

KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

400 Third Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

April 26, 2024
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:

Howard Anderson	Ralph Kline
Mark Bates	Patrick Leighty
Michael Browning	Jeff Maddox
John Callihan	John Mandt, Jr.
Steve Cole	Chad Nelson
Sam Cramblit	Kevin Sullivan
Paul Davis	Rebecca Thompson
Bill Dingus	Travis Thompson
Michael Dombrowski	James Turner
Beau Evans	Alex Vaughn
Don Fraley	Charles Walker
Erin Grushon	Randy Wheeler
DeAnna Holliday	Jennifer Woodall

AGENDA ITEM #2: Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (March 1, 2024)

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

AGENDA ITEM #3: Election of Officers

- Nominating Committee Report:
 - Paul Davis opened floor to nominations:
 - Chair: DeAnna Holliday
 - Vice-Chair: Jeff Maddox
 - Secretary: Kelli Sobonya
 - Treasurer: Paul Davis
- Nominations from Floor:
 - Motion to Close Nominations
 - ❖ Motion Kline / Thompson to approve as presented; motion passed.

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

- Hal Greer Boulevard Corridor Project Update
 - Mr. Chiles informed members that progress is on-going, with construction on schedule to be complete in the Fall or Winter of 2024.
- Downtown Ashland Complete Street Project Update
 - Mr. Chiles explained to members that the Project continues moving forward, construction on the last two roundabouts has begun, with completion scheduled 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 5th Street Welcome Center. He explained the accessibility of the location being ideal for both westbound and eastbound traffic.
- WV Route 2 Study
 - Mr. Chiles explained this Study was looking for improvements from the 31st Street Bridge in Huntington to Point Pleasant, Mason County. He stated the final contract details are being worked out before signing with consultants.
- 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 MPO and DOH employees from across the state to 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 – Manuch Amir, CDM Smith
 - Wayne County Rail Trail Feasibility Study – Wes Stafford, Michael Baker
 - Spring Valley Road & Piedmont Road Intersection Study – Kimley-Horn
 - Lawrence County, OH SRTS and Safety Study – CRRSAA funds - Matt Selhorst, HDR
 - Complete Streets Planning – Erin Grushon, Burgess & Niple
 - US 60/Newman's Branch Road Traffic Study - Gina Balsamo, CMT
 - KY 180/US 60 Corridor Study – Rebecca Thompson, QK4
 - Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan – Laura Brown, RLS

AGENDA ITEM #5: Presentation of Final FY 2025 Final Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Chris Chiles, KYOVA

- Mr. Chiles stated the UPWP contains the budget, transportation studies, staff information, and applicable projects for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - Final FY 2025 UPWP
 - ❖ Motion Leighty / Davis to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Grant Funding Eligibility Requests – Saleem Salameh, KYOVA

- Lawrence Ironton 93 Access Improvement Phase 2 - 3rd Roundabout – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Ohio Freight Plan / Congestion Management Process (CMP) / Travel Forecast Model Update – Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
- LAW-5th Street Municipal Bridge – Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
- US 52 / SR 243 Interchange Improvements – Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) / Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
- US-60/Newman’s Branch Road Intersection Improvements – Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
 - Mr. Salameh briefed members on several future projects, different phases of these projects, studies being done, and the funding sources for each of the projects.
 - ❖ Motion Mandt / Davis to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #7: KYOVA 2020 Urban Area Boundary Adjustments – Bethany Wild, KYOVA

- Updates to the 2020 Urban Area boundary for the TMA
 - Ms. Wild stated that KYOVA updated the urban area boundary to make it contiguous and include areas of housing development that may occur in the future. The boundary also extends into Scioto County. The updates do not change the Census definition of the urban boundary. Dr. Bill Dingus noted that the industrial facility and County Route 1A on the western portion of the boundary should be included in the updates. ODOT has already determined which changes should be made, but this will be considered for the future
 - Resolution #2024-012
 - ❖ Motion to Approve Dingus / Kline to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #8: 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, April 23, 2024. He described various presentations they discussed. He discussed the increase in ridership, the 5310 Program, the Transit Split Letter, and the Bus Shelter Study to modernize the Tri-State Transit System.
- Amendment #4 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program
- Resolution #2024-013
 - ❖ Motion Wheeler / Mandt to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #9: Federal and State Updates

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) – Kevin Sullivan
 - Mr. Sullivan spoke of the Planning Conference which is to be in May of 2024 in Huntington, WV, hiring of new employees, and the Huntington Welcome Center project.
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) – Bethany Wild, KYOVA

- Ms. Wild informed members that the Governor of Kentucky and the State Legislature approved the State Highway Plan.
- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) – Mike Dombrowski
 - Mr. Dombrowski updated members on fourteen upcoming projects, beginning this year, in Lawrence County, OH. He stated construction of the Chesapeake Bypass Project was scheduled to be awarded in December 2024 and actual construction to begin in the Spring of 2025.

AGENDA ITEM #10: Old Business

- None

AGENDA ITEM #11: New Business

- Future KYOVA Policy Committee Meeting Dates
 - Friday, July 26, 2024 (*tentative)
 - Friday, September 20, 2024
 - Friday, December 13, 2024

AGENDA ITEM #12: Adjournment