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KBT's 47th Annual Transportation Conference Agenda January 22-24, 2025- Omni Louisville- 2nd Floor

Wednesday January 22, 2025

12-4:00 pm Exhibitor Check-In and Setup | 2nd Floor Registration and Exhibit Hall

3:00 pm KBT Board of Directors Meeting | Germantown Room

4:30 pm Check-In Begins | 2nd Floor Registration Area

5-7:00 pm **Welcome Reception with Exhibitors** | Exhibit Hall
Sponsored by Stantec

Dinner On Your Own

Thursday, January 23, 2025

8:00 am Breakfast Buffet with Exhibitors | Exhibit Hall

Check-In Continues | 2nd Floor Registration Desk

8 am-5 pm KBT Headshot Lounge Open | Exhibit Hall

9:00 am **Welcome from KBT Chair- William Downey** | Commonwealth Ballroom

9:15 am **General Session - Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell** | Commonwealth Ballroom
Commissioner Shell will discuss the importance of multi-modal transportation in the agriculture industry

10:20 am **General Session- Majority Floor Leader Panel** | Commonwealth Ballroom

A conversation with House Majority Floor Leader Steven Rudy and newly elected Senate Majority Floor Leader Max Wise | Commonwealth Ballroom
Moderators: William Downey, Toyota and Jennifer Kirchner, KBT

11:15 am Break with Exhibitors | Exhibit Hall

11:30 am **Breakout Sessions (Please choose one to attend)**

Breakout #1 Building Ohio's 1st Green Hydrogen Fueling Station for Light-Duty Vehicles | Old Louisville Room
Ram Rajadhyaksha, DLZ

In 2024, DLZ designed and constructed Ohio's first green hydrogen fueling station. Designed for fleet use, DLZ operates 6 Fuel Cell Electric vehicles in the Central Ohio region. Our presentation will cover the project timeline, technical details, and lessons learned to implement a hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle fleet.

Breakout #2 KY EV Charging Program Update | Cherokee Triangle Room
Mikael Pelfrey and Justin Harrod, KYTC

Come listen and learn as KYTC staff provide an overview on how Team Kentucky is utilizing the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program funding to build out an EV charging network that supports all Kentuckians.

Breakout #3 Advancing Work Zone Safety | Nulu Room
Bill Bell and Matt Simpson, KYTC
Moderator: Chad LaRue, KAHC

KYTC will provide updates on research and initiatives from the Division of Construction perspective. There will also be discussion on media campaigns by KYTC and the Office of Highway Safety, actions from other states, and results of the new Work Zone Safety Bill that passed into law in 2024.

Breakout #4 Program Management: The Key to Local Agency Success-A Discussion on Scalable Solutions for Project Delivery | Germantown Room
Jeremy Busby, P.E. and Quondrekka Singleton, PMP, Gresham Smith

Local agencies are tasked with the efficient delivery of a host of infrastructure improvement projects to enhance the livability, mobility and long-term vitality of their communities. Today, they face a more complex environment and continue to experience labor constraints. Program management is one way that agencies can tackle these challenges while staying in step with the ever-changing environment and technology's pace of evolution. This discussion will key in on Gresham Smith's proven program management framework that you can apply to programs of any size.

12:15 pm **Transportation Hall of Fame Luncheon** | Commonwealth Ballroom

1:30-1:45 pm Break with Exhibitors | Exhibit Hall

1:45-2:30 pm **Breakout Sessions (Please choose one to attend)**

Breakout #5 An Update and Discussion on Kentucky's Transportation Budget and Road Plan | Old Louisville Room

Hear from Senator Higdon and Representative Upchurch on passage of the biennial Transportation Cabinet and Road Plan and issues to be considered during the 2025 legislative session

Moderator: Steven Lee, Hinkle Mountain Enterprises, a CRH Company

Breakout #6 Kentucky's Success in Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) | Cherokee Triangle Room
Steven Sewell and William Conkin, Palmer Engineering, and Rob Frazier, HDR

An overview of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program, a federal initiative designed to improve roadway safety and reduce fatalities and serious injuries. The session will highlight how Kentucky's cities, counties, and Area Development Districts (ADDs) have successfully secured SS4A funding to implement impactful safety projects. Additionally, the presentation will explore the opportunities available through this grant program, emphasizing how it can continue to benefit communities across Kentucky.

Breakout #7 Mastering Difficult Conversations: A Practical Guide | Nulu Room
Stacey Osburn, HNTB

Enhance your ability to navigate tough talks with confidence and effectiveness using practical tools and techniques for successfully managing difficult conversations at public engagement and workplace interactions. Attendees will walk away with valuable insights into active listening, empathy, and communication skills that can transform challenging discussions into opportunities for growth and collaboration.

Breakout #8 Transporting Kentucky's Economy: The Importance of Short Line Railroads for the Freight Transportation Network | Germantown Room
Delbert Billitner, Director Coal Supply and By-Products Marketing, LG&E/KU, and Paul Whisman, Peanut Systems Leader, J.M. Smucker
Moderator: William Downey, Toyota

2:45-4 pm **General Session- The Future of Mobility and the Need for Infrastructure** | Commonwealth Ballroom

A panel discussion with Jeff Luckett, President of UPS Flight Forward, and Harry Chase, Senior Director of Central Materials at GE Appliances, a Haier Company.
Moderator: Naashom Marx, Woolpert

Break until Reception

5-7:00 pm **Networking Reception** | Falls City Market- 1st Floor
Sponsored by WSP

Dinner On Your Own

Friday, January 24, 2025

7:30 am Buffet Breakfast | Exhibit Hall

8:45 am **Welcome from Secretary Gray** | Commonwealth Ballroom

9:00 am **General Session- Vehicle To Everything (V2X)** | Commonwealth Ballroom

New and emerging capabilities, such as vehicle-to-everything (V2X) technology, automated driving systems, and artificial intelligence are potential game changers for transportation safety, mobility and goods movement. Recent years have brought significant advancements and important milestones in these areas. In this session, Valerie Briggs, Director of the Office of Transportation Management at Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will discuss these advancements and the FHWA's related activities, including the USDOT's plan for achieving nationwide interoperable connectivity to support lifesaving applications. She will share how state

and local agencies are already deploying and gaining benefits from V2X capabilities and discuss resources available. This will be followed by a discussion with intelligent transportation systems experts Jennifer Walton and Joe Crabtree from the Kentucky Transportation Center to learn about how KY is participating.

Valerie Briggs, Director, Office of Transportation Management, FWHA

Moderator: Maegan Mansfield, BFW Engineers

10:00 am **General Session- A Fireside Chat with President Stivers** | Commonwealth Ballroom

The Kentucky General Assembly made historic investments in transportation infrastructure in the 2024 budget session. Join us as we hear from President Stivers about the importance of this funding and what's next as the General Assembly convenes for the working portion of the session in February.

Moderators: Rachel Bayens, Government Strategies and Brian Billings, ATS Construction

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

Breakout #9 Kentucky Statewide Rail Plan: Comprehensive Update and New Tools for Infrastructure Insight | Germantown Room

Jonathan Albers, HDR and Jeremy Edgeworth, KYTC

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has been working to update the Statewide Rail Plan for the first time since 2015. This presentation will discuss the innovative process for updating the Rail Plan, including the public engagement and a GIS StoryMap. New tools that have been developed to view Kentucky rail infrastructure will also be shared.

Breakout #10 TRIP: Kentucky Highway Safety Data | Cherokee Triangle Room

Rocky Moretti, TRIP

Founded in 1971, TRIP is a private nonprofit organization that researches, evaluates and distributes economic and technical data on surface transportation issues. Based in Washington DC, the nonprofit organization tracks the condition and performance of Kentucky's transportation system. This session will discuss the challenges and opportunities the Commonwealth faces.

Breakout #11 Department of Rural and Municipal Aid Update | Old Louisville Room

Commissioner Bobbi Jo Lewis, Craig Caudill, RS Engineering Branch Manager, and Jackie Jones, Staff Assistant for TAP and CMAQ

The Department of Rural and Municipal Aid acts as the liaison to all local governments regarding transportation needs. This Department oversees two offices: the Office of Local Programs (OLP) and the Office of Rural and Secondary Roads (ORSR). Updates on funding and regulatory issues in the Office of Rural and Secondary Roads' programs, including Cooperative Road Aid Program, FLEX, Emergency and 80/20 funding mechanisms, as well as updates on funding and regulatory issues for Transportation Alternative Programs and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Programs. Commissioner Lewis will also update on County Priority Projects Program and County/City Bridge Improvement Program application periods and funding.

Breakout #12 Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project Update | Nulu Room
Stacey Hans, KYTC

The Brent Spence Bridge carries interstates I-71/I-75 over the Ohio River between Covington, Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio. In addition to being part of a major north-south national system that provides passage for over a billion dollars of freight daily, the almost 8-mile project will also improve multimodal facilities adjacent to the project corridor. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is working closely with their Ohio Department of Transportation partners to deliver this transformational project through the innovative progressive design build mechanism. The presentation will provide an update on the current status of the project including improvements realized through collaboration with the Design Build Team.

11:45 pm Buffet Luncheon Begins | Commonwealth Ballroom

12:15 pm **Closing Keynote Speaker- Senior Advisor Rocky Adkins** | Commonwealth Ballroom
Final remarks