

## TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

October 24, 2024

A regular Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission was held on **Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Commission office at 130 W. North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Mr. Ewing as acting chair, brought the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

### 1. ROLL CALL

Brad Baxter	Bath Township
Steve Ewing	Auglaize Township
Tanner Inkrott	ODOT District One
Ian Kohli	City of Lima
Beth Seibert	Allen County
Brian Wildermuth	ACRTA

### STAFF

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 24, 2024

#### **Motion 60 (10-24-24) TCC**

Ms. Seibert moved that the Agenda for October 24, 2024, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Inkrott; the motion carried.

### 3. APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – September 26, 2024

#### **Motion 61 (10-24-24) TCC**

Ms. Seibert moved that the TCC minutes of September 26, 2024 be approved. Seconded by Mr. Inkrott; the motion carried.

### 4. RTA UPDATE

Mr. Wildermuth presented the update from RTA Year-to-date ridership is slightly down from this time last year. There were some changes to some routes in order to avoid train routes and additional routes through the UNOH campus. The garage expansion is still progressing. There was an issue with the diesel tanks being replaced but that should occur late next week. He also mentioned that there was a rededication of a memorial plaque at the RTA building on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

### 5. TAC RECOMMENDATION: Allow Reallocation of SFY2024 CPG Planning Dollars

Ms. Phillips brought forth a request to reallocate a portion of the SFY2024 CPG Planning Dollars to better align with current work goals within the UPWP. Some of the funds need to be used by the end of this year. There is a need for additional staff training, and therefore readjusting budget line allocations could help to

serve that need. There would not be a change in the overall budget, just along line items within the work plan. The TAC reviewed the request and recommended its approval and conveyed the same to the TCC.

**Motion 62 (10-24-24) TCC**

Ms. Seibert moved that the agency be allowed to reallocate SFY2024 CPG Planning Dollars. Seconded by Mr. Baxter; the motion carried.

**6. TAC RECOMMENDATION: MOU Among LACRPC, ODOT, and RTA**

Ms. Phillips brought forth for acceptance the MOU among LACRPC, ODOT, and RTA. This is a standard agreement that defines how the agencies will work together. It has been vetted by Karen Garland of ACRTA and Thom Mazur of LACRPC. The MOU was brought forth to the TAC and it is their recommendation to approve the MOU and to convey the same to the TCC.

**Motion 63 (10-24-24) TCC**

Mr. Baxter moved to accept the MOU among LACRPC, ODOT, and RTA. Seconded by Mr. Kohli; 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.

Significant discussion revolved around the use of the model, when LACRPC would incorporate the model, and whether township approval should be obtained before specializing the model to each township. Mr. Doyle did say he would present the model to each township as it develops before using it as a data tool to guide the agency in making recommendations. It was indicated that rail and floodplain data may be good overlays on the model so the information would be available but not affect the calculations. There may need to be independent scoring from township to township. It was suggested that good notes on how it came to be developed and the methodology be kept for the project. Some committee members wanted more information on how to incorporate it into their plans, while other committee members wanted more information before forming their opinion as to its overall usefulness and adoption.

**8. OTHER**

No other business was brought forth.

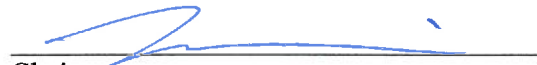
9. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion 64 (10-24-24) TCC**

Ms. Seibert moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Baxter; the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes approved on November 21, 2024.

  
Chair