

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**June 27, 2024**

A regular Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission was held on **Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Commission office at 130 W. North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Mr. Mehaffie as acting chair, brought the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Kevin Cox	Perry Township
Karen Garland	ACRTA
Doug Karhoff	Allen County
Ian Kohli	City of Lima
Jamie Mehaffie	City of Delphos
Beth Seibert	Allen County
Sharetta Smith	City of Lima

**STAFF**

Colleen Barry	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Cody Doyle	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 27, 2024**

**Motion 35 (6-27-24) TCC**

Ms. Seibert moved that the Agenda for June 27, 2024 be approved. Seconded by Mr. Cox; the motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – May 23, 2024**

**Motion 36 (6-27-24) TCC**

Mr. Cox moved that the TCC minutes of May 23, 2024 be approved. Seconded by Ms. Garland; the motion carried.

**4. RTA UPDATE**

Ms. Garland reported trolley is running and has been busy with field trips for area daycares. It will be out on First Friday and starting on the 1st Saturday of July, every Saturday from 9:15 to 4:00. The Mobile App is completely up and running. Ridership is up 581 rides from last year. The stigma towards public transit may be starting to change. The garage renovations are continuing with a completion date towards the end of November. The first week of September, it is possible that concrete may be poured in the parking lot. There is also the need for mechanics and drivers. There was a raise in the salary for mechanics in order to stay competitive.

**5. TAC RECOMMENDATION: DRAFT TDP REPORT TO BE CONSIDERED FINAL**

Mr. Doyle brought to the committee the Draft TDP Report. This is a 5-year update required from the RTA for ODOT. Financial data should be directed to Ms. Garland. The draft report has been out for public comment and none has been received. The TAC had accepted the draft report as final and requests that it be moved to the TCC for approval as the final version.

**Motion 37 (6-27-24) TCC**

Ms. Garland moved that the report be approved as final. Seconded by Ms. Seibert; the motion carried.

**6. DRAFT 2023 ALLEN COUNTY TRAFFIC CRASH SUMMARY REPORT**

Mr. Doyle brought forth the 2023 Allen County Traffic Crash Summary Report which had been out for public comment. None had been received. This report includes all the information from ODOT and local police reports. LACRPC then pulls that data to create the report. There are approximately 3300 crashes per year and the information is then sorted to intersection level. The TAC had accepted the draft report as final and requests that it be moved to the TCC for approval as the final version.

**Motion 38 (6-27-24) TCC**

Mr. Cox moved that the report be approved as final. Seconded by Ms. Smith; the motion carried.

**7. DRAFT ALLEN COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Doyle brought forth the Draft Allen County Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Haunhorst has been working on this project. It was last updated in 2019. ODOT is putting more emphasis on active transportation, such as the inclusion of sidewalks and trails. Most of the report was similar to the last, with the demographic information being the primary update. One of the new features was the idea of “blueways”, including public access to the waterways and river. The Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District has been exploring options for new access points along with new trails. The report has been out for public comment and none has been received. The TAC had accepted the draft report as final and requests that it be moved to the TCC for approval as the final version.

**Motion 39 (6-27-24) TCC**

Mr. Cox moved the report to be approved as final. Seconded by Ms. Garland; the motion carried.

**8. DRAFT ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS REPORT**

Mr. Doyle brought forth the Analysis of Impediments Report. This is a report that is in a 5-year update cycle. There were four official complaints that had been relayed through the appropriate channels for resolution. All complaints came back as non-violations. Most of the demographics came from other ongoing reports that LACRPC works on. Chapters 4 and 5 have the most consequential data to this report regarding the HMDA data. The data is looked at collectively and not on an individual case/submission level. The data do not indicate that Allen County has an issue with housing discrimination. There were many active partners for this report, including the City of Lima, the City of Delphos, Allen County, Metropolitan Housing and WOCAP, so the report has been vetted by different agencies. WOCAP has field testing services to get data on fair housing practices of landlords. All complaints have been investigated by the appropriate civil rights commission, and no red flags were found. The HMDA data is also required to be submitted to the Federal Government by the mortgage companies in a process separate from this. The report has been made available for public comment, and none has been received. The TAC had accepted the draft report as final and requests that it be moved to the TCC for approval as the final version.

**Motion 40 (6-27-24) TCC**

Ms. Seibert moved the report to be approved as final. Seconded by Ms. Garland; the motion carried.

**9. DRAFT ADA TRANSITION PLAN FOR BLUFFTON**

Mr. Doyle brought forth the ADA Transition Plan for Bluffton. The Village of Bluffton is not required to have an ADA Transition Plan as they have less than 50 people employed by the village. However, they must still be in compliance with the Act. This report is also a living document, in that public comment will never officially close as maintenance issues will always be present that will affect the plan and adjust the priorities. The ADA Transition Plan for Bluffton looks at sidewalks, evaluates public roadway curb ramps, traffic signals and other issues regarding mobility around the village. Mr. Doyle will be taking the Draft to the Village Council on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The village is committing \$25,000 a year towards Accessibility improvements/maintenance. The TAC has accepted this draft and request that the TCC approve the draft for public comment.

**Motion 41 (6-27-24) TCC**

Mr. Cox moved the report to be approved to move to public comment. Seconded by Ms. Garland; the motion carried.

**10. FREIGHT SUB-COMMITTEE FORMATION**

Mr. Doyle brought forth to the committee the request to re-establish the freight subcommittee to implement the LAPRPC's goals towards collaborating with local leadership in the freight and rail industry and municipalities. The committee is looking for 8-10 people to form this membership.

**11. TITLE VI UPDATES**

Ms. Berry brought forth that the LACPRC will be reviewing our Title VI policy. It is required to be updated every three years by ODOT. We are beginning the review.

**12. TAC RECOMMENDATION – RESOLUTION: Authorization to Amend CMAQ Funding for PID 118884 in FY 2027**

Ms. Barry stated that as this project has changed scope from a roundabout that it needs to be adjusted to reflect the current funding status. The TAC has accepted the staff's request to amend the PID and requests that the TCC approve the resolution.

**Motion 42 (6-27-24) TCC**

Ms. Garland moved to amend the CMAQ Funding for PID 118884 in FY 2027 to reflect the current status and approve the resolution. Seconded by Ms. Seibert; the motion carried.

**13. TAC RECOMMENDATION – RESOLUTION: Adding PID 122113 to the TIP/STIP**

Ms. Barry stated that as additional funding has become available for ACRTA to use a flex funding award, but that award needs to be attached to a PID. The awarded funds would be used towards capital improvements related to the garage expansion. The TAC has accepted the staff's request to add PID 122113 to the TIP/STIP to allow for use of those funds and requests that the TCC approve the resolution.

**Motion 43 (6-27-24) TCC**

Ms. Smith moved to add PID 122113 to the TIP/STIP and approve the resolution. Seconded by Ms. Seibert; the motion carried.

**14. Other**

There was no other business brought forth

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion 44 (6-27-24) TCC**

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Minutes approved on July 25, 2024.

  
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Jamie Mehaffie, Chair