

KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
POLICY MEETING

400 Third Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

December 13, 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	Brandi Krofcheck
Don Bias	Patrick Leighty
Michael Browning	Jeffrey Mace
Liza Caldwell	Brenda Maddox
John Callihan	Jeff Maddox
Brian Carr	John Mandt, Jr.
Steve Cole	DeAnna Miller
David Cramer	Chad Nelson
Paul Davis	Eric Patton
Mark Dickess	Larry Smith
Shane Dillon	Kelli Sobonya
Bill Dingus	Randy Stapleton
Michael Dombrowski	Dale Stephens
Beau Evans	Kevin Sullivan
Don Fraley	James Turner
Jeff Gaskins	Alex Vaughn
Michael Graese	Charles Walker
Ali Haider	Sam Wallace
Bobby Hall	Randy Wheeler
DeAnna Holliday	

AGENDA ITEM #2: Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (September 20, 2024)

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

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

- Recognition of outgoing Board Members

- Mr. Chiles gave recognition to three out-going board members: Wayne Commissioner Jeff Maddox, Ashland Mayor Matt Perkins, and Huntington Mayor Steve Williams.
- Hal Greer Boulevard Corridor Project Update
 - Mr. Chiles informed members that the project is almost complete, and open to traffic.
- Downtown Ashland Complete Street Project Update
 - Mr. Chiles informed members that the project is almost complete, and open to traffic.
- Chesapeake Bypass Project Update
 - Mr. Chiles stated progress continues with construction expected to start in the Spring of 2025.
- Argillite Elementary Turn Lanes (Kentucky) Safety Project Video – <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?mibextid=WC7FNe&v=1791068754765438&rdid=WCeshVVzwo7sihoe>
 - Mr. Chiles presented a video showing the safety improvements made at Argillite Elementary School.
- 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.
 - Newman's Branch Road / US Route 60 Intersection Project
 - Rail Trail Feasibility Study Update
 - Spring Valley / Piedmont Road Intersection Study
 - Cabell and Wayne Counties Land Use Study
 - WV 2/OH 7 Ohio River Bridge PEL Study Update
 - US 60/KY 180 Corridor Study Update
 - Huntington Southside Traffic Study

AGENDA ITEM #4: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Funding Requests – Chris Chiles, KYOVA

- West End Safety and Operational Study – Cabell County (WVDOH Request)
- Arlington Boulevard Culvert Replacement Project – Cabell County (WVDOH Request)
 - Mr. Chiles briefed members on the background, need, and funding sources for each project.
 - ❖ Motion Caldwell / Mandt to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #5: 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 safety targets for the calendar year 2025.
 - Resolution #2025-006
 - ❖ Motion to Approve Maddox / Mandt to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Update – Bethany Wild, KYOVA

- Ms. Wild stated the purpose of this coordinated transportation plan for the Transportation Management Area (TMA) that includes Cabell and Wayne Counties, West Virginia; the urbanized area of Lawrence County, Ohio; and Boyd and Greenup Counties, Kentucky, is to evaluate community characteristics, access transportation services, document needs and gaps in services, and to establish strategies for addressing those needs between 2024-2028.
 - Resolution #2025-007
 - ❖ Motion Dingus / Caldwell to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Annual Listing of FY 2024 Federally Obligated Projects (Kentucky) – Chris Chiles, Executive Director, KYOVA (no action required)

- Mr. Chiles explained this was a list of Projects obligated for Federal funding in Kentucky in FY 2024. A list for Ohio and West Virginia Projects was presented at the September 2024 KYOVA Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #8: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Report – Paul Davis, Chair

- 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 10, 2024. He described various presentations they 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 is to be voted on.
 - Transit Systems Update
 - Amendment #6 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program
 - Resolution # 2025-008
 - ❖ Motion Wheeler / Leighty to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #9: Federal and State Updates

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Sam Wallace
 - Mr. Wallace updated members on a new MPO Virtual Public Engagement software.
- West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) – Brian Carr
 - Mr. Carr discussed several topics including US DOT grants, freight-related projects, and various upcoming projects.
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) – Mike Dombrowski
 - Mr. Dombrowski gave a brief overview of the Chesapeake Bypass Project. He stated bids have been opened for Phase II, construction is scheduled to be awarded in December 2024, and the actual construction should begin by April 1, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM #10: Old Business

- None

AGENDA ITEM #11: New Business

- Future KYOVA Policy Committee Meeting Dates
 - Friday, February 28, 2025
 - Friday, May 2, 2025

AGENDA ITEM #12: Adjournment