

KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
POLICY MEETING

400 Third Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

March 1, 2024
12:00 P.M.

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order and Introductions – Jeff Maddox, Vice-Chair

- Attendees present for the Policy Board Meeting (via Zoom Video Conferencing) are as follows:

Howard Anderson	Ralph Kline
Tom Barnitz	Patrick Leighty
Don Bias	Jeff Maddox
Tim Bias	Deanna Miller
Laura Brown	Chad Nelson
Michael Browning	Eric Patton
Liza Caldwell	Jake Smith
John Callihan	Kelli Sobonya
Brian Carr	Randy Stapleton
Steve Cole	Jason Stephens
Sam Cramblit	Juli Stephens
Paul Davis	Kevin Sullivan
Bill Dingus	Travis Thompson
Michael Dombrowski	James Turner
Beau Evans	Alex Vaughn
Don Fraley	Sam Wallace
Nicholas Gray	Randy Wheeler
Erin Grushon	Thomas Witt
Robert Hall	Jennifer Woodall
Grant Jacob	

AGENDA ITEM #2: Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (December 8, 2023)

- ❖ Motion Witt / Caldwell to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Executive Director's Report – Chris Chiles, KYOVA

- Jason Stephens, Ohio Speaker of the House
 - Speaker Stephens spoke of various on-going projects in Ohio as well as his previous tenure as Chairman of KYOVA.
- Robert Hall, Judge Executive, Greenup County, Kentucky

- Judge Hall thanked KYOVA employees for their work and dedication in all three states. He delivered a message of gratitude from the Greenup County High School Superintendent, Tracy, for their work on a critical Greenup County High School project.
- Hal Greer Boulevard Corridor Project Update
 - Mr. Chiles informed members that progress is on-going, with construction hopefully complete in the Fall of 2024.
- Downtown Ashland Complete Street Project Update
 - Mr. Chiles explained to members that the Project continues moving forward, and construction has begun. He stated two roundabouts were open, with three under construction. This is scheduled to be complete by the end of this calendar year.
- Chesapeake Bypass Project Update
 - Mr. Chiles stated progress continues with construction expected to start in the Spring of 2025.
- Huntington Welcome Center I-64, Exit 8
 - Mr. Chiles gave members a brief overview of the future I-64 Welcome Center. He explained the accessibility of the location being ideal for both west and east bound traffic. He spoke of the additional tourism that this would bring to the area. He stated design, engineering and environmental are in process now to get the project shovel ready.
- TMA Certification Review Update
 - Mr. Chiles explained that per the Census numbers, KYOVA will retain its designated Transportation Management Area (TMA) status with over 200,000 residents. This means KYOVA will continue to receive additional federal dollars, including the suballocated grant funds.
- 2024 WVDOT/WVAMPO/WVLTAP Planning Conference in Huntington
 - Mr. Chiles made members aware that the WVDOT/WVAMPO/WVLTAP Planning Conference is to be in May of 2024 in Huntington, WV. He stated this would bring MPOs and DOH employees together from across the state into Huntington.
- 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.
 - WV Rt 2/OH Rt 7 Bridge & PEL Study
 - U.S DOT RAISE Grant for Huntington Underpass Flood Resiliency Plan
 - Ohio River Valley Tri-State Safety Action Plan (Safe Streets and Roads for All/SS4A)
 - Norfolk Southern Rail Feasibility Study
 - Spring Valley Road & Piedmont Road Intersection Study
 - Lawrence County, OH SRTS and Safety Study – CRRSAA funds
 - Complete Streets Planning – Erin Grushon, Burgess & Niple
 - US 60/Newman's Branch Road Traffic Study - Gina Balsamo, CMT
 - US-60/KY-180 Corridor Study – Rebecca Thompson, QK4
 - Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan – Laura Brown, RLS

AGENDA ITEM #4: Presentation Draft FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Chris Chiles, KYOVA

- Draft FY 2025 UPWP and Indirect Cost Rate
 - Mr. Chiles explained to members that the UPWP lays out all KYOVA activities for Fiscal Year 2025, 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 April.
 - Resolution #2024-008 KYOVA Board Authorization
 - Resolution #2024-009 Kentucky Surface Transportation Program Funds
 - Resolution #2024-010 Authorization for FTA Application
 - ❖ Motion Caldwell / Sobonya to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Report – Paul Davis, Chairman

- Transit Systems Update
 - Mr. Davis, General Manager of the Tri-State Transit Authority, gave a Transit update for the Huntington area. He discussed KYOVA's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting held on Tuesday, February 28, 2024. He described various presentations they discussed. He discussed the increase in ridership, need for newer vehicles, and the Transportation Improvement Plan that members would be voting on.
- Amendment #3 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Resolution #2024-011
 - ❖ Motion Leighty / Hall to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Federal and State Updates

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Sam Wallace
 - Mr. Wallace, Transportation Planner in the Ohio Division, discussed the TMA Certification and the UPWP draft submission. He stated the TMA Certification Review process was March 19th and 20th and the Work Program meeting with ODOT would be held on March 25th.
- West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) – Brian Carr
 - Mr. Carr discussed several topics including the Statewide Freight Plan, Carbon Reduction Strategy Study, new Bike Pedestrian Coordinator, and various upcoming studies.
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) – Thomas Witt
 - Mr. Witt discussed the SHIFT 6-Year Highway Plan, the Carbon Reduction Strategy Plan, and upcoming Boyd and Greenup County Projects.
- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) – Michael Dombrowski
 - Mr. Dombrowski introduced Project Manager Tom Barnitz. Mr. Barnitz gave a brief overview of the Chesapeake Bypass Project. He stated construction was scheduled to be awarded in December 2024 and actual construction to begin in the Spring of 2025. Mr. Dombrowski gave members a brief overview of additional upcoming projects in Ohio.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Old Business

- None

AGENDA ITEM #8: New Business

- Future KYOVA Policy Committee Meeting Dates
 - Friday, April 26, 2024

AGENDA ITEM #9: Adjournment