

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 22, 2024 -- Minutes

There was a regular **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **October 22, 2024**, at **1:30 p.m.** in the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Mark Droll as acting Chair brought the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

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| Teresa Brown | Allen County Regional Transit Authority |
| Eric Davis | Wessler Engineering |
| Mark Droll | Allen County |
| Jed Metzger | Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce |
| Stephanie Motter | Area Agency on Aging |
| Sean Oden | Low Vision Coalition |
| Ben Suever | Village of Spencerville |

GUESTS

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| Casey Reichert | Choice One Engineering |
| Macy Halverson | Strand Associates |

STAFF

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| Cody Doyle | Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission |
| Liwen Kang | Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission |
| Rebecca Phillips | Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission |
| Tonya Dye | Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission |

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – October 22, 2024

Motion 52 (10-22-2024) TAC

Ms. Motter moved to approve the October 22, 2024 agenda as presented. Mr. Davis seconded. The motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – September 24, 2024

Motion 53 (10-22-2024) TAC

Mr. Davis moved to approve the September 24, 2024, meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Metzger, the motion carried.

4. RTA UPDATE

Ms. Brown updated the committee on the RTA. There was an expansion of service and route changes that affected the UNOH Campus. There were also readjustments to some routes to avoid trains. The garage project is progressing with tearing out concrete for the additional fuel pumps. They will be also putting in the drive-through bus wash soon. On November 6th, the Daughters of the American Revolution will be dedicating a plaque regarding the burial site of a Civil War soldier.

5. MOTION: REALLOCATION OF SFY2024 CPG PLANNING DOLLARS

Ms. Phillips asked for the Committee to accept the recommendation to reallocate some of the CPG Planning Dollars for SFY2024, as referenced in the UPWP, to other line items within the work program to better align with current needs, and to indicate the same approval to the TCC. Some of the funds need to be used by the end of December and the reallocation allows greater flexibility towards using those funds. This mainly involves line items in the 601, 602, and 610 lines of the UPWP. This does not change the overall budget of LACRPC.

Motion 54 (10-22-2024) TAC

Mr. Metzger moved to accept the recommendation to reallocate SFY2024 CPG Planning Dollars and to convey the same to the TCC for finalization. Mr. Davis seconded. The motion carried.

6. MOTION: MOU BETWEEN LACRPC, ODOT, AND RTA

Ms. Phillips presented the MOU between LACRPC, ODOT, and RTA to the committee. This is a standard MOU and there is nothing different from this year's proposed MOU and the one accepted last year. It has been vetted by various members of ODOT, Karen Garland of RTA, and Thom Mazur. The MOU will define the working relationship between the three organizations. Ms. Phillips asks that the TAC accept the MOU and convey the said acceptance to the TCC for final approval.

Motion 55 (10-22-2024) TAC

Mr. Oden moved to accept the MOU and convey the same with their recommendation to the TCC. Ms. Motter seconded. The motion carried.

7. LESA REPORT

Mr. Doyle presented the LESA report to the committee. The LESA is an additional tool being developed by LACRPC to evaluate land use in the various townships. Changes in land use result in a change in the transportation needs of a community. The project began with the Amanda Township Comprehensive Plan in which they are looking at preserving farmland. This can assist in locating areas that are better suited to development and/or farmland preservation based on a weighted scale of criteria. The goal is to apply the map to all the townships in the county to develop a comprehensive view of planning and development within the county to address the various concerns of rural aesthetics and economic development and reduce taxpayer expense by expanding infrastructure. The tool is still being refined, but it is anticipated to be of value in land use discussions.

8. OTHER

Mr. Oden spoke regarding some of the safety improvements that the City of Lima is undertaking in regards to auditory traffic signals. There are currently three signals within the city, with plans for more. These devices give spoken instructions on when it is safe to cross the street, and are thus a valuable transportation improvement for those with visual impairments.


9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 56 (10-22-24) TAC

Mr. Davis moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Metzger, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Meeting minutes approved on November 19, 2024.



Ron Meyer, Chairman