

KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
POLICY MEETING

400 Third Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

December 08, 2023
12:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

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

Howard Anderson	DeAnna Holliday
Don Bias	Jeff Maddox
Michael Browning	John Mandt, Jr.
Liza Caldwell	Chad Nelson
John Callihan	Eric Patton
Brian Carr	Jake Smith
Steve Cole	Kelli Sobonya
Paul Davis	Randy Stapleton
Shane Dillon	Kevin Sullivan
Michael Dombrowski	Dale Stephens
Beau Evans	Travis Thompson
Don Fraley	James Turner
Nicholas Gray	Alex Vaughn
Erin Grushon	Randy Wheeler
Robert Hall	Thomas Witt
Jamie Hendershot	Jennifer Woodall

AGENDA ITEM #2: Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (September 22, 2023)

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

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

- Hal Greer Boulevard Corridor Project Update
 - Mr. Chiles informed members that significant progress has been made, 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. Members were presented with a handout showing upcoming phases and dates of expected completion.
- 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 stated design and environmental phases are in process now to get the Project shovel ready.
- 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.
- 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-2 Design Study from 31st Street Bridge to US-35
 - WV Rt 2/OH Rt 7 Bridge & PEL Study
 - Boyd County US-60/KY-180 Corridor Management Study
 - 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 Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan – Laura Brown, RLS

AGENDA ITEM #4: Annual Listing of FY 2023 Federally Obligated Projects for Kentucky – Chris Chiles, KYOVA (no action required)

- Mr. Chiles explained this was a list of Projects obligated for Federal funding in Kentucky in FY 2023. A list for Ohio and West Virginia Projects was presented at the September 2023 KYOVA Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5: KYOVA Participation Plan Update – Terri Sicking, KYOVA

- Ms. Sicking stated the Participation Plan is a federal requirement for all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). It ensures the public has ample opportunity to access, review, and comment on plans, studies, and other documents as they are being developed.
 - Resolution #2024-04
 - ❖ Motion Wheeler / Davis to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #6: KYOVA Title VI/Limited English Proficiency Plan Update - Terri Sicking, KYOVA

- Ms. Sicking stated this was the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's office of Civil Rights review and update of the Title VI/LEP Plan. This outlines procedures to file a

formal complaint with KYOVA should someone feel they have experienced discrimination. She explained the Plan was updated on an annual basis.

- Resolution #2024-05
 - ❖ Motion Wheeler / Davis to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Transportation Performance Measures Update – PM1 (Safety) - Bethany Wild, KYOVA

- Ms. Wild explained that KYOVA is federally required to set Performance Targets for safety, pavement, bridge conditions, and system performance in all three states. She stated the resolution was specifically for the calendar year 2024.

- Resolution #2024-06
 - ❖ Motion Caldwell / Callihan to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #8: Adoption of KYOVA’s Suballocated Funding Policy – Terri Sicking, KYOVA

- Ms. Sicking explained that KYOVA receives suballocated funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). These funds are available to the region’s local agencies for transportation projects. She stated that WVDOT requested the MPO’s provide a written process which is outlined in the on-line application process.

- Resolution #2024-06
 - ❖ Motion Anderson / Bias to approve as presented; motion passed. (no Resolution required)

AGENDA ITEM #9: 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, December 5, 2023. He stated various presentations were discussed. He discussed the challenges faced during COVID 19, the increase in ridership post-COVID, and the challenges of hiring new employees at TTA, and gave an overview of the TIP amendment that was to be voted on. Jody Sigmon, KYOVA, gave members a brief online tutorial of the projects in the new EcoInteractive online database.
- Amendment #2 to FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program
 - Resolution #2024-007
 - ❖ Motion Maddox / Caldwell to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #10: Federal and State Updates

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) –
- West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) –
 - Brian Carr discussed several topics including the Statewide Freight Plan, Carbon Reduction Strategy Study, introducing new staff member Madison Mullins, 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) - Mike Dombrowski
 - Mike Dombrowski 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. He discussed two new roundabouts on State Route 93 in Ironton.

AGENDA ITEM #11: Old Business

- None

AGENDA ITEM #12: New Business

- Future KYOVA Policy Committee Meeting Dates
 - Friday, March 1, 2024

AGENDA ITEM #13: Adjournment