

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

June 15, 2023

There was a meeting of the **Community Development Committee** of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **June 15, 2023**, at **3:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room of the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

In the absence of a quorum and chairperson, Shaunna Basinger brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Shane Coleman City of Lima
Kirk Niemeyer City of Lima

GUEST

Mark Droll Allen County
Ian Kohli City of Lima

STAFF

Shaunna Basinger Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Colleen Barry Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF CDC MINUTES – March 16, 2023, and May 18, 2023

March and April's minutes were tabled to be approved at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

3. RTA REPORT

Basinger gave a brief overview of the RTA report provided and instructed all those with further questions to contact Karen Garland.

[May RTA Report](#)

4. LRTP UPDATE

Ms. Barry gave an update on the LRTP providing a final projects list to members present. She went on to share that section 7 is complete and section 1 is being completed currently. Ms. Basinger gave a reminder of the upcoming Open Houses taking place on July 18th (RTA, 10 – 11:45 am) and July 19th (LACRPC, 2 – 6 pm) as well as the comment period from July 10th- July 31st.

5. UPWP DRAFT UPDATE

Ms. Basinger gave an update on the UPWP stating that we are awaiting a signed proposal from Choice One to be added to the final UPWP for submission to FHWA.

6. SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT

Ms. Basinger gave an update on the SS4A grant stating that the current plan was to apply through the MPO and establish a county-wide Safety Action Plan paving the way for our member subdivisions to apply for their own grant activities next year. Shane Coleman questioned the need to apply this year if no funds are going to be requested. Further discussion ensued of the MPO's ability to prepare the Safety Action Plan over the next

year and apply alongside the other member subdivisions in the next NOFO given that member subdivisions will be able and interested in applying for funds. Committee members and guests advised on waiting to apply until next year and using that time to 1) ensure interest in member subdivisions in applying for funds and 2) create the Safety Action Plan, also known as a Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP), and set Allen County safety goals and actionables.

7. PROTECT DISCRETIONARY GRANT

Ms. Basinger shared information about the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program stating that its purpose is to plan for and strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters. Ms. Basinger stated that the goal right now is to discern whether this grant can/wants to be utilized by Allen County. Ms. Basinger provided a packet with information regarding the three grant types which Allen County subdivisions could apply for including Resilience Planning, Resilience Improvements, and Community Resilience and Evacuation Routes. Conversations with Allen County Engineers have been initiated to discern interest and what efforts/plans have already been made in this regard. Ms. Basinger shared that the Allen County Mitigation Plan created in March of 2021 should be considered.

8. OTHER

Ms. Basinger shared that this meeting marks the end of the public comment period for the Bluffton Beyond Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

9. ADJOURNMENT