

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 19, 2024**

There was a **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **March 19, 2024**, 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

Karen Garland
Jamie Mehaffie
Mark Droll
Tanner Inkrott
Dan Kaseman
Stephanie Mottier
Sean Chapman

Allen County Regional Transportation Authority
City of Delphos
Allen County Engineer's office
ODOT District 1
Village of Elida
Area Agency on Aging
Village of Spencerville

STAFF

Colleen Barry
Tara Reynolds Bales
Rebecca Phillips
Tonya Dye

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2. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – February 20, 2024

Motion 07 (3-19-2024) TAC

Ms. Garland moved to approve the February 20, 2024, meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Kaseman, the motion carried.

3. RTA UPDATE

Ms. Garland reported that the RTA is taking reservations for the Trolley and buses for 2024. There are two weddings in 2025 already scheduled. The RTA Mobile app is live. The RTA website has a link to the app. The app works for fixed routes and micro transit services. The Uplift service will be added, but it was delayed due to multiple funding sources that need to be sorted first. The app will allow people to purchase tickets and track buses. Ms. Garland said ridership was up in January over last year by 844 rides. Ridership for February was up by 2797 rides from the same time last year, and up by 2020 rides from January 2024. This is primarily due to school ridership needs. The garage expansion project is on track and has an estimated completion of November 2024. The RTA is hiring drivers and has one or two mechanic positions available.

There was a discussion regarding the impact of the April 8, 2024 solar eclipse and the impact on the city. The area could see a double or tripling of the county population beginning over the weekend preceding the Monday eclipse. This number could also be dependent upon weather conditions that day. At present, the RTA will attempt to run services until approximately 2:15 on the 8th, with a probable return of services at 4:00 p.m. Regional eclipse impact could still be felt on the 9th as visitors leave the area.

4. DRAFT 2023 ALLEN COUNTY FATAL CRASH REPORT

Ms. Barry said that public comment has been open on the report. There has been no public comment. The report is nearing its time to begin finalization.

5. PID 118806 ALL LAFAYETTE IMPROVEMENTS SCOPE CHANGE

Ms. Barry reported that Brice Schmitmeyer of Access Engineering Solutions indicated that there was a scope change in the Lafayette Improvement/Napoleon Road Project due to lack of funding. The changes center on Priorities 1 and 4. Priority 1 had included 1100 linear feet of improvements on High Street from Jefferson Street to Main Street. That has been reduced to 700 linear feet of improvements on High Street from the railroad tracks to Main Street. Priority 4 proposed changes are for asphalt mill and overlay to occur over a complete reconstruction with curbs, walks, and storm sewer. Funding constrictions prompted the scope change. An amendment needs to be made to TIP, and then presented to the TCC.

Motion 08 (3-19-2024) TAC

Ms. Garland moved to accept the recommendation for the scope change and to present it to the TCC. Seconded by Mr. Droll, the motion carried.

6. CARBON REDUCTION FUNDS ALLOCATION

Ms. Barry said the \$164,000 in Carbon Reduction Funds attached to PID 118884 that are expiring could be used in the Lafayette Improvements Scope Change. When asked how it qualifies, she responded that there are curb and sidewalk reconstruction and improvements that allow it to qualify.

Motion 09 (3-19-2024) TAC

Mr. Kaseman moved to accept the recommendation to reallocate the expiring Carbon Reduction Funds to PID 118806 and present it to TCC for approval. Ms. Motter seconded. The motion carried.

7. RESOLUTION TO ADD PID 116196 ALL CR 173 (THAYER RD) RW TO FY 2024-2027 TIP

Ms. Barry presented Resolution: Authorization to add PID 116196 to Utilize Real Estate Services for Transportation Projects for RW to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan, stating that the addition of PID 116196 to the FY 2024-2027 TIP would allow access to state and federal funds.

Motion 10 (3-19-2024) TAC

Ms. Garland made the motion to accept the Resolution and suggest it to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Mr. Droll, the motion carried.

8. OTHER

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 11 (3-19-24) TAC

Ms. Garland moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Inkrott, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Meeting minutes approved on April 23, 2024.


Jamie Mehaffie, Chair