy Board approval. It was approved unanimously.

6. OHIO 2026-2029 STIP/TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) UPDATE

The TIP lays out the 4-year plan for programming projects to be completed in the KYOVA area. The TIP has met all public participation and air quality conformity requirements. The 2nd Draft TIP was due to ODOT on 3/10/25. Public meetings were held on the following dates: April 2nd in Lawrence County; April 8th at KYOVA; April 9th at Ashland Transit Center. All comments have been addressed in the final TIP. The final document will be due on April 30th with Board approval expected on May 2nd. The TIP is a subset of the 2050 MTP.

Ralph Kline made the motion and Jennifer Woodall seconded the motion to move the FY 2026 UPWP forward for Policy Board approval. It was approved unanimously.

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

An open application cycle ended February 28th. A minivan for ABS and cutaway for CCCSO have been received. Grant agreements should be developed soon. Another round of applications will be open in Fall 2025.

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

- **TRI-STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY** – Ridership is still increasing. Triennial review is next week. These meetings will be on-site.
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY TRANSIT** – Cutaway buses and minivans are now in service. Preparing for triennial review in August. A consultant will be on site for the review.
- **ASHLAND BUS SYSTEM** – Triennial review will be in May. These meetings are expected to be virtual. Received 4 new buses this month and will be in service soon.

9. KYOVA STUDIES/BRIEF PROJECT UPDATES/INFORMATIONAL SESSION

- **FEDERAL UPDATE** – SS4A Grant program is now accepting applications. The NOFO has been updated and is online.
- **CITY OF HUNTINGTON PROJECTS**
 - **DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON STREETSCAPES** – Contract has been submitted and waiting on NTP. Public feedback sessions will take place this summer. Business owners will be reached out to.
 - **14TH STREET WEST COMPLETE STREETS** – Final field review before plans are completed. Planning to move to construction
 - **3RD AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS** – Continuing on design work. Accommodating new construction projects in the area.

- OTHER
- **WVDOH UPDATE** – Submitted Congressionally Directed Spending requests over the last few weeks. Perry McCutcheon has left the WVDOH. Some grants are ongoing. KYOVA has submitted some projects for working with D2 – Barboursville, etc. WVDOH will get those moving as soon as possible.
- **KYTC CENTRAL OFFICE** – Working on getting contracts for FY 2026 planning programs. FHWA KY has had some substantial staff changes – Nick Vail has left FHWA and John Ballentyne has retired.
- **BOYD AND GREENUP COUNTIES PROJECTS UPDATE** – No updates. See project sheet for current ongoing projects.
- **ODOT UPDATE** – Chesapeake Bypass groundbreaking took place last week. Safety project at SR 93 should be starting in next month.
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE** – US 52/SR 243 roundabouts – one side is functioning as a roundabout while work is still taking place. WB on-ramp is shut down for about the next 6 weeks.
- **REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (RIC) UPDATE** – 2 traffic safety studies are currently underway.
- **CITY OF ASHLAND** – No update.
- **FIVCO AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE** – No update.
- **OTHER AGENCIES**

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- **PUBLIC MEETING FOR ACCESS OHIO 2050 – TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025 AT LAWRENCE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – 5:00-6:30PM**
- **FUTURE KYOVA MEETING DATES:**

<i>KYOVA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)</i>	<i>KYOVA Policy Committee (PC)</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 29, 2025 (Tuesday) – IN PROGRESS	May 2, 2025 (Friday)
July 22, 2025 (Tuesday) – if needed	July 25, 2025 (Friday) – if needed
September 23, 2025 (Tuesday)	September 26, 2025 (Friday)
December 9, 2025 (Tuesday)	December 12, 2025 (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.

11. ADJOURNMENT