

<u>Video Location:</u>	<u>In attendance:</u>
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Central Office/ Frankfort	Troy Hearn , Lynn Soporowski, Carol Brent, Randy Thomas, Keith Buckout
Via Video link & Phone	William (Bill) Gorton, Doug Brent, Vince Carman

- Bring the meeting to order
- Approve previous meeting notes ([2017 1st quarter meeting](#))
- 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 was filed (one for each house)
    1. [HB85 / http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/HB85.htm](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/HB85.htm)
    2. [SB56 / http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/SB56.htm](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/SB56.htm)
- 2016 Paula Nye Grant applications / Updates and feedback from commissioners
- Updates on the vacancies in the KBBC. We currently have four 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)
- Potential Statewide Bicycle Summit; who, what, when, where, why, and how

## Meeting notes:

- The meeting was brought to order at 9:44am
- The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter regular meeting notes were approved by a motion from Randy Thomas and a second from Vince Carman
- Bill Gorton provided a brief treasurer's report. He informed the commission that \$6,336.67 was the current balance in the KBBC checking account. These funds reflect the amounts that some organizations have returned (unused funds from previously award Paula Nye Grants), interest, and the un-allocated sum from the 2016 Paula Nye grant disbursements. Bill stated that all 2016 Paula Nye grant checks have been issued and cleared through the account.
- Bill and Doug Brent discussed the safer passing bill that was introduced in the 2016 KY Legislative session (HB65 & SB56). Doug stated that HB85 was passed by the senate committee with a floor amendment (excluding farm vehicles and certain large trucks from the safer passing distance of three feet), but the bill did not make it out of the House committee. Randy asked the commission "what is next" and "what's the future plan for this bill". Doug and Bill stated that this bill will most likely be introduced again in the next legislative session. Bill said he would stay in contact with the bill's author and champion (Dixie Moore). Bill asked if the Governor's Office or the Office of Highway Safety might be able to promote the bill in the future in some way. Keith Buckout (KYTC Public Information Office) said there might be an opportunity to provide a press release as this bill is related to safety and education for both bicycle riders and motorized vehicles. Keith said he would confirm this with the Office of Highway Safety. Several commissioners mentioned the connection between the law enforcement community and the safer passing law needs to be stronger.
- Troy and Bill discussed the 5 open positions on the KY Bikeways Commission. Troy said he had communicated with the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions and there were two re-appointments that have been approved (for Randy Thomas and Doug Brent) and one new appointment. Troy said he was not advised as to who the new appointment was or what part of the state they represent. This leaves two appointments yet to be confirmed.
- The commission discussed preparing a letter with recommendations (for bicycle travel, safety, and other related issues) to the Secretary of Transportation's Office. Bill suggested having the recommendations focus on three main topics; safety, economic development, and law enforcement's involvement with bicycle travel. Randy suggested involving the law enforcement contacts that work with the Horseys Hundred bicycle event (the largest of its kind in the state) to help with the law enforcement section. Randy and Vince both agree that having a law enforcement officer's point of view and their words in the recommendation will provide strength to the document.
- Lynn and Troy suggested the KBBC attend or provide material for the 2017 KY Life Savers Conference in Louisville. The Life Savers Conference is one of the largest first responder events in the state/country. This year's KY conference is

hosting the National Life Savers Association. Bill said he would take the lead on the recommendation letter and provide draft versions to the other commissioners for additions and edits.

- The commission has discussed the need for a statewide bicycle summit and the possibilities of utilizing the Paula Nye Memorial Grant as a possible funding source. Troy and Bill discussed the last statewide summit that was held in 2013. This summit was organized by the KY Rails to Trails Council and Kenzie Gleason. The KBBC awarded \$15,000 for this event. Bill recommended the commission draft a statewide proposal or request for organizations or communities that could host and organize an event like this. Randy spoke with the president of Walk/Bike Frankfort (Don Stosberg) about their organization's ability to organize and host an event like this. Randy and Doug recommended allocating \$15,000-\$20,000 of the available Paula Nye Grant funds for this purpose. Bill made the motion to earmark \$15,000-\$20,000 for the planning of such an event. Randy provided a second; all were in favor. Lynn and Troy informed everyone that the 2013 event also raised \$10,000 plus dollars from private sponsors and registration to help with the cost. Lynn suggested looking at other large statewide events, and seeing if a partnership might be possible; to offset cost and bolster participation/attendance. This has been added as a topic to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter regular meeting agenda for more discussion.
- Doug Brent confirmed that the 2017 KBBC annual meeting will be held in Louisville this fall. The commission collectively decided to tentatively schedule October the 14<sup>th</sup> for this event. Doug will confirm some locations to use for the event. Bill mentioned having the event at the University of Louisville; asking Doug to see if this was possible. Doug said one location of interest is Metro Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Randy suggested having the event in November, as this is not during the local bike clubs peak season. Bill said he would like to have the event during better weather months so as to offer a bicycle ride as part of the event's activities. Doug assured everyone that having the event in Louisville, regardless of the month, will ensure plenty of cyclists should participate in a bicycle ride as part of the event. Bill said the commission will have a final date for the end of year meeting by the July meeting date (the 18<sup>th</sup>).
- Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am; on a motion by Randy and second by Vince.

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