

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 23, 2023

There was a **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **May 23, 2023**, at **1:30 p.m.** in the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Chairman Ron Meyer brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Ron Meyer	ASCEO
Adam Francis	ODOT District One
Ian Kohli	City of Lima
Jed Metzger	Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce
Dan Kaseman	Elida- Citizen
Shawn McPheron	EMH&T
Mark Droll	ACEO
Karen Garland	RTA

GUEST

Macy Flannagan	Strand & Associates
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STAFF

Shaunna Basinger	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Colleen Barry	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Tom Mazur	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – April 18, 2023

Motion 13 (5-23-2023) TAC

Jed Metzger motioned to approve the April 18, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Dan Kaseman, the motion carried.

3. RTA UPDATE

Karen Garland gave an update stating that rides this month are down from last while still being up from last year. The trolleys and buses are booked to capacity for the summer between downtown events, school events, and contracts with organizations including Lima Locos. The trolleys will begin running on Saturdays starting July 1 with the first full weekend of rides offered opening weekend of the amphitheater. One trolley will do a general loop while the other trolley will cover a parking lot loop, the full list of parking lots included is forthcoming. Jed Metzger questioned whether the trolleys will be labeled as to which loop it is running, Karen answered yes they will be marked. The garage project has gone out for bid, bids will be opened Friday, May 26th. RTA is having open interviews for drivers. All of the fixed routes have fixed stops and there will be no deviation. The two recently purchased trolleys will be renamed. Names are currently being collected and voted on. Those with name suggestions are encouraged to submit their suggestions.

[April RTA Report](#)

4. LRTP UPDATE

Staff presented an update on the LRTP plan by sharing sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the current update focusing on section 4 with Colleen Barry speaking on the population and socioeconomic factors including populations with income limitations and mobility constraints as well as labor force trend and land use change over the planning horizon. Ms. Basinger spoke on the public participation portion stating that staff members will be visiting township, village, and city meetings through June with the final draft passing through the committee structure in July. Two open houses will take place, one on July 18th at RTA from 10 am to 11:45 am and the other will take place in the LACRPC offices on July 19th from 2 pm – 6 pm.

5. UPWP DRAFT UPDATE

With Mr. Casler unavailable to give an update, Ms. Basinger read from the UPWP update notated in the CDC minutes of the previous week stating that it will be in final form next month and that it will be larger than in past years due to the addition of the RTPO.

6. SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT

Ms. Basinger gave an overview of the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant stating its purpose is to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users. LACRPC's role with this grant would be in technical assistance to our members who are looking to learn more about the grant or to apply. The administration of the grant would fall under the responsibility of the applicant. There are two grant types: Planning and Demonstration grants and Implementation grants. To benefit from either, groups must have a comprehensive safety Action Plan. However, applicants can apply for planning and demonstration funds to create an Action Plan using the grant dollars. Implementation funds are awarded to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan and to implement the created action plan. Applications can be submitted for \$100,000 to \$10 million for planning and demonstration grants and \$2.5 million to \$25 million in implementation funds. Similar plans and programs which can be used to inform and create the needed action plan are Complete Streets, Safe Routes to School, Roadside Safety Audits, and Active Transportation Plans.

This grant will be 5 billion dollars over 5 years with an additional 177k available in addition this year to go towards planning and demonstration grants. Dan Kaseman asked whether ODOT will be involved in this grant at all, the staff answered no and that this is being administered through USDOT. Ian Kohli stated that the action plan is the first art and that applicants should be aware of the continual reporting that recipients will have to do to fulfill the requirements of the grant but that much of this data may be provided by the work already being conducted through agencies like LACRPC. The deadline for this grant application is July 10th.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 14 (5-23-23) TAC

Ian Kohli made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Karen Garland, the motion carried.