

KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION  
POLICY MEETING

400 Third Avenue  
Huntington, WV 25701

September 22, 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	Patrick Leighty
Don Bias	Jeff Maddox
Tim Bias	John Mandt, Jr.
John Callihan	Deanna Miller
Brian Carr	Chad Nelson
Steve Cole	Rich Oster
Paul Davis	Matt Perkins
Shane Dillon	Jennifer Piercy
Bill Dingus	Randy Stapleton
Michael Dombrowski	Kevin Sullivan
Beau Evans	Travis Thompson
Erin Grushon	James Turner
Jamie Hendershot	Sam Wallace
DeAnna Holliday	Randy Wheeler
Ralph Kline	Thomas Witt
	Jennifer Woodall

AGENDA ITEM #2: Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (April 28, 2023)

- ❖ Motion Leighty / Mandt to approve as presented; motion passed.

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

- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan Grant.
  - Mr. Chiles stated this was a national competitive Grant that KYOVA had applied for and was awarded. He said the grant agreement was signed and the project is moving forward.
- 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 this project continues moving forward, and construction has begun. Mayor Matt Perkins, City of Ashland, thanked KYOVA staff for their work on this project.
- Chesapeake Bypass Project Update
  - Mr. Chiles stated all funding necessary to complete right-of-way acquisition, design, and environmental documents are completed; the project continues moving forward.
- New Lighting for 6th Street/Robert C. Byrd and 31st Street Bridges
  - Mr. Chiles spoke of the Ironton-Russell Bridge, possibly implementing similar lighting, stating KYOVA was open to new and different ideas.
- Huntington Viaducts Flood Resiliency PROTECT Planning Grant
  - Mr. Chiles spoke of the PROTECT Planning Grant. He stated this was a Grant that WVDOH had applied for. The PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program, provides \$1.4 billion in contract authority over five years (FY22 – FY26) through competitive grants to State DOTs, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, Indian tribes, Territories (At-Risk Coastal activities) and other eligible entities.
- 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.
    - Complete Streets Planning – Erin Grushon, B&N
    - US-60 / KY-180 Corridor Study – Thomas Witt, KYTC

AGENDA ITEM #4: Amendment #1 to FY 2024 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. The Policy Committee approves submission of the document to state and federal agencies for their authorization.
  - Resolution #2024-01
    - ❖ Motion Dingus / Nelson to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #5: FY 2023 Performance and Expenditure Completion Report – Chris Chiles, KYOVA

- Mr. Chiles stated this Report summarizes all KYOVA staff activity that occurred in Fiscal Year 2023 and aligns with activities described in the Unified Planning Work Program.
  - Resolution #2024-02
    - ❖ Motion Maddox / Davis to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects FY2023 (for West Virginia and Ohio) – Chris Chiles, KYOVA (no action required)

- Mr. Chiles explained this is a list of projects with obligated federal funds in Fiscal Year 2023 for Ohio and West Virginia. The deadline for the list of projects in Kentucky is different from Ohio and West Virginia, and that list will be presented at the next KYOVA Board Meeting in December.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funding Eligibility Request – Terri Sicking, KYOVA

- TTA request to purchase three (3) replacement buses.
  - Ms. Sicking spoke about the STBG funding eligibility for TTA. These funds are to be used to purchase (3) three lift-equipped transit buses to replace 2014 buses which have been in service 10 years or more.
- Greenup County Fiscal Court request to install guardrails along three (3) County Routes
  - Ms. Sicking gave an overview of the three County Routes having guardrails installed in Greenup County, KY. Guardrails provide a safety barrier for motorists who have left the roadway and preventing or reducing the impact of falls or collisions.
    - ❖ Motion Nelson / 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, September 19, 2023. He stated various presentations were discussed. He discussed the challenges faced during COVID 19, the increase in ridership post-COVID, the challenges of hiring new employees at TTA and gave an overview of the TIP amendment that was to be voted on.
- Amendment #1 to FY 2024–2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
  - Resolution #2024-003
    - ❖ Motion Dillon / Leighty to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #9: Federal and State Updates

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Sam Wallace
  - Mr. Wallace stated that he had no new updates at this time.
- West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) – Brian Carr
  - Brian Carr discussed several topics including the new West Virginia STIP FY 2023-2028 Plan, Statewide Freight Plan, Carbon Reduction Strategy Study scheduled to be finalized mid-November 2023, employment opportunities at DOH, and upcoming Studies.
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) – Thomas Witt
  - Mr. Witt discussed the SHIFT 6-Year Highway Plan, Carbon Reduction Strategy Plan, training to address safety issues “Vulnerability Road Issues”, new Public Ride-away Accessibility Guide, and upcoming Boyd and Greenup County Projects.
- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) - Mike Dombrowski
  - Rich Oster (Ohio District 10) updated members on the State-Wide Transportation Development Study.
  - 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 not to begin until Spring of 2025, all other projects continuing moving forward as planned.

AGENDA ITEM #10: Old Business

- None

AGENDA ITEM #11: New Business

- Future KYOVA Policy Committee Meeting Dates
  - Friday, December 8, 2023

AGENDA ITEM #12: Adjournment