

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

June 22, 2023

A Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission was held on **Thursday, June 22, 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. Kevin Cox	Perry Township
Mr. Howard Elstro	City of Lima
Mr. Doug Post	Amanda Township
Mr. Brad Baxter	Bath Township
Ms. Karen Garland	RTA
Mr. Steve Ewing	Auglaize Township
Tanner Inkrott	ODOT
Jerry Gilden	Marion Township
Jamie Mehaffie	City of Delphos
Ian Kohli	City of Lima
Tom Tebben, Virtual	City of Lima
Brion Rhodes	Allen County
Larry Vandemark, Virtual	American Township

GUEST

STAFF

Ms. Shaunna Basinger	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Cody Doyle	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Marlene Schumaker	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. ACCEPTANCE OF TAC MINUTES – June 20, 2023

Motion 24 (6-22-23) TCC

Kevin Cox motioned that the TAC minutes of June 20, 2023, be accepted. Seconded by Jamie Mehaffie, the motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – May 25, 2023

Motion 25 (6-22-23) TCC

Brad Baxter motioned that the TCC minutes of May 25, 2023, be approved. Seconded by Steve Ewing, the motion carried.

4. RTA UPDATE

A \$2.7 million contract bid has been accepted and will begin work on July 5th for the garage expansion project. 350 days were requested to complete the project. Trolley names have been voted on with 718 votes received. They will be named Rusty and Steamy. Trolley branding should be done by the Star Spangled Spectacular. Trolley loops will begin July 1st and continue every Saturday.

[May RTA Report](#)

Motion 26 (6-22-23) TCC

Steve Ewing motioned to accept the RTA report. Seconded by Kevin Cox, the motion carried.

5. LRTP UPDATE

Ms. Basinger provided the final listing of projects being included in the 2045 LRTP reminding that sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were provided at last month's meeting and that nothing of note has been added. The introduction has been recently completed and section 7 is near completion. Staff members have been attending village, city, and township council meetings to discuss the 2045 LRTP and share information on the public participation opportunities including the two open houses taking place on July 18th (RTA, 10-11:45) and July 19th (LACRPC, 2-6). The comment period will be July 10-31. Mr. Gilden asked if the projects labeled as "new" in the project listing have been added in this most recent round of solicitation, and staff responded yes.

6. UPWP DRAFT UPDATE

Ms. Schumaker gave an update stating that the UPWP is due at the end of June and that while a draft has been submitted changes still need to be made before it is ready for final submission. ODOT Central office has agreed to allow a few extra days for submission. Ms. Schumaker went on to say that resolutions accepting the final draft are still needing to be signed to move the final submission forward to meet the deadline. There are two options for how the committee can move forward with the resolutions 1) sign the resolutions now and allow Marlene to make the proper corrections to the document or 2) wait for Marlene to make the changes and call a special meeting of the TCC next week to review the data and sign the resolutions. Ms. Schumaker went on to say that whatever option is chosen, the resolutions must be signed by next week and the UPWP submitted otherwise the entire state will be held up.

Ms. Schumaker further clarified that the work needing to be completed does not include the RTPO and that ODOT is allowing us to submit an addendum in July.

Mr. Elstro stated his support of signing the resolutions today citing the need for expediency and confidence in Ms. Schumaker. Mr. Elstro requested the final Work Program be sent by email to all TCC members upon completion.

Motion 27 (6-22-23) TCC

Howard Elstro motioned to approve the signing of the resolutions to 1) Certify the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process and 2) Approve the FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program as a Basis for Soliciting Federal Funding Assistance. Seconded by Karen Garland, the motion carried.

7. SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT

Ms. Basinger shared two documents with the committee 1) Match and Cost Share Examples and 2) a list of countermeasures. Both of these documents are also available on the USDOT SS4A Grant website. Ms. Basinger then shared the current course of action regarding the SS4A grant stating that over the next few months, LACRPC will be working to create a Safety Action Plan, also known as a Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP), and utilizing the committee structure as the task force to analyze the gathered information and decide upon the actionable items Allen County would like to focus on in regards to the roadway and motorist safety. In tandem with these matters being covered in meetings, discussions will be had with our member subdivisions about their interests and plans for utilizing the grant. If effort and plans are being made by our member subdivisions, the MPO will apply the completed LRSP in the next round of funding

creating the umbrella under which member subdivisions can apply for their own planning, demonstration, or implementation grants.

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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.

9. OTHER

The Bluffton Beyond Tomorrow comment period ended on June 15, 2023.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 28 (6-22-2023) TCC

Steve Ewing motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jerry Gilden; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.