

**KYOWA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

1. Barry Adkins – City of Ashland
2. Patrick Anater – HDR
3. Mark Bates – City of Huntington
4. Blake Borwig – KY DAQ
5. Laura Brown – RLS
6. John Callihan – Greenup County
7. Brian Carr – WVDOH
8. Steve Cole – Thoroughbred Engineering
9. Beau Evans – City of Huntington
10. Kara Greathouse – FHWA
11. Bobby Hall – Greenup County
12. Tonya Higdon – FHWA KY
13. Charles Jackson - KYTC
14. Todd Kelley – Ashland PD
15. Dasha McGinnis – KYTC Planning
16. Patrick Leighty – Lawrence County Engineer
17. Jeffery Mace – RIC
18. Tony Maietta – EPA Region 5
19. Mike Maynard – Hillcrest-Bruce Mission
20. Claire Oyler – KY DAQ
21. Tim Padgett – Kimley Horn
22. Zane Parsley – City of Huntington
23. Mike Payne – LCT
24. Rob Pennington – Michael Baker
25. Doug Pinkerton - FIVCO
26. Saleem Salameh – KYOVA
27. Kendra Schenk – B&N
28. Matt Selhorst - HDR
29. Terri Sicking - KYOVA
30. Jody Sigmon – KYOVA
31. Jacob Taylor - OVRDC
32. Scott Thompson – ODOT D9
33. Katherine Utsinger – City of Ashland
34. Kerry Wagner – WVDOH
35. Sam Wallace – FHWA OH
36. Bethany Wild - KYOVA
37. Thomas Witt – KYTC
38. Paul Young – KYOVA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Paul Davis called the meeting to order and requested self-introductions from those in attendance.

2. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED

Meeting minutes for the April 29, 2025 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting were presented to the TAC.

3. KYOVA TRANSPORTATION STUDIES UPDATE

- **US 52/ASHLAND BRIDGE INTERSECTION STUDY** – Matt Selhorst gave an update to the TAC about some potential improvements to US 52 at the Ashland Bridge. Improvements range from lower cost improvements such as advanced warning signs and restriping to long-term improvements that involve changing bridge traffic flow. The study should be wrapping up in the next few weeks.
- **CABELL/WAYNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION LAND USE STUDY** – Rob Pennington provided an update on the study. Michael Baker is looking at some of the long-range transportation projects and how they affect land use in the region. They are currently assessing current conditions and will develop alternatives. The study is still in the beginning stages and will continue to progress. A kickoff meeting was held in May. The next step will be to establish a stakeholder group.
- **SS4A SAFETY ACTION PLAN** – Kendra Schenk gave an overview of the Safe System Approach which will be the basis of the Safety Action Plan. Stakeholders and the public will be involved in the coming months. They will review crashes and develop an implementation plan.
- **KYOVA FREIGHT PLAN** – Patrick Anater provided an update on the Freight Study which included the vision, goals, and objectives. The goals align with those that were developed for the MTP. The objectives may change during the course of the project. Data analysis is ongoing and the freight network has been identified and inventoried. They are looking at commodities and freight activity in the region. The next step will be finalizing data analysis and submitting current and future conditions.
- **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS & TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL** – Tim Padgett updated the TAC on progress for the CMP and TDM. A Steering Committee meeting has been held for the CMP. Staff recommended using the MTP goals for the CMP. Public engagement will take place this fall. The next steps include finalizing objectives.
- **BUS STOP STUDY** – Laura Brown with RLS and Michael Baker conducted a bus stop assessment. The need for a study developed from the Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan. The first phase included a field assessment and inventory of bus stops and creation of an interactive inventory map. Phase 2 looks at passenger amenities and how to improve access at stops. They worked to streamline the permitting process with local and state agencies and determine engineering improvements that would be needed. Stops were ranked for high, medium, and low priority for improvements. The inventory map includes images and bus stop information. Cost estimates were also included for making those improvements. The next step will be to identify a funding source – can use STBG funds. A final copy should be available by the end of the week. TTA's priority is US 60 and Mall Road.

4. AMENDMENT #1 TO THE KYOVA 2026-2029 TIP

Amendments were requested by WVDOH, ODOT, and TTA. The amendment went through a 15-day public review and IAC concurred that these projects did not require conformity determination.

Mark Bates made the motion and Patrick Leighty seconded the motion to move Amendment #1 to the KYOVA 2026-2029 TIP forward for Policy Committee approval. It was approved unanimously.

5. ANNUAL LISTING OF FY 2025 FEDERALLY OBLIGATED PROJECTS FOR WV & OH

Jody Sigmon gave an overview of the project listing that is for all highway and transit projects that have been federally obligated in FY 2025 for WV and OH. KY project listing will be presented at the December meeting.

6. SUBMISSION OF KYOVA'S FY 2025 COMPLETION "PERFORMANCE & EXPENDITURE" REPORT

The Completion Report details the activities completed by KYOVA in FY 2025.

Doug Pinkerton made the motion and Jeffery Mace seconded the motion to move the FY 2025 Completion "Performance and Expenditure" Report forward for Policy Board approval. It was approved unanimously.

7. TITLE VI IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN

KYOVA presented the plan to the TAC. It is meant to ensure all individuals are able to participate in the planning process equally.

Patrick Leighty made the motion and Mark Bates seconded the motion to move the Title VI/LEP Plan forward for Policy Board approval. It was approved unanimously.

8. KYOVA PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE

Terri Sicking gave an update on the Participation Plan to address clarifications and changes to federal regulations. Content of the document was unchanged.

Jeffery Mace made the motion and John Callihan seconded the motion to move the Participation Plan forward for Policy Board approval. It was approved unanimously.

9. KYTC STRATEGIC HIGHWAY INVESTMENT FORMULA FOR TOMORROW (SHIFT) PROJECT BOOST UPDATE

Terri Sicking gave an update on the SHIFT Boost process for Kentucky projects.

10. FTA 5310 TRANSIT PROGRAM FOR THE HUNTINGTON, WV-KY-OH URBANIZED AREA

The next application cycle will take place in Winter 2026. There is a slow down at FTA that has affected grant applications.

11. TRANSIT SYSTEMS STATUS UPDATE FOR THE HUNTINGTON, WV-KY-OH URBANIZED AREA

- **TRI-STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY** – Delay in FTA funding for operating and capital projects as well as 5310. Need bus operators, cleaners, dial-a-ride operators. Training in-house.
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY TRANSIT** – Multimodal Transit Facility is moving forward
- **ASHLAND BUS SYSTEM** – Triennial review complete; drivers and funding needed

12. KYOVA STUDIES/BRIEF PROJECT UPDATES/INFORMATIONAL SESSION

- **FEDERAL UPDATE** – Staff changes at FTA R3; reduced staff at FHWA so some delays may be experienced. Tonya Higdon – CMAQ applicability tables that are being revised.
- **CITY OF HUNTINGTON PROJECTS**
 - DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON STREETSCAPES – Nearing 30% design. Public meeting will be held tonight at Mountain Health Arena.
 - 14TH STREET WEST COMPLETE STREETS – Finishing up NEPA design.
 - 3RD AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS – Preliminary field review – expanding to include 24th Street. New development and expand 24th St. to 3 lanes to include turning lane.
 - 8 bridge projects over Fourpole Creek – Beechwood Bridge is the first to close. They will be complete over the next 3 years through state and federal funds.
- **WVDOH UPDATE** – If there are specific questions about projects, let Brian Carr know. New employee in planning – Kerry Wagner.
- **KYTC CENTRAL OFFICE** – No major updates. Will use SHIFT process to inform 6-year highway plan.
- **BOYD AND GREENUP COUNTIES PROJECTS UPDATE** – See handout for project updates. Greenup County project to improve congestion at KY 693 - Initial analysis determined a signal was not warranted, however, after more in-depth study, it will be constructed.
- **ODOT UPDATE** – No major updates. Chesapeake Bypass moving along.
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE** – Roundabouts at SR 243. Almost complete and should be complete by end of year.
- **REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (RIC) UPDATE** – Teays Valley Road widening project has gotten some opposition from a small group. A Safety Study is being conducted on Main St. in Hurricane with B&N. RIC is updating Active Transportation Plan in Kanawha and Putnam Counties. They are looking into possibly conducting a Congestion Management Plan to build off KYOVA's
- **CITY OF ASHLAND** – Dawes Street Rehabilitation to update drainage, add curbing and repave – 75-80% complete with plans
- **FIVCO AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE** – SHIFT process complete for FIVCO. Finishing prioritization plan for KYTC. Major traffic generators study getting ready to start – at least 100 cars in and out every day. Title VI being updated soon.
- **OTHER AGENCIES** –

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- **ACCESS OHIO 2050** – Stakeholder and public meeting – October 29th at Ohio University Southern in Ironton -
- **FUTURE KYOVA MEETING DATES:**

<i>KYOVA Technical Advisory Committee</i>	<i>KYOVA Policy Committee</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting time: 10:00 a.m. to noon • Location: KYOVA Conference Room and via Zoom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Location: KYOVA Conference Room and via Zoom
September 23, 2025 (Tuesday) – In progress	September 26, 2025 (Friday) - Scheduled
December 9, 2025 (Tuesday)	December 12, 2025 (Friday)
February 24, 2026 (Tuesday)	February 27, 2026 (Friday)
April 28, 2026 (Tuesday)	May 1, 2026 (Friday)
July 28, 2026 (Tuesday) – tentative	July 31, 2026 (Friday) – tentative
September 22, 2026 (Tuesday)	September 25, 2026 (Friday)
December 8, 2026 (Tuesday)	December 11, 2026 (Friday)

*KYOVA reserves the right to alter the dates based required board approval and if need, to hold special meetings.

** As meeting date nears a determination may be made to meet virtually to ensure the health and safety of attendees and staff. If the meeting is virtual KYOVA will post the connection information on the KYOVA website and forward electronically to committee members.

14. ADJOURNMENT