



KENTUCKY Regional Freight **CONFERENCE**

PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

2017 KY Regional Freight Conference
April 26- 27, 2017
Bowling Green, KY



AGENDA

Kentucky Regional Freight Conference Bowling Green, KY April 26, 2017 AGENDA – Day 1

MEETINGS

MEETING AT 10:00 AM

Kentucky Freight Advisory Committee for Transportation (KFACT)

Cost: **FREE**

Warren County Library, Bob Kirby Branch, 175 Iron Skillet Court, Bowling Green, KY

Second Meeting of KFACT. KFACT advises KYTC Leadership on all matters related to freight transportation.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

TOURS

TOURS AT 1:00 PM

Option A: Industrial Park Tour

Cost: **FREE**

Kobe Aluminum Automotive Products, LLC

One Kobe Way

Bowling Green, KY 42101

1:00 pm - Walking tour

Meet at Kobe Building

SouthCentral Kentucky Industrial Park

Option B: Corvette Plant Tour

Cost: **\$10/person**

GM Corvette Assembly Plant

600 Corvette Drive

Bowling Green, KY 42101

1:00 pm - Must arrive at plant 30 minutes early to:

check in, sign waivers, & view required safety video

1:30 pm - Walking Tour Begins

Wear comfortable shoes - no open toes or heels

TOURS AT 3:00 PM

Option C: Transpark Tour

Cost: **FREE**

See Transpark

3:00 pm - Driving Tour

Meet in Parking Lot to Board Van

Transpark

Option D: Corvette Museum Tour

Cost: **\$6/person**

Corvette Museum Tour

350 Corvette Drive

Bowling Green, KY 42101

3:00 pm - Gather in Lobby

3:30 pm - Walking Tour Begins

Wear comfortable shoes

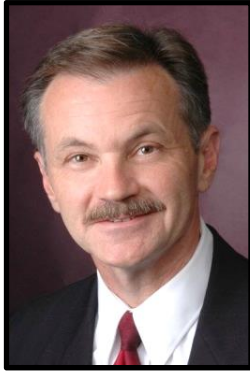
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AGENDA - Thursday, April 27, 2017

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 new prioritization model that uses a data-driven process for choosing where the state's limited funds are allocated and how it brings much-needed reforms to the planning process.	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). He will also discuss how natural gas liquids from fracking zones in OH and PA are moving across KY to the nation's petrochemical hub in LA and TX.	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.	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.	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.	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)	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.	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.	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.	Mike Ricketts & Tony Barron Chief Regulatory Division & Lock Master US Army Corps 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.	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.	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.

SPEAKERS



Bruce Wilkerson

Bruce Wilkerson is the Mayor of Bowling Green, KY. Since 2016, Mr. Wilkerson has also been serving as Campus President for Daymar College.

Prior to that he was the Chief Financial Officer for Sheldon Enterprises from 1998-2016. He also retired from the Bowling Green Police Department after 20 years of policing. He was the Administrative Commander (Captain), Patrol Shift Commander, Drug Enforcement Supervisor, Investigator, and a Patrol Officer.

Mr. Wilkerson is a 1993 graduate of the FBI National Academy, and a 1977 graduate of Murray State University. Mr. Wilkerson has been married to his wife, Kim, for almost 40 years.

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Asa James Swan

Asa James Swan serves as the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Chief of Staff. He previously worked in the Cabinet as a legislative liaison from 2004-2007. Asa spent eight years as an assistant professor of history at Lindsey Wilson College. His career has also included service on the staffs of former Kentucky 2nd District U.S. Congressman Ron Lewis, for whom he was a legislative assistant, and the U.S. Senate Republican Conference, where he was Interim Deputy Director of Coalitions.

Mr. Swan is a 1999 graduate of Huntington University in Indiana where he was a Rhodes Scholar candidate. He received his Master of Arts degree in History from Western Kentucky University in 2002 and is currently pursuing a doctorate in history at the University of Kentucky. Asa is a native of Campbellsville, Kentucky and is married to Kentucky State Treasurer Allison Ball.

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Thomas L. Nelson, Jr.

Thomas Nelson, Jr. has served as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Kentucky Division Administrator since May 2015. In this position, he leads a staff that works closely with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and other partners, in implementing the Federal-aid Highway Program.

Prior to this position, Thomas served as the Special Assistant to the FHWA Administrator. In this capacity he provided direct support to the Administrator and served as a key advisor on program and policy issues having national, regulatory, and legislative implications.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University and is a licensed Professional Engineer.

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Bob Burns is a Hazardous Materials Investigator assigned to the Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA's) Southern Region Office in Atlanta, Georgia, Field Operations for the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety. Bob inspects and determines compliance with the Federal hazardous materials regulations (49 CFR) and conducts investigations of any entity involved with hazardous materials transportation which include but not limited to offering, shipment, transportation by any mode, packaging manufacturing, packaging reconditioning, performance testing and compliant investigations. Specialized in many niche areas, Bob serves as the subject matter advisor to the agency for accident investigations, packaging engineering and testing, radioactive materials, air and sea port operations. Bob has been with PHMSA for ten years with prior service with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and his Federal career began with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); July this year will mark 20 years in Federal service. Prior to government employment Bob worked as a contractor to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at Kennedy Space Center in Florida for 17 years as the senior Packaging and Hazardous Materials Specialist responsible for the shipment of flight hardware and ground support equipment for NASA and its contractors to domestic and worldwide locations. Bob is married to his wife Sylvia, has 5 grown children, 5 grandchildren, and resides with his wife on the East coast of Florida.

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**John
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John W. McCauley was appointed as Director of Agriculture Policy in December 2016. John's primary responsibility is agricultural policy, federal legislation and regulations with an emphasis on the 2018 Farm Bill. John currently serves as chair of the Kentucky Agricultural Council. Before that, John served as the State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He served in the administration of two Kentucky governors and as a special assistant to former U.S. Senator Walter D. Huddleston. John is an E.E.P graduate from the University of Notre Dame in Advanced Intercultural Management. He completed graduate work at Kentucky State University and studied administrative law at the University of Louisville. He attended the University of Kentucky and earned a B.S. in Management & Economics from the University of the Cumberlands.

John and his wife Rebecca, who serves in the administration of Governor Matt Bevin, live in Lexington but also enjoy spending time at their home on Lake Cumberland in southern Pulaski County.

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**John
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John Bevington is an economic development professional with more than five years of experience at the Cabinet for Economic Development. After starting as a Project Manager within the Cabinet's Department for Business Development, Bevington rose to Senior Project Manager, and was named Deputy Commissioner in July 2014.

As Deputy Commissioner, John oversees project management and business development to bolster new investment, job creation and retention across the state. He also communicates regularly with clients evaluating business expansion and new location opportunities, while also helping to support entrepreneurship and small business development throughout the state.

Bevington is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a bachelor's degree in Business. John and his wife, Dinah, reside in Frankfort, with their three children.

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**James
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James Kirby Easterling is the Executive-in-Residence for Global Supply Chain Management at Eastern Kentucky University. A fulltime faculty member in the School of Business, Easterling joined ECU in 2014 after 22 years of progressive supply chain leadership roles across three major multinational corporations, the last 14 years (2000-2014) with Corning Incorporated including four years as an expatriate in Japan (2008-2014) and two years in Singapore (2012-2014). Easterling's last role with Corning was General Manager/Director of Global Supply Chain Management-southeast Asia.

At ECU Easterling is tasked with developing a comprehensive Global Supply Chain Management program encompassing all four pillars (Plan, Source, Make, and Deliver) of the Supply Chain Operations Reference (SCOR) model. Since 2014 the GSCM program has become one of ECU's fastest growing majors with over 40 students currently in the program, with many students receiving internships with prestigious companies such as Carhartt, Hitachi, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Domino's, and Bechtel Corporation. Easterling received dual Bachelor's degrees in Accounting and Economics as well as an MBA from ECU. Easterling also received a Master's degree in Global Supply Chain Management from the Pennsylvania State University and is currently working towards his doctorate at the University of Florida.

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**Ron
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Ron Bunch, CECD is the President and CEO of the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce, a Five-Star Accredited Chamber of Commerce that has been serving the Bowling Green, Warren County area for more than 75 years.

As the driving force for the business community in Bowling Green, Warren County, the Chamber also serves as the lead economic development organization for the region and is responsible for the South Central Kentucky Regional Economic Development Partnership.

With over 19 years of professional economic development experience, Bunch is a Certified Economic Developer (CED) and has led successful local and regional economic development efforts in four states. Prior to Bowling Green, Bunch was executive director of the Business Development Board of Martin County (BDBMC) in Florida, and the economic development director for the City of Danville, VA.

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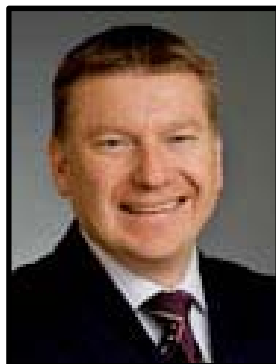


**Joe
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Joe Plunk was appointed Chief District Engineer for District 3 in September 2016. Prior to being named chief district engineer, Plunk was the engineering branch manager for Project Development in the District 3 office for eight years. Plunk also worked in the KYTC District 2 Madisonville design office for nine years. Plunk is a University of Kentucky civil engineering graduate and a Muhlenberg County native.

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Mark J. Loik is President/CEO for BILSTEIN COLD ROLLED STEEL, LP & President/CEO for BILSTEIN NORTH AMERICA; a division of the BILSTEIN GROUP located in Hagen Germany. He has many years of marketing and sales experience in the steel industry in both Canada and the USA.

Mark has held various positions of increasing responsibility with Taylor Steel, Namasco Ltd., and as Purchasing Manager for Matcor Metal Fabrication in both Canada and the USA. Working in collaboration with BILSTEIN since 2001, Mark joined BILSTEIN NORTH AMERICA in 2011, where he was responsible for sales, product development, and procurement in Canada and US, as well as lead of the project team for the production facility in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Mark has over 25 years of experience within the steel industry serving in various commercial positions.

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**Vince
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Vince Mantero is a professionally certified planner with almost 20 years of planning experience. Vince currently serves as the Team Leader for Freight Analysis and Research in the FHWA Office of Freight Management Operations in Washington, D.C. He oversees the Office's freight analysis and research program, including the Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) and other research initiatives. Most recently Vince served as a planning consultant in Austin, Texas, assisting local, regional, and statewide agencies on various transportation and freight planning activities. Previously, Vince served as a Senior Planner with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, leading several of the agency's freight planning initiatives, including serving as the Project Manager for the regional Goods Movement Action Plan (G-MAP).

A graduate of the 2010 I-95 Corridor Coalition Freight Academy, Vince is a member of the TRB Urban Freight Transportation and Military Transportation Committees, as well as having served on the National Cooperative Freight Research Program (NCFRP) Panel #24: Preserving and Protecting Freight Infrastructure and Routes. Vince's prior experience includes serving as a Senior Freight Planner with the central Ohio MPO and urban planner for the cities of Greensboro, North Carolina and Fort Worth, Texas. Vince received his Masters in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University, and a Bachelors of Science in Architecture from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

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Mike Ricketts is a Branch Chief for the Mitigation, Compliance and Enforcement (MCE) branch for the US Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District. His office is located in Newburgh, Indiana. His responsibilities include supervising a staff of eight technical professionals while managing section 404 and section 10 MCE responsibilities in western Kentucky, southeastern Illinois and southwestern Indiana.

Prior to becoming Branch Chief in 2007, Mike served as a Team Leader/Senior Project Manager with both Louisville and St. Louis Districts since 1994. Prior to that, Mike worked for Soil Conservation Service as a Soil Scientist in Eastern and Northern Kentucky and as a cartographer with Defense Mapping Agency.

Mike graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Soil Science and Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in Remote Sensing/Cartography.

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**Anthony W.
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Anthony Barron has worked for the US Army Corps of Engineers since 1992. Since 2008, he has served as the Lockmaster for the Newburgh Locks and Dams in Indiana. As part of his job with the USACE, Anthony was deployed to help victims of the massive tornado that hit Alabama in 2010, and he was previously deployed in 2006 to Mississippi to help with Hurricane Katrina. He served as a member of the United States Marine Corps from 1987-1990.

Anthony is a graduate of the Police Academy at the Concord Naval Weapons Station in California, and attended Ivy Tech State College.

His hobbies include golf and Kentucky basketball.

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**Steve
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Steve Parker spent 29 years as an Air Force pilot, retiring in 2000 as a Colonel. During his time in the Air Force, Steve flew 5 different jet aircraft, commanded 4 organizations and visited 93 countries. Major conflicts in which he participated: Vietnam, 1973 Arab-Israeli War, Grenada, Panama, first Gulf War & Bosnia. In his post-Air Force life, Steve served as Executive Director, Aviation Museum of Kentucky (2000-2004), Deputy Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Aviation (2004-2010) and Senior Aviation Consultant, Stantec Consulting (2010-2015). He assumed his current position as Kentucky Aviation Commissioner in Feb, 2016. Steve also taught public speaking night classes at UK from 2000-2012.

Steve is very active in his Baptist church where he teaches an adult Bible study class. His wife Lorrie is Governor Bevin's office manager. Steve & Lorrie live in Lexington

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**Anthony V.
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Anthony "Tony" Reck began his career in the railroad industry in 1969 as a switchman /brakeman for the Illinois Central Gulf while in college. From 1969 through April of 1986, he held various transportation and marketing positions with the Illinois Central. His last position with them was as Director of International in their Chicago headquarters.

Currently he serves as Chairman & CEO of P&L Transportation, Inc. and has headed this organization since May of 1988. P&L Transportation, Inc. is the holding company for three regional railroads: Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc., Evansville Western Railway, Inc. and Appalachian and Ohio Railroad, Inc. Mr. Reck joined the P&L as Vice President - Marketing & Sales in April 1986, prior to the spin-off from Illinois Central, to help create the P&L organization and develop an enhanced customer base.

Mr. Reck is a graduate of Southern Illinois University with a B.S. in Business Administration and has a Masters degree from Webster College in St. Louis, Missouri, in Business Management.

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Guy Young is the President & CEO of the Kentucky Trucking Association. He has more than thirty years of experience in trade association and transportation management including industry safety, compliance and training. Young comes to Kentucky after more than 20 years at the Georgia Motor Trucking Association where he was Vice President & Chief Development Officer.

Before joining GMTA, Young was employed in the trucking industry and specialized in safety compliance, driver recruiting and training, and the development and implementation of quality improvement processes, training seminars and outreach programs.

Young is a native of Gulf Shores, Alabama, attended Auburn University and holds a B.S. degree in Transportation and Physical Distribution. He and his wife Tina, have lived in the Atlanta area for the past 30 years and they have two children.

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**John
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John Moore's career began with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in 2003 in the Elizabethtown Department of Highways District #4 office. Since that time he has worked in various capacities within the project development area for KYTC. John, while in District #4 was a project engineer, project manager, and branch manager for the newly modified Project Development Branch. In December 2013 John accepted the position of Planning Director.

John attended the University of Kentucky, earning a Masters in Civil Engineering. He became a licensed Professional Engineer in 2007.

John lives in Lawrenceburg with his wife, Sarah, and their two children, Collin and Courtney.

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