

2017 KY REGIONAL FREIGHT CONFERENCE
Bob Kirby Branch Library, 175 Iron Skillet Court, Bowling Green, KY
AGENDA - Thursday, April 27, 2017

8:00 AM	Registration		
Moderator: Casey Wells, KYTC's Freight Coordinator			
8:30 AM	Welcome Address	Mayor Wilkerson will welcome visitors to the area and point out items of interest in the area.	Bruce Wilkerson Mayor City of Bowling Green, KY
		Mr. Swan will present KYTC's prioritization model that uses a data-driven process for choosing where the state's funds are allocated and how this brings reforms to the planning process. (Link)	Asa James Swan Chief of Staff KY Transportation Cabinet
		Mr. Nelson will discuss the major projects in KY (Brent Spence Bridge, I-69 Henderson, Land Between the Lakes, Louisville Bridges, US 460 & US 119 (i.e. Appalachian Corridor)).	Thomas Nelson, Jr. Division Administrator USDOT - FHWA-KY
Moderator: John Ballantyne, FHWA-KY's Program Delivery Team Leader			
9:00 AM	Pipeline Industry	Mr. Burns will give an overview of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and discuss how natural gas liquids from fracking zones in OH and PA are moving across KY. (Link)	Bob Burns Hazardous Materials Safety Assistance Team USDOT - PHMSA
9:30 AM	Freight and Agriculture	Mr. McCauley will discuss agriculture technology, how to develop to promote opportunity for local farmers for river exports.	John W. McCauley Director of Agriculture Policy/Senior Advisor KY Department of Agriculture
10:00 AM	Select Kentucky	Mr. Bevington will discuss ways to improve KY's competitive edge and how to use the "Select Kentucky" website to your advantage. (Link)	John Bevington Deputy Commissioner Business Development KY Cabinet for Economic Development
10:30 AM	Break	Please visit our booths	
Moderator: Lynn Soporowski, KYTC's Multimodal Programs Branch Manager			
10:45 AM	Global Supply Chain Management	Mr. Easterling will discuss how to provide staffing for the supply chain industry. (Link)	James Kirby Easterling Executive-in Residence-Global Supply Chain Mgt Eastern KY University
11:15 AM	TRANSPARK Panel Discussion	Mr. Bunch will discuss the challenges and solutions in building Transpark. (Link)	Ron Bunch President and CEO Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce
		Mr. Plunk will discuss roadway accommodations made and planned (e.g. new I-65 interchange). (Link)	Joe Plunk Chief District Engineer KYTC District Office 3
		Mr. Loik will discuss how being situated in this type of location (rail spur, I-65, air service, riverport) has proved advantageous to his business. (Link)	Mark J. Loik President and CEO Bilstein Cold Rolled Steel LP, North America
12:00 PM	Break	Please visit our booths	
Moderator: Bernadette Dupont, FHWA-KY's Freight Coordinator			
12:15 PM	KEYNOTE SPEAKER/LUNCH	Mr. Mantero will describe where the freight industry is heading, based on current trends, and how those trends will impact KY. (Link)	Vince Mantero Freight Management & Operations USDOT - FHWA
1:00 PM	Break	Please visit our booths	
Moderator: Carol Brent, KYTC's Transportation Technologist			
1:15 PM	Waterways	USACE will discuss regulatory barriers for waterway transportation, how tonnage is reported, the benefits and challenges of merging ports to create a bigger port, and potential removal of the dams on the Green River. (Link)	Mike Ricketts & Tony Barron Chief Regulatory Division & Lock Master US Army Corp of Engineers
1:45 PM	Airways	Col. Parker Parker will discuss what's happening with aviation in KY, including an update on the Bowling Green-Warren County Airport, facts about Unmanned Aircraft Systems (drone) activity in KY, the new airport in Gallatin County, info about Amazon's announcement to increase activity at N KY/Cincinnati Airport, etc.	Col. Steve Parker Commissioner, Department of Aviation Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
2:15 PM	Break	Please visit our booths	
2:30 PM	Railways	Mr. Reck will discuss industry issues and benefits of membership in the KY Association of Rail, Strategic Rail Corridor Network (STRACNET) and what impact it has on the rail industry. (Link)	Tony Reck Chair & CEO Paducah & Louisville Railway
3:00 PM	Highways	Mr. Young will discuss KY's role as a "centralized" state, the primary trucking issues identified by KTA members, how those issues are impacting the trucking industry, and potential solutions. (Link)	Guy Young President and CEO KY Trucking Association
3:30 PM	Closing Remarks	Summary	John Moore Director, Division of Planning Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
4:00 PM	Conference End	Thank you for participating.	Please drive safely.