

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 25, 2023

There was a **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **July 25, 2023**, at **1:30 p.m.** in the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Chairman Jamie Mehaffie brought the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Ron Meyer	ASCEO
Tanner Inkrott	ODOT District One
Dan Kaseman	Elida- Citizen
Jamie Mehaffie	City of Delphos
Eric Davis	Wessler Engineering
Jed Metzger	Chamber of Commerce
Stefanie Motter	Area Agency on Aging

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

2. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – June 20, 2023

Motion 17 (7-25-2023) TAC

Dan Kaseman motioned to approve the June 20, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Ron Meyer, the motion carried.

3. RTA UPDATE

Ms. Basinger provided the committee with the June RTA report and encouraged anyone who had a question on the report to reach out to Karen Garland.

[June RTA Report](#)

4. LRTP UPDATE

Ms. Barry shared that the Long-Range Transportation Plan is available for public comment until July 31, 2023 and can be found at www.lacrpc.com in the “Recently at RPC...” section. Ms. Barry also shared that two open houses have been completed with 4 attendees at the RTA open house and about a dozen attendees at the LACRPC open house the following day including staff members of the Maumee Valley MPO. The LRTP will go before the TCC on August 17th for final approval and submission to ODOT.

5. UPWP UPDATE

Ms. Basinger shared that all UPWP elements have been submitted to ODOT. A final table of updated numbers will be added in the following months as is standard procedure.

6. **OTHER**

Ms. Basinger shared that the Spencerville ADA Plan is available for public comment on the LACRPC website in the “Recently at RPC...” section.

The Bluffton Beyond Tomorrow Plan is complete and has been accepted by the Village of Bluffton city council.

Ms. Basinger shared the following update on the East Ridgeline Waterline Project in response to a general committee member inquiry:

Project Summary

This project consists of a waterline with fire hydrants from Westminster serving the Villages of Harrod and Lafayette as well as Allen East Schools. An elevated water storage tank was also constructed as part of this project and is located near Allen East Schools.

This project is almost complete! There are a few small items still being worked on at the water tower but other than that the lines are in the ground and the water is available.

Estimated Project Cost and Funding Assistance

1. Current Total Estimated Project Cost = Approximately \$11 million with just shy of \$7 million of that coming from grants and local contributions!
2. Sources of Funding Assistance:
 - o USDA 1.75% Loan - \$3.98 mill
 - o USDA Grant - \$4.282 mill
 - o Community Development Block Grant - \$1.5 mill
 - o Ohio Public Works Commission 0% Loan – Approx. \$300k
 - o City of Lima - \$250,000
 - o Allen Water District - \$250,000
 - o Allen County Commissioners - \$150,000
 - o Allen County (Revolving Loan Fund) - \$300,000

Estimated Project Debt Service Fee (used to repay USDA/OPWC loans) - \$27/month based on current project cost. This amount is being billed by the City of Lima on the monthly water bill and residents began receiving this bill in June.

The City of Lima has installed the taps/meter pits in the Village of Harrod and is now working the Village of Lafayette.

Ms. Basinger encouraged those with further questions to reach out to Kim Stiles at Allen Water District.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 18 (7-25-23) TAC

Jed Metzger made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Eric Davis, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.