

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 26, 2023

There was a **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **September 26, 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 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Ron Meyer	ASCEO
Karen Garland	RTA
Jamie Mehaffie	City of Delphos
Kirk Niemeyer	City of Lima
Jed Metzger	Chamber of Commerce
Paul Basinger	American Township
Eric Davis	Wessler Engineering
Mark Droll	ACEO

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
Tara Reynolds Bales	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Rebecca Phillips	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Adam Haunhorst	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Cody Doyle	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – July 25, 2023

Motion 17 (9-26-2023) TAC

Eric Davis motioned to approve the July 25, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mark Droll, the motion carried.

Ms. Reynolds Bales took a moment to introduce Rebecca Phillips as the new Finance Director.

3. RTA UPDATE

Ms. Garland shared that the RTA ridership in August '23 was the greatest since 2018 crediting the Allen County Fair and the concert which saw 4,900 riders. The garage expansion has not yet broken ground and the Lima Loop continues running on Saturdays with free trolley rides. RTA is hiring drivers.

[August RTA Report](#)

4. 2022 ALLEN COUNTY TRAFFIC CRASH SUMMARY REPORT

Mr. Haunhorst gave an overview of the 2022 Allen County Traffic Crash Report stating that it will be available for comment until October 26th. Mr. Haunhorst noted the state mirrored safety performance measures, high crash intersection maps, political subdivision maps, and the media sheet.

Motion 18 (9-26-2023) TAC

Jed Metzger motioned to accept the DRAFT 2022 Allen County Traffic Crash Summary Report. Seconded by Eric Davis, the motion carried.

5. OBLIGATED LIST OF PROJECTS

Ms. Barry presented the obligated list of projects due to ODOT by September 30th. The sum total list includes all projects in Allen County whether they were included in the TIP/STIP or not. Mr. Droll asked from where the cost estimates came, and Ms. Barry answered that ODOT supplied the data to us.

Motion 19 (9-26-2023) TAC

Karen Farland motioned to accept the 2023 Obligated List of Projects and advance it to the TCC. Seconded by Ron Meyer, the motion carried.

6. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Ms. Barry presented the Safety Performance Measures Resolution for review and advancement to the TCC. Ms. Barry went on to state that these targets mirror recommendations and are per million miles traveled. Mr. Mehaffie asked if Allen County has hit our targets in years past, with the answer being yes

Motion 20 (9-26-2023) TAC

Eric Davis motioned to accept the 2023 Safety Performance Measures and advance them to the TCC. Seconded by Mark Droll, the motion carried.

7. OTHER

Mr. Doyle shared information on the Census Bureau which sets the urban area boundary for census purposes. The census omits several areas that may have low housing density, but do have traffic generators that significantly impact the roadway networks. This is an opportunity to rectify those omissions by adding areas to the urban area. Once revisions are made, they will be submitted to ODOT for approval. If approved by the State, the added roadways are eligible for additional funding down the line.

Ms. Basinger informed the committee that the 2023 Safe Community Awards are being held at the end of October and nominations will be accepted until October 12th.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 21 (9-26-23) TAC

Karen Garland made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Krik Niemeyer, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.