

KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
POLICY MEETING

400 Third Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

February 27, 2026
12:00 P.M.

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order and Introductions – DeAnna Holliday, Chair

❖ Attendees present for the Policy Board Meeting are as follows:

Barry Adkins	John Mandt, Jr.
Howard Anderson	Chad Nelson
Mark Bates	Tyler Ohrn
Don Bias	Robert Pennington
Tim Bias	Thomas Smith
Brent Brown	Kelli Sobonya
Liza Caldwell	Randy Stapleton
Brian Carr	Kevin Sullivan
Brian Chapman	Travis Thompson
Chuck Charles	James Turner
Paul Davis	Kerri Wagner
Bill Dingus	Randy Wheeler
Michael Dombrowski	Thomas Witt
Beau Evans	Jennifer Woodall
Jeff Gaskins	Tim Wright
DeAnna Holliday	Beth Zerkle
Ralph Kline	
Patrick Leighty	

AGENDA ITEM #2: Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (December 12, 2025)

❖ Motion Thompson / Sobonya to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Election of Officers:

- Nominating Committee Report
 - Patrick Leighty read the Nominating Committee Report, which proposed the following slate of officers:
 - Chair: DeAnna Holliday
 - Vice-Chair: Travis Thompson
 - Treasurer: Paul Davis
 - Secretary: Kelli Sobonya
 - Mr. Leighty opened floor to nominations.

- ❖ Motion Charles / Caldwell to close nominations from floor; motion passed.
- ❖ Motion Dingus / Zerkle to close nominations and approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Executive Director's Report – Chris Chiles, KYOVA

- Appalachia's Front Porch Tri-State Tourism Initiative
 - Mr. Chiles presented an update on a new Tri-State tourism initiative called Appalachia's Front Porch, which aims to collaborate on attracting and retaining tourists in the region by partnering with local CVBs and the Foundation for the Tri-State. Mr. Chiles invited everyone to visit <http://www.appalachiasfrontporch.com> and <http://www.facebook.com/AppalachiasFrontPorch> for more information.
- Huntington Tri-State Airport Terminal Loop Road Alignment, Parking Lot Expansion, and Intermodal Public Parking Development
 - Mr. Chiles updated members on the status of the Terminal Loop Road Alignment, Parking Lot Expansion, and Intermodal Public Parking Development project.
- Huntington 3rd Avenue Highlawn Improvements Project
 - Mr. Chiles informed members of the current project along 3rd Avenue in the Highlawn neighborhood of Huntington. It will accommodate transportation, bicycle, and pedestrian activity around the future Kroger's and ACF property development.
- Update on KYOVA Transportation Studies
 - Mr. Chiles briefly mentioned the various transportation studies KYOVA staff are currently involved with and directed members to KYOVA's YouTube channel for more information.
 - KYOVA Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant
 - Cabell-Wayne County Transportation Land Use Study
 - Bus Stop Inventory and Assessment
 - US 52/SR 93 Storms Creek Feasibility Study
 - Barboursville CSX Underpass Drainage Study
 - KYOVA Regional Freight Plan
 - KYOVA Congestion Management Process & Travel Forecast Model
- Upcoming FY 2027 Activities
 - 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update
 - FY 2028–2031 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Update

AGENDA ITEM #5: Presentation of Draft FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Chris Chiles, KYOVA

- Mr. Chiles explained to members that the UPWP lays out all KYOVA activities for Fiscal Year 2027, including the budget and project information. The resolutions must be approved so KYOVA can submit the documents to the appropriate agencies for their review and comments. All necessary changes will be made, and the final draft will be presented at the next KYOVA meeting in May.
- Draft FY 2027 UPWP
 - Resolution #2026-009 KYOVA Board Authorization
 - Resolution #2026-010 Kentucky Surface Transportation Program
 - Resolution #2026-011 Greenup County Transit Feasibility Study
 - Resolution #2026-012 Greenup County Service Transit Study

- Resolution #2026-013 Authorization for FTA Application
 - ❖ Motion Sobonya / Thompson to approve all as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Funding Request – Chris Chiles, KYOVA

- Mr. Chiles explained this planning study will evaluate the feasibility of constructing a new sidewalk along Espy Lane in Flatwoods, Kentucky, from KY 750 (Powell Lane) to KY 693 (Bellefonte Road). The study will document existing conditions, including right-of way, utilities, drainage, driveway and intersection crossings, and other relevant infrastructure, and it will develop a planning-level cost estimate for sidewalk construction.
- Resolution #2026-014
 - ❖ Motion Charles / Caldwell to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funding Request – Chris Chiles, KYOVA

- Lawrence County Transit Summary Sheet
 - Mr. Chiles explained the project proposes to establish a new shared ride premium service in the urbanized portion of Lawrence County, Ohio.
 - Resolution #2026-015
 - ❖ Motion Davis / Brown to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #8: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Report – Patrick Leighty, TAC Vice-Chair

- Transit Systems Update
 - Mr. Leighty, TAC Vice-Chair, gave a Transit update for the Huntington area. He discussed KYOVA’s Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. He described the various presentations, and the TIP Amendment.
- Amendment #3 to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program
 - Resolution # 2026-016
 - ❖ Motion Dingess / Davis to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #9: Federal and State Updates

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – none present
- West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) – Brian Carr
 - Mr. Carr discussed several on-going projects. He gave an overview of the Culloden Interchange, STIP Plan, and scheduled upcoming public meetings.
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) – Thomas Witt
 - Mr. Witt discussed the SHIFT 6-Year Highway Plan and upcoming Boyd and Greenup County Projects.
- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) – Mike Dombrowski
 - Mr. Dombrowski gave a brief overview of Lawrence County projects.

AGENDA ITEM #10: Old Business

- None

AGENDA ITEM #11: New Business

- Future KYOVA Policy Committee Meeting Dates
 - Friday, May 1, 2026
 - Friday, July 31, 2026 (tentative, if necessary)
 - Friday, September 25, 2026
 - Friday, December 11, 2026

AGENDA ITEM #12: Adjournment