

KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
POLICY MEETING

400 Third Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

May 2, 2025
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:

Patrick Anater
Mark Bates
Brent Brown
Liza Caldwell
Brian Carr
Steve Cole
Paul Davis
Mark Dickess
Michael Dombrowski
Beau Evans
Bobby Hall
Donna Hardy
DeAnna Holliday
Patrick Leighty
John Mandt, Jr.

Chad Nelson
Jennifer Piercy
Kendra Schenk
Larry Smith
Kelli Sobonya
Wes Stafford
Randy Stapleton
Kevin Sullivan
James Turner
Katherine Utsinger
Alex Vaughn
Randy Wheeler
Jennifer Woodall
Beth Zerkle

AGENDA ITEM #2: Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (December 13, 2024)

- ❖ Motion Mandt / Nelson to approve as presented by affirmation; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Election of Officers: Vice Chair

- Ms. Holliday opened floor to nominations:
 - Travis Thompson – Vice-Chairman
 - Motion Sobonya / Caldwell to close nominations and approve as presented; motion passed.

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

- Board / “Policy Committee” Membership List
 - Mr. Chiles explained to members that, beginning with this meeting, we would supply a copy of the Policy Committee / Board Members in their meeting packets.
- AMPO Recognition Letter
 - Mr. Chiles spoke of the letter he received praising Saleem Salameh for his exceptional contributions as a member of the AMPO Technical Committee.
- MPO 101 Handout
 - Mr. Chiles gave a brief update on MPOs and explained KYOVA’s contributions. He stated Congress created MPOs to promote cooperation among state agencies, organizations, and local cities and towns involved in regional transportation planning.
- Transportation Bill Reauthorization (IIJA expires 09/30/2026)
 - Mr. Chiles informed members IIJA was a 5-year bill that Congress is in the process of reauthorizing. He stated Reauthorization shapes how federal transportation funds are allocated.
- KYTC SHIFT Update
 - Mr. Chiles explained that The Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) is the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's data-driven, objective approach to compare capital improvement projects and prioritize transportation funds.
- KYOVA Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant
 - Mr. Chiles discussed updates on the Safe Streets for All grant. Mr. Chiles informed members this is a federal, competitive grant program. He is pleased to announce KYOVA was awarded an Action Plan Grant.
- Chesapeake Bypass Project Update
 - Mr. Chiles spoke briefly about the project status.
- 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/OH 7 Ohio River Bridge PEL Study
 - Southside Traffic Study
 - US 52/Ashland Bridge Intersection Study
 - Cabell and Wayne Counties Transportation Land Use Study
 - KYOVA Freight Plan
 - KYOVA Congestion Management Process & Travel Demand Model Update

AGENDA ITEM #5: Presentation of the Final FY2026 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 2026 UPWP
 - ❖ Motion Leighty / Caldwell to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Presentation of Final FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Chris Chiles, KYOVA

- Mr. Chiles informed members this is a 4-year document of all projects in our area receiving Federal funding. Mr. Chiles stated the TIP is updated every two years.
 - Final FY 2026-2029 TIP
 - Resolution #2025-015
 - ❖ Motion Davis / Mandt to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Report – Paul Davis, Chair

- 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 29, 2025. He described various presentations they discussed. He discussed the increase in ridership, the need for newer vehicles, hiring of new employees, and the Transportation Improvement Plan that members would be voting on.
- Amendment #8 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program
 - Resolution # 2025-016
 - ❖ Motion Utsinger / Sobonya to approve as presented; motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #8: Huntington Tri-State Airport Updates – Brent Brown, Airport Director

- Mr. Brown updated members on current and future projects at Huntington's Tri-State Airport. Among those projects mentioned were a south-side access road to the airport, a hanger up-grade, terminal expansion, and an overall improvement to the parking garage.

AGENDA ITEM #9: Federal and State Updates

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Jason Workman
 - Mr. Workman spoke of the retirement of their Division Administrator. He stated John Rogers would be acting Division Administrator until the end of this fiscal year.
- West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) – Brian Carr
 - Mr. Carr discussed the new administration changes of the Governor and Secretary of Transportation. The retirement of Division Leader, Cindy Butler as well as employment opportunities within WVDOH.
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) – Mike Dombrowski
 - Mr. Dombrowski discussed the groundbreaking and construction of the Chesapeake Bypass Project. He also spoke of various upcoming and on-going projects in Ohio.

AGENDA ITEM #10: Old Business

- None

AGENDA ITEM #11: New Business

- KYTC SHIFT Sponsorship Meeting: 05/05/2025 at Ashland Police Department (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
- Access Ohio 2050 Public Meeting: 05/27/2025 at Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce (5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)
- Future KYOVA Policy Committee Meeting Dates
 - Friday, July 25, 2025 – (tentative)
 - Friday, September 26, 2025
 - Friday, December 12, 2025

AGENDA ITEM #12: Adjournment