

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 18, 2023

There was a meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission on **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

Brandon Casler brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Alice Curth, virtual	Delphos Senior Citizens
Mike Hensley	Allen Council on Aging
Brandon Fischer	Allen County Health Department
Carole Enneking	Family & Children First Council
Stephanie Motter	Area Agency on Aging
Joe Lewis	Marimor Industries
Karen Garland	RTA

STAFF

Adam Haunhorst	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Brandon Casler	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF CAC MINUTES – January 24, 2023

Motion 1 (-17-23) DCC

Mike Hensley made the motion that the minutes from January 24, 2023 be approved. Seconded by Alice Curth, motion carried.

3. RTA UPDATE

Karen Garland gave an update including the purchase of two new trolleys purchased for use downtown. One trolley will operate on a fixed route through the downtown and the other will operate on a parking lot loop. Both trolleys will operate on Saturdays and downtown events days. The garage and drive thru wash project is going out for bid on April 21st. RTA is still looking to hire drivers. Ridership numbers increased since last month. Carole Enneking asked if the fixed stops transition is going well and Garland replied in the affirmative.

[March RTA Report](#)

4. TIP, STIP, LRTP UPDATE

Brandon Casler gave an update on the TIP stating that two comments were received from FHWA and addressed with final submission taking place on April 25th after final approval by the TCC. The LRTP is still underway with a final project submission date of April 28th. Those wanting to include a project in the next cycle of the LRTP should contact Tom Mazur as soon as possible.

Staff shared information about Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ) and the population projections of Ohio and specifically Allen County stating that while Ohio’s population is predicted to grow 7% by 2050, Allen County’s population is projected to drop roughly 21%. It was further detailed that Allen County is not alone in this and that our surrounding counties are also estimated to have double digit decrease.

5. UPWP UPDATE

Staff is in the process of creating the 2023 UPWP. Of note in this year's UPWP is the addition of the RTPO as another series of programming.

6. FINAL 2022 FATAL CRASH REPORT

Adam Haunhorst presented the Final 2022 Fatal Crash Report highlighting the decrease in crashes from 2022 to 2023, 4 out of 15 crashes involving alcohol, and 9 out of 15 crashes were not wearing safety equipment at the time of the crash.

Michael Hensley questioned how detailed the information relation to drug and alcohol usage is during the fatal crash reviews. Haunhorst replied that LACRPC is reliant on the information that the state provides and that it is not always immediately available but that by the end of the year the information is generally complete.

7. OTHER

The CHIP Grant will be awarded in July/August at which point community members are able to apply for funds. GLCAP.

Alice Curth quested what portions of Delphos and Bluffton can apply for this grant funding. Casler responded that anyone in the City of Delphos or Village of Bluffton can apply.

Michael Hensley questioned how much funding was generally available/distributed through this grant. Casler responded that \$600,000 in grant funding in years past. Repairs can include septic systems as well as HVAC. Many people are using this grant to tie their property into the city system. Individuals can use both LACRPC's CHIP grant and WOCAP's CHIP grant.

8. ADJOURNMENT