

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE

October 27, 2011

There was a **Transportation Coordination Committee** meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **Thursday, October 27, 2011**, 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 – August 25, 2011
3. Acceptance of TAC minutes – October 24, 2011
4. RTA Report
5. Regionally Significant Transportation Plan
6. TIP Amendments/Resolutions
7. Bluffton Land Use Projections
8. 2010 Crash Summary Report Update
9. Distracted Driver Simulator
10. Other
11. Adjournment

A quorum being present, Larry Vandemark brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Gregory Berquist	City of Delphos
Mr. Kevin Cox	Perry Township
Mr. Howard Elstro	City of Lima
Mr. Roy Hollenbacher	Bath Township
Mr. Brion Rhodes	Allen County Engineer's Office (sat in for Timothy Piper)
Mr. Dan Reiff	Allen County
Mr. Charles Schreck	Ohio Department of Transportation District One
Ms. Chris Seddelmeyer	Shawnee Township
Mr. Thomas Tebben	City of Lima
Mr. Larry Vandemark	American Township
Mr. Howard Violet	Marion Township

GUESTS

Ms. Rosann Christian	Lima-Allen County Regional Transit Authority
Mr. Dan Kaseman	Ohio Department of Transportation District One

STAFF

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 – August 25, 2011**

Motion 89 (10-27-11) TCC

Thomas Tebben made the motion that the TCC minutes of August 25, 2011 be approved. Seconded by Roy Hollenbacher; motion carried.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF TAC MINUTES – October 24, 2011

Motion 90 (10-27-11) TCC

Gregory Berquist made the motion that the TAC minutes of October 24, 2011 be accepted. Seconded by Thomas Tebben; motion carried.

4. RTA REPORT

Rosann Christian reported that the Lima-Allen County Regional Transit Authority (LACRTA) has spent October implementing the new route changes. Beginning the first of October, the new morning hours were implemented. Monday, October 31, 2011, a new route as well as modifications to an existing route will begin. Rosann Christian reported that due to LACRTA's hiring and training of new drivers, the extended evening hours will begin November 14, 2011. Rosann Christian reported that the Public Hearings that the LACRTA held pertaining to the new routes went very well. The news of more hours and new routes was well received by those that attended the Public Hearings. Rosann Christian reported that the Saturday hours should begin December 3, 2011. Howard Elstro asked if the extended hours and new routes was so well received due to the attendees utilizing the buses to go back and forth to work, school, etc. Rosann Christian replied that the grant that is primarily funding the "new" hours and new routes is the Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant that the LACRTA has been awarded. The JARC grant does target monies for work related transportation. Kevin Cox asked what the hours would be for the Saturday service. Rosann Christian responded that the hours are from 7:45 AM to 9:15 PM. Marlene Schumaker asked if the drivers would be to track where the passengers and coming from and going to as to whether the trip is work related. Rosann Christian replied that the new drivers will be trained how to determine what the trip is for; the current drivers already track the trips for reporting purposes.

Motion 91 (10-27-11) TCC

Howard Violet made the motion to approve the RTA report. Seconded by Kevin Cox; motion carried.

5. REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Thomas Mazur presented a handout to the Committee members and reported that the Committee briefly discussed the Regionally Significant Transportation Plan at the August meeting. Staff has met with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, the Allen Economic Development Group (AEDG), the Allen County Engineer's Office (ACEO), the City of Lima's Public Works Director and the City of Lima Engineer. A list of projects significant to the Allen County community has been developed. Thomas Mazur reported that the first set of projects represent four projects that all relate to the IR 75 project; the total amount comes to approximately a quarter of a billion dollars making these projects the most significant to the community. Thomas Mazur reported that the TAC made a motion to commit the \$3 million in funds identified in the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for rail infrastructure upgrades to the Lima Railroad Grade Separation project. The Kibby/Bellefontaine Intersection is still on the list as project number 3 with \$1 million identified for local funding. In January of this year, the \$1 million was removed from the draft TIP and was reallocated; at this time the \$1 million is not available to be used as local match for this project. Thomas Mazur reported that this table is to notify ODOT and the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) that the local Chamber of Commerce and local economic development experts been involved in the development of local transportation projects and prioritizing the projects. Thomas Mazur requested a motion to allocate the \$3 million identified within the LRTP for railroad infrastructure upgrades to the construction phase of the Lima Railroad Grade Separation project.

5. REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT TRANSPORTATION PLAN (Continued)

Motion 92 (10-27-11) TCC

Gregory Berquist made the motion to allocate the \$3 million identified in the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for railroad infrastructure upgrades to the construction phase of the Lima Railroad Grade Separation project. Seconded by Roy Hollenbacher; motion carried.

6. TIP AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS

Thomas Mazur presented a handout to the Committee and reported that there are 4 resolutions that need to be passed. Thomas Mazur requested a motion for Authorization to Amend the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Revise PID 90948 ALL Lima Elizabeth/ West Streets. The motion is for the transfer of funds in the amount of \$90,000 from the detailed design subphase to the preliminary development subphase.

Motion 93 (10-27-11) TCC

Larry Vandemark made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Revise PID 90948 ALL Lima Elizabeth/Wayne Streets. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

Thomas Mazur reported that the second resolution pertains to Phase V of the ALL Lima Bikepath and the use of \$867,900 to complete this phase. Thomas Mazur requested a motion for Authorization to Amend the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add PID 92337 ALL Lima Bikepath Phase V. Roy Hollenbacher asked where this phase is located. Howard Elstro replied that there are a series of connectors to existing bikepaths planned.

Motion 94 (10-27-11) TCC

Gregory Berquist made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add PID 92337 ALL Lima Bikepath Phase V. Seconded by Chris Seddelmeyer; motion carried.

Thomas Mazur reported that the third resolution pertains to the addition of \$415,000 in funds to be utilized to acquire right-of-way (ROW). Thomas Mazur requested a motion for Authorization to Amend the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Include Right-Of-Way (ROW) Acquisition in FY 2012.

Motion 95 (10-27-11) TCC

Roy Hollenbacher made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Include Right-Of-Way (ROW) Acquisition in FY 2012. Seconded by Howard Violet; motion carried.

Thomas Mazur requested a motion to approve the resolution for Authorization to Amend the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Eliminate \$75,000 of MPO/CMAQ Funds Originally Programmed for Sidewalks in ALL SR 81-PID 86634.

Motion 96 (10-27-11) TCC

Larry Vandemark made the motion to approve the Authorization to Amend the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Eliminate \$75,000 of MPO/CMAQ Funds Originally Programmed for Sidewalks in ALL SR 81-PID 86634. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

7. BLUFFTON LAND USE PROJECTIONS

Thomas Mazur presented a handout to the Committee and reported that next year the 2030 LRTP will need to be projected out to the year 2040. The travel demand model now includes all of the Village of Bluffton which takes in the portion located within Hancock County, all of the City of Delphos which takes in the portion located within Van Wert County and all of the Village of Cridersville which takes in the portion located within Auglaize County. Thomas Mazur reported that the handout depicts the land use data for the Village of Bluffton from the year 1970 through 2010. Staff is working with the village to determine how to allocate the available land. Thomas Mazur reported that Illustrations 21 and 22 depict the commercial and industrial land use development in “fits and starts” unlike residential land use which tends to be a steady increase. There was an approximate 33% change in total commercial square footage within the Village over the time period studied as well as an approximate 32% change in industrial square footage. Staff will be in discussions with the village representatives to determine how existing much square footage is underutilized and/or vacant. No action is required.

8. 2010 CRASH SUMMARY REPORT UPDATE

Thomas Mazur presented a copy of the draft 2010 Crash Summary Report to the Committee and reported that in the past staff has utilized the services of TSASS to analyze the crash data. Because of unexplained ongoing delays staff will no longer be using TSASS to analyze the data; the data will be analyzed in-house using the ODOT GCATS system. Thomas Mazur reported that there were 3,600 crashes in Allen County in 2010 which is up from the 3,480 that occurred in 2009 which comes to an approximate 5% increase in crashes overall. Perry and Bath townships experienced significant increases in crashes in 2010. The county experienced 102 fatal crashes and 885 injury crashes in 2009. The total number of incapacitating crashes remained almost the same. Thomas Mazur reported that the High Crash Intersections are contained within Table 2. Staff has recommended 10 intersections for study over the winter and the report will be presented to the internal committee structure in the spring. There was a drop in the number of motorcycle crashes; there were 118 in 2009 and the number of motorcycle crashes dropped to 43 in 2010. Thomas Mazur reported that the speed related crashes information is located on page 26, Illustration 18. Table 43 addresses Contributing Factors with Following Too Closely for youth and Failure to Yield for seniors. The majority of the truck crashes occur on the state route system. Thomas Mazur reported that there are handouts included that depict the animal crashes which annually account for 10-14% of all crashes. Thomas Mazur reported that staff is proposing to no longer prepare separate crash reports for each of the political subdivisions but will include crash rates within the county crash summary reports. Thomas Mazur reported that the map titles 2010 Crash Rates on Functional Classification System contains data reflecting 2008-2010; there are no intersection related crashes included in the crash rate. The map reveals that several roadways in Jackson Township, the City of Delphos and portions of American Township have experienced a higher rate of crashes. The red and the orange highlighted areas are the problem locations. The next map depicts the inset area which represents the City of Lima; many of the problem locations are on the one-way streets such as Elizabeth Street, Spring Street, Elm Street and Wayne Street. Thomas Mazur reported that no roadway on the state functional class system has a crash rate greater than 4.0 per million vehicle miles of travel (VMT). The crash rates on the one-way system are typically 6.0 and higher. Thomas Mazur reported that there is still some data to be added to the document and then the document will be posted to the website for comments. Larry Vandemark asked when another traffic study will be conducted on Elida Road after the construction is completed. Dan Kaseman replied that ODOT will probably conduct a traffic study on the corridor once it is completely open and all of the traffic control devices are operating at optimum levels. Thomas Mazur reported that the roadways are

8. 2010 CRASH SUMMARY REPORT UPDATE (Continued)

monitored on an annual basis with 3-year rolling averages for comparison. Dan Kaseman stated that N. West Street on the northern edge of the City of Lima has a lower crash rate than anticipated. Thomas Mazur replied that there may be a section of the corridor that the crash rate is higher than the rest of the corridor. Thomas Mazur reported that this report only looks at the crash rates on the functional class system and eliminates crashes with deer, animals, alcohol related crashes and intersection related crashes.

Motion 97 (08-25-11) TCC

Dan Reiff made the motion to approve the draft 2010 Crash Summary Report. Seconded by Gregory Berquist motion carried.

9. DISTRACTED DRIVER SIMULATOR

Thomas Mazur presented a handout to the Committee and reported that the State of Ohio is engaged in a statewide campaign targeting highway safety. The targeted populations are students and older drivers. The campaign will utilize the new social media outlets such as YouTube, Twitter and Facebook as well as radio and TV spots to reach the targeted populations. Thomas Mazur reported that the real “hook” is the computer simulation model where one can drive a vehicle and experience what happens when the driver is distracted. Staff is reviewing different venues where the simulator could be set up. Staff is requesting suggestions on venues. Howard Elstro stated that the current OH-1 reports have no place to state that a crash was attributable to a distracted driver. Thomas Mazur replied that staff has been informed that the current OH-1 reports will be revised to include a place to indicate a crash was caused by a distracted driver. Gregory Berquist reported that the current OH-1 reports do have a box that an officer can check that states that a crash was caused by an inattentive driver. No action is required.

10. OTHER

a. Consolidated Planning Grant Funds

Marlene Schumaker reported that the MPO received an additional \$18,641 in Consolidated Planning Grant funds. The funds will be added to the Surveillance line item and an update will be added to the 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Marlene Schumaker requested a motion to add the funds to the UPWP; a 10% local match is required for the funds.

Motion 98 (10-27-11) TCC

Chris Seddelmeyer made the motion to accept the additional \$18,641 in Consolidated Planning Grant funds and add the monies to the 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Seconded by Roy Hollenbacher; motion carried.

b. Dates for 2012 TCC Meetings

Thomas Mazur presented to the Committee a handout containing the dates for the 2012 TCC meetings. Howard Elstro stated that reminder calls are made to Committee members which are appreciated but is there a possibility of using Outlook calendar notices as a way to remind Committee members of upcoming meetings. Marlene Schumaker replied that staff would look into this suggestion.

Motion 99 (10-27-11) TCC

Gregory Berquist made the motion to approve the 2012 Meeting Dates for the TCC. Seconded by Charles Schreck; motion carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 100 (10-27-11) EC

Gregory Berquist made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Dan Reiff; motion carried.