



# LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## WELCOME

This newsletter is intended to provide timely updates on local transportation projects, area (re)development initiatives, as well as transit and paratransit-related news, highway safety, and other activities undertaken by the Planning Commission and our partners. The newsletter is supported in part by funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), and the Planning Commission member political subdivisions.

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# What's LACRPC Working On?

Over the next quarter, LACRPC staff will be completing the plan updates specified below. The established LACRPC Public Participation Plan dictates that it will go through our internal committee structure including the Citizen's Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Transportation Coordinating Committee over the coming months for continuing review and input. Additionally, there will be a public comment period in March including an Open House tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th, with final approval taking place at the end of April.

## Transportation Improvement Plan

The **TIP** (updated every 4 years) works to monitor and implement the LRTP providing a four-year prioritized listing of a bikeway/pedestrian walkway, bridge, highway, transit, and paratransit projects utilizing federal funding.

## State Transportation Improvement Plan

The **STIP** (updated every 4 years) is a document created by ODOT. MPOs submit their TIP to ODOT which is used alongside other TIPs submitted across Ohio to write a statewide comprehensive plan.

## Long Range Transportation Plan

The **LRTP** (updated every 4 years) is a strategy of capital improvement programming developed to guide the effective investment of public funds in transportation facilities. The Plan provides the framework from which the area's short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is developed.

## Unified Planning Work Program

The **UPWP** (updated yearly) documents the agency's comprehensive planning program over the course of the next fiscal year calendar and corresponds to July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 period.

TRAFFIC SAFETY BANNERS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST!

DRIVE SOBER GET PULLED OVER  
WATCH OUT FOR MOTORCYCLES  
CLICK IT OR TICKET  
STAY ALIVE: DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE  
RIDE SMART

FOR COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC, OR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES!

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The Public Transit Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan for the 4-county region of Allen, Auglaize, Putnam, and Van Wert is required to be updated annually. The planning process is ongoing and supported by the FACTS Coalition with the Area Agency on Aging (A3) acting as lead. The Coordination Plan provides the rationale and justification for the use of federal funds in the delivery of public transportation and special transportation services for the elderly and disadvantaged.

The FTA/ODOT 5310 Program awards has been released for 2023.

- Bittersweet Farms, Inc. has been awarded \$72,296 for an expansion vehicle.
- Marimor Industries has been awarded \$38,400 for preventative maintenance and \$119,456 for the purchase of two replacement vehicles.
- The Area Agency on Aging has been awarded \$560,000 for operating assistance and an additional \$480,000 for assistance to Auglaize County.
- The Putnam County Council on Aging has been awarded \$48,720 for an expansion vehicle.

# NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

LACRPC is HIRING!

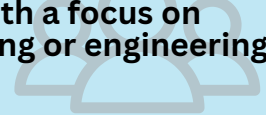
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Rural Transportation  
Planning Organization  
Senior Planner



2023 Summer Interns  
with a focus on  
planning or engineering



## Building Renovation Update



*During*

Now that the underlying structure is revealed, construction plans can be made to complete the repair. The intention is to return the front façade to its original design. This will hopefully include matching the brick and windows of the upper floor and a newly renovated and more spacious conference room.



*"After" Coming Soon!*

*Before*

In early December, the dilapidated awning which had adorned the front of 130 W. North Street since the mid-seventies was removed to reveal the original façade.

The LACRPC office building, est. 1910, was an automobile dealership through 1953. Cadillac was first and included a building to the east which was torn down to build The Ohio Theatre in 1927.

Later, Cadillac moved across the street and for a time, used this building as a used car operation. In 1930, it was the Desoto Dealership, which became Johnson Chevrolet in 1934, later Merritt Buick, a Packard Dealership, and from the fall of 1937 to 1953 Hawisher Studebaker.

In 1953, the real estate arm of Greggs Department Store bought it for "the advancement of the downtown." In the early-to-mid seventies, the building became Broken Wing Company which provided performance opportunities for the Lima area with a focus on keeping it a drug-free performance space.

Sometime after Broken Wing Company closed, the building became home to a legal office until circa 2000, when the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission took up residence.



### The Basics

Slow down. It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered surface. On the road, increase your following distance enough so that you'll have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you.

Don't crowd a snow plow or travel beside the truck. Snow plows travel slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes, and exit the road frequently. If you find yourself behind a snow plow, stay far enough behind it and use caution if you pass the plow.

### What to Do in an Emergency

If you are stopped or stalled in wintry weather, stay focused on yourself and your passengers, your car, and your surroundings.

Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself.

Let your car be seen. Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light on.

Be mindful of carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure your exhaust pipe is clear of any snow and run your car only sporadically – just long enough to stay warm. Don't run your car for long periods of time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.

### Batteries

When the temperatures drop, so does battery power. In cold weather, gasoline and diesel engines take more battery power to start, and electric and hybrid-electric vehicles' driving range can be reduced. Have a mechanic check your battery, charging system, belts, and any other needed repairs or replacements.

### Stock Your Vehicle

Carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving-related tasks, and supplies you might need in an emergency, including:

- a snow shovel, broom, and ice scraper;
- abrasive material (sand or kitty litter), in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow;
- jumper cables, flashlight, and warning devices (flares and emergency markers);
- blankets for protection from the cold; and
- a cell phone and charger, water, food, and any necessary medicine.



# UPCOMING MEETINGS

## JANUARY 2023

## FEBRUARY 2023

## MARCH 2023

CMTE	DATE	TIME	CMTE	DATE	TIME	CMTE	DATE	TIME
DCC	Tu, Jan 3rd	3:00 pm	DCC	Tu, Feb 14th	3:00 pm	DCC	Tu, Mar 14th	3:00 pm
DCC	Tu, Jan 17th	3:00 pm	CDC	Thu, Feb 16th	3:30 pm	CDC	Thu, Mar 16th	3:30 pm
CDC	Thu, Jan 19th	3:30 pm	TAC	Tu, Feb 21st	1:30 pm	TAC	Tu, Mar 21st	1:30 pm
CAC	Tu, Jan 24th	10:00 am	AAC	Wed, Feb 22nd	4:00 pm	AAC	Wed, Mar 22nd	4:00 pm
TAC	Tu, Jan 24th	1:30 pm	TCC	Thu, Feb 23rd	3:00 pm	TCC	Thu, Mar 23rd	3:00 pm
AAC	Wed, Jan 25th	4:00 pm	EC	Thu, Feb 23rd	4:00 pm	EC	Thu, Mar 24th	4:00 pm
TCC	Thu, Jan 26th	3:00 pm	DCC	Tu, Feb 28th	3:00 pm	DCC	Wed, Mar 28th	3:00 pm
EC	Thu, Jan 26th	4:00 pm						
DCC	Tu, Jan 31st	3:00 pm						

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