



AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE
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KBT 46th Annual Conference 2024
Galt House- East Tower 2nd Floor

Wednesday January 17, 2024

- 10 am-2 pm Exhibitor Check-In | East Tower 2nd Floor Registration
- 3:00 pm KBT Board of Directors Meeting | Combs Chandler
- 4:00 pm Check In Begins | East Tower 2nd Floor Registration
- 5-7:00 pm Welcome Reception with Exhibitors | Exhibit Hall
- Dinner On Your Own

Thursday January 18, 2024

- 8:00 am Buffet Breakfast with Exhibitors | Exhibit Hall
- 8:00 am Check-In Continues | East Tower 2nd Floor Registration

9:00 am Welcome | Ballroom A

KBT Board Chair, Michael Cansler

9:05 am US DOT & KYTC | Ballroom A

Address from KYTC Secretary Jim Gray

Federal Highway Administration

FHWA, a USDOT agency, supports state and local governments in the design, construction and maintenance of the nation's highway system, and roads on federally and tribally owned lands.

Shailen Bhatt, Federal Highway Administrator, US DOT

10:00 am **Where the Rubber Hits the Road: How communities can align transportation priorities and economic development.**

This interactive panel will focus on the economic development site selection process highlighting the importance of transportation and how communities can leverage resources to provide infrastructure for future economic growth.

Deneatra Henderson, Chief Engineer, District 2, KYTC

Haley McCoy, Executive Director, KY Association of Economic Development

Carter Hendricks, Executive Director, South Western Kentucky Economic Development Council

11:00 am Break with Exhibitors | Exhibit Hall

11:15 am **Breakout Sessions (Please choose one to attend)**

#1 Transportation Funding Sustainability | Combs Chandler

The Eastern Transportation Coalition (TETC) will provide an overview of efforts across the country toward transportation funding sustainability, including TETC's [Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives Program \(STSFA\) grant work](#).

Lisa Miller, Innovation Program Associate- The Eastern Transportation Coalition

#2 Show Me the Money | Clements

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill is the largest-ever federal investment in transportation infrastructure, which includes increased investment in biking and walking, transit, complete streets and increased control over local projects. This session will discuss grants and funding options available for these projects. Also, as part of this session will be an update on the Complete Streets, Roads, and Highways Policy and other activities within the Modal Branch of KYTC.

Keith Lovan, State Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, KYTC Division of Planning

#3 MPOs: Planning and Funding Ky's Urban Transportation Future | Willis

Hear about the Metropolitan Planning Process from Transportation Directors of OKI and KIPDA. See how MPO's are impacting the Commonwealth's transportation infrastructure. And learn more about the recent intercity passenger rail planning grant KIPDA has been awarded.

Robert Koehler, P.E., Deputy Executive Director OKI Regional Council of Government

Andy Rush, Transportation Director, Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA)

#4 Going Beyond the Standards | Breathitt

Learn more about the Australian experience! Aaron will discuss how local government engineers have provided solutions in creating a safer and more efficient road network the application of a "Safe System" approach down under.

Aaron Huttig, Managing Director, Engineering and Project Management, Victoria Australia

12:00 pm Opening Luncheon with Exhibitors | Exhibit Hall

1:15 pm **Advance Air Mobility, Joby Aviation | Ballroom A**

Greg Bowles, Head of Government and Regulatory Affairs, Joby Aviation

2:15 pm

Tennessee DOT, Freight and Logistics Division | Ballroom A

The Freight and Logistics Division provides leadership on issues of rail, water, and highway freight. The division serves as a liaison between TDOT and freight stakeholders to find opportunities to improve access for existing freight and appropriately prepare for the projected increases in freight as it moves in and out of the state. The primary focus areas for the division include water, short-line railroads, Section 130 rail program, rail inspection, highway freight and technology, freight advisory committees and the freight and state rail plan updates.

Daniel Pallme, Assistant Chief of Environment and Planning /Freight and Logistics Director

3:15 pm

Breakout Sessions (Please choose one to attend)

#1 Public Transportation – What Does it Look Like Post-Pandemic? | Combs Chandler

Public transportation provides opportunities and choices. It can help resolve issues and respond to concerns. It can become a political target and can create passionate debates. The question for many communities and agencies continues to be “what’s next?” As you may suspect, this isn’t a simple answer and there is not a “one size fits all” solution.

Gary Thomas, P.E., National Transit & Rail Director, Lochner

#2 Transportation Improvement Districts (TIDs): A new tool in the toolbox for development infrastructure | Clements

Do you know about [HB 274](#)? Sponsored by former Representative Sal Santoro and signed into law, it creates a new chapter of KRS Ch. 184 to allow local governments a different approach to funding transportation projects.

Sal Santoro, Former State Representative

Wade Williams, Economic Development Consultant, Montrose Grp. LLC

Judge Executive Gary Moore, Boone County

#3 Engineering and Communications: Where They Intersect | Willis

Effective communications help pave the way for project success. Members of the public want to know what is happening, why, and how they will be impacted. This session will focus on where engineering and communications intersect with project examples, real-life successes, and practical tips to help engineers become communicators. You’ll also be introduced to KYTC’s SAFERoad Solutions, a new guide to designs that are helping to improve safety, mobility, and efficiency on Kentucky roadways.

Mindy Peterson, Public Involvement Director at Parsons Corporation

Naitore Djigbenou, Public Information Officer, KYTC

#4 Fly Well Aviation, FAA Part 61 Flight School | Breathitt

Learn more from founder Justin Tidwell and certified flight instructor, Drew Loiers, training the next generation of FAA Part 61 pilots during increasing pilot shortages and high demand.

Justin Tidwell, Owner of Flywell Aviation, Bowling Green, KY

Drew Loiers, CFI, Flywell Aviation, Bowling Green, KY

5:00-7:00 pm Networking Reception | The Conservatory Bar, 3rd Floor
Sponsored by WSP

Dinner On Your Own

Friday January 19, 2024

8:00 am Buffet Breakfast with Exhibitors | Exhibit Hall

9:00 am **CVG Resiliency: Using Innovation as a Catalyst for Strategic Growth | Ballroom A**

The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) continues to rapidly climb in rankings among the world's busiest air cargo ports in addition to its diverse portfolio of passenger scheduled airlines. The Airport's Chief Innovation Officer will share how leaders in industry and beyond are turning their attention to how CVG is leveraging its campus for research and development purposes. A broad spectrum of product development is underway to support CVG's operational resiliency, staff agility, and tenant reliability. More importantly, the catalyzing effect reaches beyond the Airport's fence line and into the Region's trade, investment, regional growth, and overall economic vitality.

Brian Cobb, Chief Innovation Officer, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport

10:00 am **3 Contracts, 2 States and One Bridge | Ballroom A**

A lot of progress is being made as Kentucky and Indiana work to complete the critical I-69 connection with the I-69 Ohio River Crossing. Construction is well underway in Henderson and work will begin in Evansville early next year. The states will meet in the middle with the new river crossing. This is a transformational project that is already helping to bring new opportunities to this area.

Gary Valentine, Major Project Advisor, KYTC

Amanda Spencer, Assistant State Highway Engineer, KYTC

Danny Corbin, Senior Project Manager, INDOT

Steve Nicaise, Vice President & Project Manager, Parsons

Judge Executive Brad Schneider, Henderson County

11:00 am **Breakout Sessions (Please choose one to attend)**

#1 Partnering for a Safe System | Combs Chandler

In Kentucky we strive to have a transportation network where all our users make it safely to their destination and everyone can contribute to safe outcomes. This session will explore the Safe System Approach to transportation safety and actions we can all take together to prevent deaths and serious injuries for all users.

Jason Siwula, Deputy State Highway Engineer KYTC

#2 The Brent Spence Bridge Project and the Impacts of the Largest Infrastructure Project in Kentucky's History | Clements

The Brent Spence Bridge project is the largest infrastructure project in the history of the Commonwealth. The impact of the BSB will dramatically affect much of the nation and drive economic development in the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana region. The project is over 20 years in the making and will break ground in 2024. Almost everyone at the KBT conference will benefit from the new bridge and you can learn how.

Mark Policinski, CEO, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI)

#3 Updates & Funding Options in Rural & Municipal Aid | Willis

Each fiscal year, counties and cities across our state are allocated county and municipal road aid funds. County Road Aid funding is based on the Fiftths Formula, and Municipal Road Aid funding is based on population as determined by the most recent Census. These funds are to be used for the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of county roads and city streets.

Commissioner Bobbi Jo Lewis

12:00 pm Buffet Luncheon | Ballroom A

12:15 pm **Closing Keynote Speaker & KY Transportation Center Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony**

Governor Andy Beshear (confirmed)

The Kentucky Transportation Center (KTC) established the Kentucky Transportation Hall of Fame in 1990 to formally recognize people whose professional contributions have significantly improved the safety, quality, and efficiency of the Commonwealth's transportation systems. Both public and private sector practitioners are well represented in the Hall of Fame.

Doug Kreis, PhD, PE, MBA, PMP, GIPS, Director Kentucky Transportation Center

Closing Remarks