

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 23, 2024

There was a **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **January 23, 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	Allen County Regional Transportation Authority
Jamie Mehaffie	City of Delphos
Mark Droll	Allen County Engineer’s office
Tanner Inkrott	ODOT District 1
Dan Kaseman	Village of Elida
Kirk Niemeyer	City of Lima
Sean Chapman	Village of Elida
Stefanie Motter	Area Agency on Aging
Ron Meyer	Allen County Sanitary Engineer’s Office

GUEST

Macy Flannagan	Strand & Associates
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STAFF

Shaunna Basinger	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Colleen Barry	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Cody Doyle	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Tara Reynolds Bales	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Rebecca Phillips	Lima- Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – October 24, 2023

Ms. Garland requested a minor edit to the minutes to clarify that the RTA “is hiring” for multiple roles.

Motion 01 (1-23-2024) TAC

Mr. Droll motioned to approve the October 24, 2023 meeting minutes with the included edit. Seconded by Ms. Garland, the motion carried.

3. RTA UPDATE

Ms. Garland shared that the RTA has seen a slowdown in special events during the winter months, 2022 saw a 6.6% increase in ridership, micro-transit continues to grow, the garage renovation has begun, and the RTA is hiring drivers and mechanics with CDL training provided.

4. ACCESS MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Mr. Doyle spoke on the upcoming Access Management Regulation updates which will be going before the Allen County Commissioner’s Office with public hearings on February 28th. Access Management Regulations dictate access to public roadways to both private and commercial entities. Part of this update is the addition of all county roads to the Access Management map. These changes will help ensure proper development and avoid issues usually resolved by tax-payer dollars. Access Management also assists in

lowering crash incidents. Mr. Droll added that letters have been sent to all township trustees and other stakeholders to solicit comment.

5. DRAFT BLUFFTON ADA PLAN

Mr. Doyle gave an update on the DRAFT Bluffton ADA Plan stating that it is being reviewed by the Village of Bluffton for final edits before the DRAFT is brought to the LACRPC committee structure and entering the public comment period.

6. TIP AMENDMENT – BREESE & SHAWNEE, PID 118884

Ms. Barry informed the TAC of the upcoming TIP amendment for the proposed Breese and Shawnee project stating that a recent safety study does not justify a roundabout but instead suggests countermeasures including new signalization, mast arms, and lighting among other improvements. These changes alter the scope and funding of the project. In addition to the countermeasures being implemented at Breese and Shawnee, they will also be implemented at Breese and Dixie.

7. HARROD PROJECT UPDATE, PID 118800

Ms. Barry updated the TAC on the Harrod Project, PID 118800 stating that an amendment will be required to include the Harrod project in the STIP.

8. OTHER

Committee members were encouraged to share updates and opportunities from their respective municipalities and organizations.

Mr. Mehaffie stated that the City of Delphos is working with ODOT on the future replacement of the Cleveland Street bridge as well as the installation of a multi-use pathway on S. Main Street. He stated that the City is very appreciative of its partnership with ODOT and their assistance on the recent S. Main Street Reconstruction and Safe Routes To School projects.

Mr. Niemeyer reported that the City of Lima is soon to see the beginning of the Central Avenue project which will extend from Elm to Wayne Street and include curbs, sidewalks, ramps, and lighting. The Central Avenue project is expected to go to bid in April. In addition to the Central Avenue project, the West Street Bridge will also see rehabilitation in the summer, the Lima Community Aquatic Park has a groundbreaking ceremony upcoming, and improvements to Cable Rd from Latham to Elida Rd are being developed with funding being recently awarded for a study, and that work is still being done to develop the Smart Train Avoidance Program.

Mr. Droll reported that Allen County is widening and repairing McClain and gave an update on the Bluelick Overpass improvements currently being considered.

Ms. Garland shared about the collaboration between the City of Lima and the RTA to use CMAQ monies to improve bus stop signs (50 over 4 years) and transition some bus stops to pull-in stops to reduce traffic interruptions.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 02 (1-23-24) TAC

Ms. Garland made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Kaseman, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.