

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

February 22, 2024

A Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission was held on **Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Commission office at 130 W. North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Ms. Seibert brought the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Karen Garland	Allen County Regional Transit Authority
Ian Kohli	City of Lima
Beth Seibert	Allen County
Jamie Mehaffie	City of Delphos
Howard Elstro	City of Lima
Kevin Cox	Perry Township
Steve Ewing	Auglaize Township
Brion Rhodes	Allen County Engineer
Lawrence Hall	FHWA

STAFF

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

2. APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – January 25, 2024

Ms. Garland requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect a 6.6% increase in ridership in 2023, not 2022.

Motion 05 (2-22-24) TCC

Mr. Mehaffie moved that the TCC minutes of January 25, 2023, be approved as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Rhodes, the motion carried.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF TAC MINUTES – February 20, 2024

Motion 06 (2-22-24) TCC

Mr. Ewing moved that the TAC minutes of February 20, 2024, be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Rhodes, the motion carried.

4. RTA UPDATE

Ms. Garland reported that the RTA garage expansion project is finally making progress and has an estimated completion date of October 2024. Trolley reservations are being taken for the summer and into 2025. The RTA is hiring mechanics and drivers. Ms. Garland also reported on the upcoming contract with Memorial Hospital to service patients and talked about the role of micro transit.

Motion 07 (2-22-24) TCC

Mr. Cox moved to accept the RTA report. Seconded by Mr. Ewing, the motion carried.

5. DRAFT 2023 ALLEN COUNTY FATAL CRASH REPORT

Mr. Haunhorst presented the DRAFT 2023 Allen County Fatal Crash Report highlighting that there were 10 crashes and 10 fatalities. This is a sharp decrease from last year and is in trend with the statewide decrease recorded. Three of the crashes were alcohol-related and five of the 10 fatalities did not use any safety equipment. Allen County met all Safety Performance measures for CY 2023. The 2023 Allen County Fatal Crash report is available on the LACRPC website in the Recently at RPC section with comments being accepted until March 15th. Committee members questioned the bike and pedestrian fatal crash statistics to which Mr. Haunhorst responded that there were no bike or pedestrian fatalities in 2023 but that 20% of the fatal crashes involved a motorcycle.

Motion 08 (2-22-24) TCC

Mr. Rhodes moved to accept the DRAFT 2023 Allen County Fatal Crash Report. Seconded by Ms. Garland, the motion carried.

6. AVAILABLE CARBON REDUCTION FUNDS

Ms. Barry reported that there are \$164,000 in carbon reduction funds that are attached to PID 118884 which is scheduled for construction in 2027. However, the CRP funds are set to expire in 2026 so they are unable to be used on that project. A review of other projects will be done to assign the remaining funds. Ms. Barry also noted that due to the change in scope of the Breese and Shawnee project, the project will go through the determination process to assess what qualifies for CMAQ funding.

Motion 09 (2-22-24) TCC

Mr. Cox moved to accept the report on Available Carbon Reduction Funds. Seconded by Mr. Mehaffie, the motion carried.

7. URBAN AREA ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION

Mr. Doyle presented Resolution: Endorsing the Proposed 2020 Federal Aid Urbanized Area Boundary stating that it will include the area from Dug Run to Pioneer, Diller to Sunnysdale (the eastern portion of Elida's school's campus), and Bellefontaine to Harding Highway, Thayer to Perry Chapel. These additions were a collaboration between LACRPC and ACEO.

Motion 10 (2-22-24) TCC

Mr. Elstro moved to approve the Resolution Endorsing the Proposed 2020 Federal Aid Urbanized Area Boundary. Seconded by Mr. Cox, the motion carried.

8. DRAFT 2025 UPWP

Ms. Phillips presented the DRAFT 2025 UPWP highlighting the suggested focus areas from ODOT which include freight. The draft is due in March with the final UPWP being due in May. The document will come back to the TCC when ODOT is done commenting.

Motion 11 (2-22-24) TCC

Mr. Kohli moved to accept the DRAFT 2025 Unified Planning Work Program. Seconded by Mr. Elstro, the motion carried

9. OTHER

Mr. Doyle reported that the City of Lima is extending an invitation to all elected officials for the All Aboard Ohio Whistle Stop Tour taking place on March 11th. This informative session will provide updates on the City of Lima's progress in the FRA (Federal Railroad Administration) process, which is a crucial step in securing funding for passenger rail service. He encouraged the group's participation.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 12 (2-22-2024) TCC

Mr. Ewing moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Cox; the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.