

<u>Video Location:</u>	<u>In attendance:</u>
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Central Office/ Frankfort	Lynn Soporowski ( <b>KYTC</b> ), Troy Hearn ( <b>KYTC</b> ), Carol Brent ( <b>KYTC</b> ), and Keith Buckhout ( <b>KYTC</b> )
Lexington, KY video/telephone	William Gorton ( <b>KBBC</b> )
Radcliff, KY video/telephone	Vince Carman ( <b>KBBC</b> )
Louisville, KY video/telephone	Doug Brent ( <b>KBBC</b> )
Midway, KY video/telephone	Randy Thomas ( <b>KBBC</b> ),

- Bring the meeting to order
- Approve previous meeting notes ([2016 4th quarter meeting](#))
- Treasurer's report.
- Legislative efforts for updating/improving bicycling and or pedestrian safety and accommodations
  - a. Safer Passing Law (bicycle travel) for the 2017 Legislative Session
  - b. Bills has been filed (one for each house)
    1. [HB85 / http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/HB85.htm](#)
    2. [SB56 / http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/SB56.htm](#)
- Review of the 2016 annual KBBC conference at natural Bridge State Park
  - a. Input on the changed format from this past year
  - b. Start the planning for 2017; location, dates, and topics
- 2016 Paula Nye Grant applications / Update on acceptance letters & letters of denial
- Updates on the vacancies in the KBBC. We currently have three commissioners with expired terms (serve until replaced) and one commissioner who resigned.
- Possible KBBC recommendations to the KYTC. In the past, the commission has offered a list of recommendations to the Cabinet for ways and or projects that may improve bicycle travel (safety, accommodations, and access)

## Meeting Details:

- The meeting was brought to order at 9:36am with a quorum of 4 commissioners
- Doug made the motion to accept the meeting minute notes from October, 19 2016 (4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting) and Randy provided the second; all were in favor.
- Bill provided the treasurer's report. The current account balance is \$81,549.63. Bill said the acceptance contracts for the awarded 2016 Paula Nye Grants had all been sent. Troy will notify the commission as to when these signed contract are received and record them along with their associated grant applications.
- Bill updated the commission on both bills (HB85 & SB56) introduced this legislative session dealing with safer passing of bicycles on the roadway by other motorized vehicles. The House bill is sponsored by House Representative Jerry Miller and the Senate bill is sponsored by Senators Robin Webb and Denise Harper Angel. Doug asked for clarification of the use of some of the bill's language; *the operator of any vehicle (bicycle) moving upon a highway is to keep to the right unless signage or markings indicate otherwise.* Troy explained the presence of a "Sharrow" pavement marking (shared use roadway with motorized vehicles and bicycles) and or the placement of the [MUTCD sign #R4-11](#) (Bicycles May Use Full Lane) allows for a bicycle rider to use the full travel lane. Doug said the Louisville Bicycle Club provided a letter of support to Dr. Dixie Moore (primary advocate and author of the bill). Randy said the Bluegrass Cycling Club also provided a letter of support for the bill.
- Bill and Troy discussed the 2016 KBBC Annual Conference which was held at Natural Bridge State Park this past November. Troy asked if the new format/schedule was something the commission wanted to do again in 2017. The Paula Nye Grant application reviews were conducted on the day before the main event (Thursday), as opposed to the following day (Saturday). Although Bill noted that most commissioners would need to take an extra day off from their jobs, the other commissioners were in favor of the change in format. The group discussed the location for the 2017 annual conference. Randy suggested Lexington or Louisville. He commented the attendance may be better if the event was held in a larger city that was located in a more centralized part of the state; as appose to the far eastern, western, northern or southern portions of the state. Doug said he was in favor of having the event in Lexington or Louisville because there is more to offer for attendees and it may foster more attendance. Bill said the commission has not held the annual meeting in Louisville since 2009. Randy made the motion to plan for the meeting to be held in Louisville this year (2017); the second was made by Doug. Bill commented on the bicycle ride that has been a part of the event activities for many of the

past 8 years. Bill said: “This was originally intended to be a ride opportunity with the commissioners, not just a chance to go ride”. If the ride is going to be planned again, then we should work out details to maximize the ride as an opportunity to meet and ride with the commissioners and the attendees. Doug volunteered to take the lead on the planning for the 2017 KBBC Annual Meeting. Bill recommended that the commission come up with some type of a catch phrase to use for the 2017 meeting. In the past such phrases included things like “communities that are on fire” and “The changing landscape of transportation”. Randy said he would approach the Bluegrass Cycling Club Board and recommend funding a sponsorship for the 2017 conference again.

- Bill said all of the awarded Paula Nye Grant acceptance contracts and associated letters have been mailed. Bill has also mailed letters to those applicants that were denied awards this past year (2016). The awarded grant contracts are to be signed and returned to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Office at KYTC (attn. Troy Hearn). Troy said he would send notice of receipt when these contracts are received and will store the documents along with the associated applications. Troy mentioned that the Bike/Ped Program may update the Paula Nye Grant application or create a new electronic application form this year. The electronic form would be available on the KYTC forms library and electronic links would be provided on the KBBC portion of the KYTC Bike/Walk website. Troy will encourage and solicit help to review these updated or new application forms as we work on them.
- Bill and Troy discussed to the commissioners that had expired terms and reminded/asked those commissioners to please remain active as their commission appointment is active until officially notified of their replacement. Currently there are four commissioners with expired terms; Randy Thomas, Schley Cox, Joe Bowen, and Doug Brent. The commission also lost Jason Ramler, as he resigned in November of 2016. Randy and Doug both said they had re-applied and to wish to remain on the commission. Troy will send notification as to any communication of future appointees or re-appointments. Bill did comment that having so many commissioner with term expiring on the same year is an issue and he may address having the terms re-adjusted or work out a way that this won't happen again in the future.
- Bill explained it was part of the KBBC's mission to provide recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation as to ways bicycle transportation, accommodation, and safety could be improved in the commonwealth. Bill did admit that the commission had not provided recommendations every year during his tenure (2011 being the last year this was done). Bill asked that this be part of the agenda and possible discussions for future KBBC meetings. Bill also added that the commissioners should think of what they would add to recommendations provided to the Secretary in the future.
- Having no further business, Bill declared the meeting adjourned at 10:46am.