

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE

November 18, 2010

There was a **Transportation Coordination Committee** meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **Thursday, November 18, 2010**, at **3:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room of the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of TCC minutes – October 28, 2010
3. Acceptance of TAC minutes – November 15, 2010
4. RTA Report
5. Final 2009 Crash Summary Reports
6. Draft FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program
7. Other
8. Adjournment

A quorum being present, Roy Hollenbacher brought the meeting to order proceeded with the agenda.

1. **ROLL CALL**

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| Mr. Gregory Berquist | City of Delphos |
| Mr. Kevin Cox | Perry Township |
| Mr. Howard Elstro | City of Lima |
| Mr. Roy Hollenbacher | Bath Township |
| Mr. Timothy Piper | Allen County Engineer's Office |
| Mr. Dan Reiff | Allen County |
| Mr. Charles Schreck | ODOT District One |
| Ms. Chris Seddelemeyer | Shawnee Township |
| Mr. Thomas Tebben | City of Lima |

STAFF

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| Mr. Thomas Mazur | Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission |
| Ms. Marlene Schumaker | Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission |
| Ms. LeeAnn Sypherd | Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission |

2. **APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – October 28, 2010**

Motion 100 (11-18-10) TCC

Gregory Berquist made the motion that the TCC minutes of October 28, 2010 be approved. Seconded by Tom Tebben; motion carried.

3. **ACCEPTANCE OF TAC MINUTES – November 15, 2010**

Motion 101 (11-18-10) TCC

Gregory Berquist made the motion that the TAC minutes of November 15, 2010 be accepted. Seconded by Dan Reiff; motion carried.

4. **RTA REPORT**

Marlene Schumaker reported that a representative from the Allen County Regional Transit Authority (ACRTA) was unable to attend the meeting today but the agency did forward an

4. **RTA REPORT** (Continued)

RTA report to staff. Marlene Schumaker reported that total ridership is up approximately 6% over last year. ACRTA has been utilizing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds that it received; the pole barn at the rear of the property has now been enclosed and all work should be completed by the end of this month. The painting of the Maintenance garage has also been completed. Marlene Schumaker reported that the Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL)/GPS units are expected to “go live” February 1, 2011. The agency has begun a new marketing program and has placed Charles Robinson in charge of the marketing plan.

Motion 102 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to accept the RTA report. Seconded by Tom Tebben; motion carried.

5. **FINAL 2009 CRASH SUMMARY REPORTS**

Thomas Mazur reported that the 2009 Crash Summary Reports have been posted to the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) website and distributed to stakeholders. Staff has received no comments from state, federal or local governments. Thomas Mazur requested a motion to approve the reports as presented.

Motion 103 (11-18-10) TCC

Gregory Berquist made the motion to approve the Final 2009 Crash Summary Reports. Seconded by Tom Tebben; motion carried.

6. **DRAFT FY 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Thomas Mazur reported that the Railroad Grad Separation Project on Bellefontaine Avenue has been included in the new listing of potential projects in the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). MPO funding has been requested to be added to the funding mix to help with the TRAC application review process. Funds have been moved from the Kibby/Bellefontaine Project to offset costs associated with the Railroad grade Separation Project. Marlene Schumaker presented a handout of the TIP project table and reported that this table should be considered the Draft TIP Table as of today. Staff expects that this table will change over time. Thomas Mazur reported that the table will be submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for review on November 19, 2010. Thomas Mazur reported that the grade separation project has already been through two public meetings and no projects have been removed from the TIP to accommodate this project. The yellow highlighted area within the table reveals that all of the monies allocated have been spent. Roy Hollenbacher asked what the letters TBD meant. Marlene Schumaker responded that the acronym stands for “To Be Determined”. Marlene Schumaker stated that in FY 2013 there are no funds for the projects that are scheduled in that year but staff has spoken with ODOT Central Office about borrowing funds from another MPO or from another year. Staff has received no answer at this time. Roy Hollenbacher asked if there was a difference between the red lettered projects and the black lettered projects. Thomas Mazur replied that the red lettered projects have had changes made to them. Marlene Schumaker reported that the black lettered projects have had resolutions passed for them in August and the red lettered projects had resolutions passed in October. The resolutions passed in October have had changes made to them and new resolutions will need to be passed. The Greenlawn/Elida Road (SR 309) project was moved back to FY 2016. Thomas Mazur reported that the Greenlawn/Elida Road (SR 309) was not included in the 2030 Long Range Comprehensive Plan (LRTP) so the project cannot be funded in the proposed TIP without first being added to the LRTP. Timothy Piper reported that the drainage problem at the

6. DRAFT FY 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Continued)

intersection begins under the railroad. The water flows south along the west side of Greenlawn to the railroad, flows west along the railroad and the bottleneck is at the railroad because the pipe is too small. Thomas Mazur reported that the Village of Elida is using an engineering firm that is not pre-qualified with ODOT for traffic which may cause issues later. The project still needs a scope of work, costs, etc. Marlene Schumaker reported that staff has corresponded with the stakeholders that have requested funding and informed these stakeholders that a formal letter stating that the local match funds will be available and where the funds are coming from once their projects begin. Howard Elstro reported that the City of Lima has made two submissions for TRAC; the Complete Streets Project and the East Side Grade Separation Project. The East Side Grade Separation scored higher than the Complete Streets. ODOT Central Office suggested that the City of Lima add more funds to the local match funding mix to assist the application to move to the second tier review status. The TRAC application will not achieve Tier 1 level but will achieve Tier 2 and at Tier 2 the City of Lima may receive approximately \$2.7 million for right-of-way (ROW) acquisition which is the next step in the project. The City will be able in subsequent rounds to compete for Tier 1 funding. Charles Schreck reported that there are two projects on the TIP table that are ODOT projects that are not using MPO monies.

Motion 104 (11-18-10) TCC

Gregory Berquist made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add PID 75522 Van/Put/All US 30-21.18 at a cost of \$3,047,819. Seconded by Tom Tebben; motion carried.

Motion 105 (11-18-10) TCC

Gregory Berquist made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect \$64,000 in federal funds to support the MPO's involvement in development of a locally-based sustainable development initiative. Seconded by Tom Tebben; motion carried.

Motion 106 (11-18-10) TCC

Gregory Berquist made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add Delphos sidewalk development along Elida Road at a cost of \$100,000. Seconded by Tom Tebben; motion carried.

Motion 107 (11-18-10) TCC

Gregory Berquist made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Lincoln Highway Phase One PID 89339 (SR 115-Cairo Corp limit) for \$500,000. Seconded by Tom Tebben; motion carried.

Motion 108 (11-18-10) TCC

Gregory Berquist made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to move \$587,640 of CMAQ and \$308,256 of STP funds for PID 82576 for the Lima Signalization Project from FY 2011 to FY 2012. Seconded by Tom Tebben; motion carried.

Motion 109 (11-18-10) TCC

Gregory Berquist made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include PID 87965 ALL-IR 75 at a cost of \$23,926,386 to cover Garvee Bonds and right-of-way service. Seconded by Tom Tebben; motion carried.

6. **DRAFT FY 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** (Continued)

Motion 110 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization to Rescind the Allen County Regional Transit Authority rolling stock funds (PID 87559, 87560, 87561) \$415,000 in each year 2012, 2013, and 2014. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Motion 111 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization to Move \$308,256 of STP funds and \$727,618 CMAQ from FY 2011 to FY 2012 for PID 82576, Lima Signalization. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Motion 112 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend PID 87556 to reflect \$70,000 additional in federal funds in FY 2012 to support the MPO's involvement in development of a locally-based sustainable development initiative. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Motion 113 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization to Program in the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Allen County Regional Transit funding for FY 2012-2015. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Motion 114 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization to Program in the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) the Elm Street Project (Cable to Woodlawn) for a total of \$1,344,000 in FY 2012. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Motion 115 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization to Program in the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Lincoln Highway Phase 2 Cairo-Beaverdam Corp. to Corp. for a total of \$1,000,000 in FY 2012. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Motion 116 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend PID 87557 to reflect \$70,000 additional in federal funds in FY 2013 to support the MPO's involvement in development of a locally-based sustainable development initiative. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Motion 117 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend PID 77305 to include \$2,310,000 in CMAQ and \$2,272,633 in STP funds in FY 2013. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Motion 118 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization to Program in the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) the Lima RR Grade Separation project for \$1,300,000 in STP funds in FY 2013. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

6. **DRAFT FY 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** (Continued)

Motion 119 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend PID 87558 to reflect \$70,000 additional in federal funds in FY 2014 to support the MPO's involvement in development of a locally-based sustainable development initiative. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Motion 120 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization to Program in the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Kibby-Bellefontaine PID 88421 for \$1,000,000 in FY 2014. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Motion 121 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend PID 86634 to decrease funding from \$250,000 to \$75,000 in FY 2014. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Motion 122 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization of the Intent to Program in the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) planning funds of \$190,000 in FY 2015. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Motion 123 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization of the Intent to Program in the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Bluffton hike/Bike project for \$200,000 in FY 2015. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Motion 124 (11-18-10) TCC

Timothy Piper made the motion to approve the Authorization of the Intent to Program in the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Kibby-Bellefontaine for \$1,266,149 in FY 2015. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Marlene Schumaker requested a motion for approval of the Draft of Table 7 of the FY 2012-2015 TIP.

Motion 125 (11-18-10) TCC

Tom Tebben made the motion to approve the Draft of Table 7 of the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Seconded by Dan Reiff; motion carried.

Marlene Schumaker reported that committee members received a handout of the intended TIP Projects for FY 2016 and FY 2017. Thomas Mazur reported that ODOT has requested that projects for the out years be budgeted in order to be aware of projects outside of the new TIP scheduling years for programming and fiscal purposes. Gregory Berquist requested that a project for the City of Delphos for a Hike/Bike Project be added to the out years table. Thomas Mazur responded that staff will research whether the project is included in the 2030 LRTP. Marlene Schumaker requested more information be forwarded to staff pertaining to the project.

Motion 126 (11-18-10) TCC

Howard Elstro made the motion to approve the Intent to Program in FY 2016 the Spencerville Miami and Erie Canal with \$1,000,000 of STP funds and \$500,000 of CMAQ. Seconded by Timothy Piper; motion carried.

6. **DRAFT FY 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** (Continued)

Motion 127 (11-18-10) TCC

Howard Elstro made the motion to approve the Intent to Program in FY 2016 the Greenlawn SR 309 project with \$600,000 of STP funds. Seconded by Timothy Piper; motion carried.

Motion 128 (11-18-10) TCC

Howard Elstro made the motion to approve the Intent to Program in FY 2016 the Lincoln Highway Cairo Corp. to Corp. Project with \$1,000,000 of STP funds and \$300,000 of CMAQ. Seconded by Timothy Piper; motion carried.

Motion 129 (11-18-10) TCC

Howard Elstro made the motion to approve the Intent to Program in FY 2016 STP Planning funds of \$190,000. Seconded by Timothy Piper; motion carried.

Motion 130 (11-18-10) TCC

Howard Elstro made the motion to approve the Intent to Program in FY 2017 STP Planning funds of \$190,000. Seconded by Timothy Piper; motion carried.

Motion 131 (11-18-10) TCC

Howard Elstro made the motion to approve the Intent to Program in FY 2017 the Spencerville Walking Trail with \$500,000 of CMAQ funds. Seconded by Timothy Piper; motion carried.

Marlene Schumaker reported that the last table that was distributed to committee members is a table detailing where ACRTA gets the majority of its funding. There will be new tables included in the back of the TIP that pertain to ACRTA. In the past, ACRTA's operating and capital funds were included in the TIP on an ongoing basis. This is no longer allowed per ODOT's new regulations; ACRTA must follow the same rules that the MPO follows. Marlene Schumaker reported that ACRTA's capital funds come from the Urban Formula monies. The MPO has no Surface Transportation Program (STP) or Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds scheduled for ACRTA which means that ACRTA will not receive any buses during the FY 2012-2015 TIP cycle. Thomas Mazur reported that ACRTA's budget for FY 2012 is approximately \$1.34 million, approximately \$1.35 million for FY 2013, approximately \$1.43 in FY 2014 and approximately \$1.42 million in FY 2015. These figures are prepared by ACRTA and the table reveals that ACRTA's capital funds are extremely low. ACRTA has no local match. Roy Hollenbacher stated that ACRTA does not expect any bus purchases through FY 2015. Howard Elstro asked if the majority of ACRTA's fleet had been replaced over the past few years. Thomas Mazur replied in the affirmative. Kevin Cox asked if all of the buses meet the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations and are equipped for wheelchairs. Thomas Mazur responded that the buses have met ADA standards since the 1990's. Kevin Cox asked if ACRTA will be able to upgrade their lifts to meet the new weight standards. Thomas Mazur replied in the negative as the agency does not have the local match funds to apply for federal monies to upgrade the existing rolling stock. Thomas Mazur reported that currently all ACRTA vehicle lifts are rated at 700 pounds. The combination of a 300 pound wheelchair and the passenger has been causing damage to the paratransit lifts. The new lifts will be rated at 1000 pounds. The Allen County Council on Aging (ACCOA) has reported that some clients will still exceed the new standards. Thomas Mazur reported that staff believes that these patients would be better served by ambulette services.

7. **OTHER**

Thomas Mazur reported that staff will be meeting with ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) pertaining to the FY 2010 UPWP. There will be new representatives

7. **OTHER** (Continued)

from both agencies attending the meeting. Thomas Mazur reported that staff has continued to work on the Sustainability Initiative. ODOT has given staff the approval to continue but FHWA has not. ODOT has issued an encumbrance number but has stated that if FHWA does not give its approval the encumbrance number cannot be used. Staff has not entered into a contract with HCN. Thomas Mazur presented to committee members a handout of the committee meeting dates for CY 2011.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 132 (11-18-10) TCC

Tom Tebben made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Dan Reiff; motion carried.