

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

October 27, 2010

There was a meeting of the **Administrative Affairs Committee** of the Lima Allen-County Regional Planning Commission on **Wednesday, October 27, 2010**, at **2:00 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 AAC Minutes – September 22, 2010
3. Healthy Community Initiative
4. FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program
5. Associate Memberships
6. Other
7. Adjournment

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

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Dick Accountius	Allen County
Mr. Gregory Berquist	City of Delphos
Mr. Howard Elstro	City of Lima
Mr. Roy Hollenbacher	Bath Township
Mr. John MacDonell	City of Lima
Mr. Larry Vandemark	American Township

STAFF

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

2. APPROVAL OF AAC MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

Motion 22 (10-27-10) AAC

John MacDonell made the motion to accept and approve the AAC minutes of September 22, 2010. Seconded by Larry Vandemark; motion carried.

3. HEALTHY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Thomas Mazur reported that staff has been having discussions with the United Way, the two local hospitals, the Allen County Health Department and the mental health agencies about setting up a data center to assess health conditions and support local wellness programming. After considering the development of an individual, free-standing data repository, staff discovered a site developed by the University of California (UC) at Berkeley. The driving force behind these types of websites is approximately \$7.5 billion in wellness program funds to be released by the federal government which are scheduled to be released within the next six months. If the county providers are not in a position to provide quantifiable results such as costs, benefits and benchmarks, then the county agencies will not qualify for any of the funds. Thomas Mazur reported that currently there are thirteen (13) of these HCN communities across the United States. This program began to be rolled out approximately eighteen (18) months ago in San Francisco, the Sonoma Valley and Maricopa County.

3. HEALTHY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE (Continued)

These three locations were the test sites chosen by UC Berkeley. Since then, the program has expanded to ten (10) more sites and Allen County would like to be the eleventh (11th) site. Staff has a meeting scheduled with the United Way and others to discuss whether this is an initiative that the community would be interested in pursuing. Thomas Mazur reported that the initial cost to begin the program website is approximately \$50,000 inclusive of an annual maintenance fee of approximately \$30,000. The LACRPC would provide the technical support to maintain the website as well as assistance in writing the grants and quantifying the results. The hospitals are interested as they each have wellness initiatives that they must support. Thomas Mazur directed the committee members to the video screen where a website was displayed and reported that the different icons on the page help to determine how a community compares to the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) benchmarks. The healthcare costs in Allen County are higher than in many other areas of the nation. For example, the obesity rate, incidences of cancer, diabetes and asthma rates are higher and the use of alcohol and tobacco are much higher. These costs may be deciding factors as to whether a business decides to stay in Allen County or move to another county or state or for a new business to locate in Allen County. Thomas Mazur reported that the websites provide many different types of data sets for local communities that allow a community or grants writer to establish quantifiable goals. The data sets compare information at the local and national level. Locally, there are approximately 150 health benchmarks that may be established within Allen County. The website is built for service providers as well as for the general public. For example, a healthcare service provider can send a tweet or email to a patient or patients pertaining to it being National Diabetes Month. The websites also contain best management practices that may assist a community in addressing issues within a specific community. At this point, Allen County is the only county within the State of Ohio looking at this type of program. Thomas Mazur reported that staff believes that this program could be rolled out to the schools immediately as well as to the public to assist in keeping healthcare costs down. ODOT is willing to assist with funds for this program. Staff will contact the local hospitals as well as other entities for local match funds. The website could be many things to many different people and agencies. Internally, the LACRPC would have to meet state and federal auditing requirements. The social service agencies will have to decide what their comfort level is for this type of program and the federal government's ability to tell them how to conduct their programs.

Motion 23 (10-27-10) AAC

Howard Elstro made the motion to accept the Healthy Community Initiative Report and forward new job element 605.8 STP to the Executive Committee for approval. Seconded by Gregory Berquist; motion carried.

4. FY 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Thomas Mazur presented to the committee members a handout of Table 4 of proposed projects for the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and reported that staff has requested information and updates from project sponsor pertaining to projects on the current TIP. The current TIP expires June 30, 2011 and a new TIP must be approved and in place before that time. Notices were mailed to local stakeholders in June of this year, a letter was sent in September soliciting projects for the new TIP and the fall LACRPC newsletter was sent out October 1, 2010. Thomas Mazur reported that the handout represents a major recent change. The funding for ACRTA has been removed from the TIP because there is no local match and because the agency cannot state where local funds would come from the agency had to be removed from the TIP. The funds that would have been allocated to ACRTA must now be reprogrammed for other projects. The lack of funding

4. FY 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Continued)

presents problems for ACRTA as there will be no new vehicles to replace the aging rolling stock. Thomas Mazur reported that in FY 2011 there were a number of TIP modifications to reflect capital rolling stock to ACRTA. Thomas Mazur reported that under FY 2011 there are some modifications. The City of Delphos had requested roadway improvements for the Elida Road/Fifth Street corridor. The roadway improvements have been placed on hold but the sidewalks will be constructed. The Allen County Engineer's Office (ACEO) has requested \$500,000 in funds for Phase 1 of an upgrade to Lincoln Highway from SR 115 to the corporation limit of the Village of Cairo. Thomas Mazur reported that in FY 2012 some planning funds will be carried over plus adding the Elm Street Corridor Project for the City of Lima and Phase 2 of the Lincoln Highway Project. In FY 2013, there are two sidewalk projects proposed by ODOT as well at the Ft. Amanda/Shawnee Road Project. The Ft. Amanda/Shawnee Road Project has been modified with the addition of a bike/pedestrian mode. Thomas Mazur reported that in FY 2014 there is the Kibby/Bellefontaine Project. In FY 2015, the Village of Bluffton Hike/Bike Project remains for \$250,000 but there have been issues with defining the scope of the project. The Village of Elida has requested funds to repair the intersection of Elida Road and Greenlawn. When there is a heavy rain, the intersection experiences ponding. There is an issue with the close proximity of the railroad crossing to the intersection so the \$600,000 may not be enough. The Village of Elida has also applied for a Safe Routes to Schools grant. Thomas Mazur reported that the data for FY 2016 is for information purposes. The Village of Cairo would like to improve Lincoln Highway from corporation limit to corporation limit for approximately \$1.3 million. The Village of Spencerville is looking at Phase 2 of the Street Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) for approximately \$1.5 million. In FY 2017, the Village of Spencerville may be interested in Phase 3 of their STEP plan. Thomas Mazur reported that some projects have been pushed back. A table was also presented to the Committee outlining various resolutions that will need passed.

Motion 24 (10-27-10) AAC

Larry Vandemark made the motion to accept and recommend all of the TIP amendments be passed to the Executive Committee. Seconded by Howard Elstro; motion carried.

5. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

Thomas Mazur explained that he would like to look into the possibility of adding other members to the LACRPC and wanted to know if anyone had objections before he begins looking into the possibility. After some discussion, the committee recommended that the subject be pursued.

6. OTHER

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 25 (10-27-10) AAC

Dick Accountius made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by John MacDonell; motion carried.