

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

May 25, 2023

A Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission was held on **Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Doug Post brought the meeting to order at 3:01 pm and proceeded with introductions and the roll call.

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Howard Elstro	City of Lima
Ms. Beth Seibert	Allen County
Mr. Doug Post	Amanda Township
Mr. Brad Baxter	Bath Township
Ms. Karen Garland	RTA
Mr. Steve Ewing	Auglaize Township
Adam Francis	ODOT
Jerry Gilden	Marion Township
Jamie Mehaffie	City of Delphos

GUEST

STAFF

Ms. Shaunna Basinger	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Cody Doyle	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Tara Reynolds Bales	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Colleen Barry	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. ACCEPTANCE OF TAC MINUTES – April 18, 2023, and May 23, 2023

Motion 20 (5-25-23) TCC

Steve Ewing motioned that the TAC minutes of April 18, 2023, and May 23, 2023, be accepted. Seconded by Beth Seibert, the motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – April 20, 2023

Motion 21 (5-25-23) TCC

Beth Seibert motioned that the TCC minutes of April 20, 2023, be approved. Seconded by Jerry Gilden, the motion carried.

4. RTA UPDATE

Karen Garland began by sharing that the two new trolleys purchased are ready for operation but awaiting a renaming. RTA will be taking suggestions from in-house and encourages anyone to send their suggestions in as well. Names will be chosen by vote on social media. July 1st will be the first Saturday for the Lima Loop Trolleys and will continue operation on Saturdays through the summer. With the opening of the Amphitheatre in August, the trolleys will run through the opening weekend and on event days. Rides will be of no cost to the user through next fall, but costs will be reevaluated after the fall of 2024. Trolley loops will be on a flag-stop system. Garage project bids will be opened

on Friday, May 26th. RTA needs drivers and will train employees at no charge to the employee. A mechanic position is also open. Trolley drivers do not require a CDL. All fixed route stops are fixed stops, ie the fixed routes will not be able to be flagged to stop.

Brad Baxter asked about the status of the bus stop relocation efforts happening between the City, Bill Lyons of Cheap Sign Company, and RTA. Karen shared that there has been no movement since the last update. Brad Baxter shared his concern about bus shelters being located off the fixed routes and confusing the riders. Mr. Lyons is the sole owner of the shelters with right-of-way permission from the city.

[April RTA Report](#)

Motion 22 (5-25-23) TCC

Brad Baxter motioned to accept the RTA report. Seconded by Jamie Mehaffie, the motion carried.

5. LRTP UPDATE

Staff presented an update on the LRTP plan by sharing sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the current updates 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. RTA will be offering free rides to and from the open house on July 18th. LRTP comment period will be July 10th through the 31st. Staff will be setting up an informational table promoting the open houses at the New Look Fitness Block Party on June 3rd and the Juneteenth Celebration on the 17th.

6. UPWP DRAFT UPDATE

Mr. Doyle gave an update on the UPWP stating that work is still being completed in the new RTPO section of the UPWP including the addition of the consulting fees from Choice One Engineering who will be helping to develop the RTPO.

7. 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

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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. The standard 80/20 match is in place and administration and report on the grant will be required for recipients to receive their reimbursement funds. The deadline to apply is July 10, 2023.

Brad Baxter asked who within LACRPC people should contact with questions regarding this grant, Ms. Basinger responded that all inquiries can go through her.

8. OTHER

Ms. Reynolds Bales shared that going forward one staff member will be assigned to each committee to help cultivate the monthly agenda and scope of work for each committee in efforts to optimize committee work and member time. Mr. Cody Doyle will be the TCC staff liaison going forward.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 23 (5-25-2023) TCC

Steve Ewing motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Brad Baxter; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.