

**KYOVA INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

1. Patrick Anater – HDR
2. Michael Belvin – CDM Smith
3. John Callihan – Greenup County
4. Brian Carr – WVDOH
5. Dave Cramer – Michael Baker
6. Steve Cole
7. Bill Dingus – LEDC
8. Beau Evans – City of Huntington
9. Sam Granato – ODOT
10. Kara Greathouse – FHWA
11. Bobby Hall – Greenup County
12. Donna Hardy – Mead & Hunt
13. Charles Jackson -
14. Blake Jones – KYTC D9
15. Todd Kelley – Ashland PD
16. Ralph Kline - ILCAO
17. Dasha Korostina – KYTC Planning
18. Patrick Leighty – Lawrence County Engineer
19. Jeffery Mace – RIC
20. Tony Maietta – EPA Region 5
21. Mike Maynard – Hillcrest-Bruce Mission
22. Neena Nallaballa -
23. Tim Padgett – Kimley Horn
24. Zane Parsley – City of Huntington
25. Mike Payne – LCT
26. Toni Perry Gillespie – ODOT
27. Doug Pinkerton – FIVCO
28. Michael Read – KTYC D9
29. Saleem Salameh – KYOVA
30. Kendra Schenk – B&N
31. Terri Sicking - KYOVA
32. Jody Sigmon – KYOVA
33. Jake Smith – RIC
34. Larry Smith – CDM Smith
35. Wes Stafford – Michael Baker
36. Kevin Sullivan – WVDOH
37. Scott Thompson – ODOT D9
38. Nick Vail – FHWA
39. Bethany Wild - KYOVA
40. Thomas Witt - KYTC
41. Paul Young – KYOVA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Patrick Leighty 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 December 10, 2024 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting were presented to the TAC.

3. KYOVA TRANSPORTATION STUDIES UPDATE

- **WV 2/OH 7 OHIO RIVER BRIDGE CROSSING PEL STUDY** – Michael Belvin presented the findings of the study to date. The team has been working on economic analysis and assessment. Next steps included screening of alternatives. Next is a public meeting on March 18th from 4:30-6:00pm.
- **LAW US 52/ASHLAND BRIDGE INTERSECTION STUDY** – HDR has looked at several options to improve traffic congestion and safety at the US 52/Ashland Bridge intersection. Crashes have been analyzed by type and potential causes identified. Lower cost improvements have been identified such as advanced warning signs and a change to traffic light cycles, as well as changes to the lanes. Will meet with Village of Coal Grove and draft recommendations to be completed in the next few months.
- **CABELL WAYNE TRANSPORTATION LAND USE STUDY** – Contract has been signed and study will be underway soon.
- **SOUTHSIDE TRAFFIC STUDY** – Attended PTO meeting to discuss traffic safety and gain understanding of traffic issues. Will continue to assess traffic and develop recommendations
- **SS4A OHIO RIVER TRI STATE SAFETY ACTION PLAN** – KYOVA has signed a contract with B&N and will get started soon.
- **KYOVA FREIGHT PLAN** – Contract has been signed and study will be underway soon. WV completed Freight Plan in 2023 and information from that can be used to inform this. Truck Parking, critical freight routes should be components of study.
- **KYOVA CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS & TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL** – A contract has been signed and the study will be underway soon. The CMP assesses strategies for congestion. Travel Demand Model uses data on land use to forecast future travel. Will be updated to new base year and future years.

4. AMENDMENT #7 TO THE KYOVA 2024-2027 TIP

The amendment includes requests from ODOT and KYTC. These projects do not require conformity determination. All public participation processes were followed and no comments were received.

Doug Pinkerton made the motion and John Callihan seconded the motion to move Amendment #7 to the KYOVA 2024-2027 TIP forward for Policy Committee approval. It was approved unanimously.

5. OHIO FY 2026-2029 STIP/TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP) SCHEDULE

The 1st Draft TIP was due to ODOT on 1/31/25. IAC met to discuss requirements of the AQ conformity. The 2nd Draft will be due 3/10/25. Public meetings will be held on the following dates: April 2nd in Lawrence County; April 8th at KYOVA; April 9th at Ashland Transit Center. All meetings will be 4:00-6:00pm. The final document will be due on April 30th.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE KYOVA FY 2026 DRAFT UPWP FOR THE HUNTINGTON WV-KY-OH URBANIZED AREA (JULY 1, 2025-JUNE 30, 2026)

KYOVA presented the FY 2026 UPWP which details the work products and tasks KYOVA anticipates to complete in FY 2026.

Bobby Hall made the motion and Bill Dingus seconded the motion to move the FY 2026 UPWP forward for Policy Board approval. It was approved unanimously.

7. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) PROGRAM –

Requests have been received from the Village of Barboursville to complete a sidewalk/culvert project and an underpass drainage study.

Doug Pinkerton made the motion and John Callihan seconded the motion to move the Village of Barboursville projects forward for Policy Board approval. It was approved unanimously.

8. TRANSIT PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Terri Sicking presented the updated Transit Performance Targets which will be included in the updated 2026-2029 TIP.

John Callihan made the motion and Doug Pinkerton seconded the motion to move the FY 2026-2029 Transit Asset Management and Safety Performance Targets forward for Policy Board approval. It was approved unanimously.

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

Open application cycle ends February 28th. Bus Stop Study – consultant will address comments and will submit the final report.

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

- **TRI-STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY** – No update.
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY TRANSIT** – Triennial audit currently underway. Meetings with FTA on new parking facility.
- **ASHLAND BUS SYSTEM** – No update.

11. KYOVA STUDIES/BRIEF PROJECT UPDATES/INFORMATIONAL SESSION

- **FEDERAL UPDATE** – No update.
- **CITY OF HUNTINGTON PROJECTS**
 - **HAL GREER CORRIDOR PROJECT** – Close to completion

- DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON STREETSCAPES – Contract has been submitted and waiting on NTP
- 14TH STREET WEST COMPLETE STREETS – Entering final plan review. Hopeful to move to construction phase
- 3RD AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS – Additional factors to work around
- OTHER
- **WVDOH UPDATE** – Changes in administration – new Sec. of Transportation; USDOT grants on hold
- **KYTC CENTRAL OFFICE** – No updates
- **BOYD AND GREENUP COUNTIES PROJECTS UPDATE** – No updates – see handout for updates. Inspection on green bridge in Ashland – working with ODOT to reroute traffic in September
- **ODOT UPDATE** – Law. 93 safety project – installing turn lane; Chesapeake Bypass awarded in December and construction starting anytime
- **LAWRENCE COUNTY PROJECT UPDATE** – US 52/SR 243 roundabouts – work will begin again in next month and should be able to get asphalt once it is to grade
- **REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (RIC) UPDATE** – MTP update with Kimley-Horn; working with WV grant writing center with PROTECT grant – closed currently; working on UPWP budget for FY 2026.
- **CITY OF ASHLAND** – No update
- **FIVCO AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE** – Working on SS4A grant – Partnering with UK – will cover entire FIVCO area. Activities should be coordinated between KYOVA/Ashland/FIVCO; working on SHIFT & CHAF projects
- **OTHER AGENCIES** – OVRDC – just finished SS4A grant and regional safety study; Mannick Smith/Alta; in the middle of RTIP update – public participation scheduled for March 26th.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

- **PUBLIC MEETING FOR ACCESS OHIO 2050 – TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025 AT LAWRENCE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – 5:00-6:30PM**
- **FUTURE KYOVA MEETING DATES:**

<i>KYOVA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)</i>	<i>KYOVA Policy Committee (PC)</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**
February 25, 2025 (Tuesday) – IN PROGRESS	February 28, 2025 (Friday) - SCHEDULED
April 29, 2025 (Tuesday)	May 2, 2025 (Friday)
July 22, 2025 (Tuesday) – if needed	July 25, 2025 (Friday) – if needed
September 23, 2025 (Tuesday)	September 26, 2025 (Friday)
December 9, 2025 (Tuesday)	December 12, 2025 (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.

13. ADJOURNMENT