

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 25, 2024 -- Minutes

There was a regular **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **June 25, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Ron Meyer of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission brought the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Mark Droll	Allen County
Karen Garland	Allen County Regional Transit Authority
Tanner Inkrott	ODOT
Dan Kaseman	Citizen
Jacob King	Low Vision Coalition
Cindy Leis	Allen County
Ron Meyer	Allen County
Stefanie Motter	Area Agency on Aging
Chuck Schierloh	City of Lima

GUESTS

Macy Halverson	Strand
Casey Reichert	Choice One Engineering

STAFF

Colleen Barry	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Cody Doyle	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Adam Haunhorst	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Rebecca Phillips	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Liwen Kang	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Tonya Dye	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – June 25, 2024

Motion 27 (6-25-2024) TAC

Mr. Kaseman moved to approve the June 25, 2024 agenda as presented. Mr. Droll seconded. The motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – May 21, 2024

Motion 28 (6-25-2024) TAC

Ms. Garland moved to approve the May 21, 2024, meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. King, the motion carried.

4. RTA UPDATE

Ms. Garland reported that the trolley was out for First Friday and it has been busy taking daycares on outings. The trolley is scheduled to be out on the 2nd Saturday of July and then every Saturday from around 8:30 – 5:00. It will also be running for any big events. The mobile app is running on all modes of

transit. Monthly ride numbers are going up. The work on the building is progressing. There are open positions still available. There was a raise in the starting pay to remain competitive.

5. DRAFT TDP UPDATE

Mr. Cody Doyle presented an update to the committee on the Draft TDP. The report has been out for public comment, but none has been received. Staff has met with Karen Garland to ensure accuracy on some of the last details. It is requested that the version be considered final and that recommendation be transmitted to the TCC.

Motion 29 (6-25-2024) TAC

Ms. Garland moved to accept the report as final and convey it to the TCC. Seconded by Ms. Motter, the motion carried.

6. DRAFT 2023 ALLEN COUNTY TRAFFIC CRASH SUMMARY REPORT

Mr. Haunhorst stated that the DRAFT 2023 Allen County Traffic Crash Report was put out for public comment and none has been received. A few spelling edits were made. It is requested that the version be considered final and that recommendation be transmitted to the TCC.

Motion 30 (6-25-2024) TAC

Ms. Leis moved to accept the report as final and convey it to the TCC. Seconded by Ms. Garland, the motion carried.

7. DRAFT ALLEN COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Doyle stated that the DRAFT Allen County Active Transportation Plan was put out for public comment and none has been received. This essentially summarizes what inventory we have and what gaps we have in connectivity throughout the county. It is requested that the version be considered final and that recommendation be transmitted to the TCC.

Motion 31 (6-25-2024) TAC

Ms. Garland moved to accept the report as final and convey it to the TCC. Seconded by Mr. Kaseman, the motion carried.

8. DRAFT ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS REPORT

Mr. Doyle stated that the DRAFT Analysis of Impediments Report was put out for public comment and none has been received. The report has been properly vetted by the entities involved in its production. It is requested that the version be considered final and that recommendation be transmitted to the TCC. Mr. King asked what a legitimate complaint for housing consisted of. Mr. Doyle stated that it was based on race, age, ability level. It was then also determined that a landlord could still be neglecting a property, but not for reasons that go against the protected classes. Mr. Doyle stated also that the report does not say that discrimination doesn't exist at all, but that it was not uncovered through this report.

Motion 32 (6-25-2024) TAC

Ms. Leis moved to accept the report as final and convey it to the TCC. Seconded by Mr. Droll, the motion carried.

9. FREIGHT SUB-COMMITTEE FORMATION

Ms. Barry and Mr. Doyle stated that in accordance with the objectives of the LACRPC, the agency was asking for the formation of a freight sub-committee. This committee had been established in the past.

The agency is looking for 8-10 members and was open to suggestions regarding people within the community knowledgeable about rail, freight, and trucking logistics. Ms. Leis asked if they had to be people out of the TAC to which the answer was no.

Motion 33 (6-25-2024) TAC

Ms. Leis moved to approve the formation of a freight sub-committee and convey the request to the TCC. Seconded by Ms. Garland, the motion carried.

10. TITLE VI UPDATES

Ms. Barry stated that the LACRPC is reviewing the Title VI policy and will provide an updated version for review and acceptance later this summer. ODOT requires a review every three years.

11. STAFF RECOMMENDATION – RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CMAQ FUNDING FOR PID 118884 ALL-CR142-3.63/4.77 FROM \$2,300,000 TO \$1,012,372.50 IN FY 2027

Ms. Barry brought forth the resolution to adjust PID 118884 to reflect the new funding amount as the reduction is due to the project no longer being a roundabout.

Motion 34 (6-25-2024) TAC

Mr. Kaseman moved to accept the staff recommendation and present the resolution to the TCC. Seconded by Mr. Droll, the motion carried.

12. STAFF RECOMMENDATION: RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION TO ADD PID 122113 S2025 FACILITY & MISC CAPITAL TO THE 2024-2027 TIP FOR FY 2025

Ms. Barry brought forth the resolution to add PID 122113 as there are flex funds available to cover some miscellaneous capital expenditures, but a PID is necessary to access those funds.

Motion 35 (6-25-2024) TAC

Ms. Garland moved to accept the staff recommendation and present the resolution to the TCC. Seconded by Ms. Motter, the motion carried.

13. OTHER

Mr. Doyle brought forth as new business that LACRPC has prepared the ADA Transition Plan for the Village of Bluffton. ADA transition plans are not required for municipal organizations under 50 employees, however, having it available is a benefit to show that compliance is still being addressed and that there is capital being dedicated towards rectifying any deficiencies. Mr. Doyle is asking that this go to public comment period, with the caveat that because of the nature of the ADA, participation never officially closes as ongoing maintenance will always present.

Bluffton is close to compliant now. There is a public hearing on the 8th for this plan that has been advertised in the Bluffton Icon and the Lima News. The plan does need to go through the public comment process for final adoption by the Village of Bluffton. Mr. Doyle requests that the TAC accept the draft report and present that recommendation to move the report to public comment to the TCC.

Motion 36 (6-25-2024) TAC

Mr. King moved to accept the staff recommendation and present the draft report to the TCC for public comment. Seconded by Ms. Garland, the motion carried.


14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 37 (6-25-24) TAC

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Meeting minutes approved on July 23, 2024.



Acting Chair