

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

March 16, 2023

There was a meeting of the **Community Development Committee** of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **March 16, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room of the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Mitch Kingsley brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Greg Kessen	Perry Township
Mr. Mitch Kingsley	Village of Bluffton
Mr. Dan Kaseman	citizen of Elida

STAFF

Ms. Shaunna Basinger	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Tara Reynolds-Bales	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF CDC MINUTES – February 16, 2023

Motion 8 (3-16-23) CDC

Greg Kessen made the motion to approve the CDC minutes of February 16, 2023. Seconded by Dan Kaseman; motion carried.

3. NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Tara Reynolds-Bales introduced herself as the new Executive Director of LACRPC. Present members of the committee introduced themselves and shared some background information of their home organization/township.

4. RTA REPORT

Basinger gave a brief overview of the RTA report provided and instructed all those with further questions to contact Karen Garland.

[February RTA Report](#)

5. TIP, STIP, AND LRTP UPDATE

Basinger began by giving an overview of the TIP process thus far stating that the comment period will be ending March 31st. After giving a brief overview of the projects and clarifying that also included is a list of the projects being included in the ODOT's STIP and that members should contact ODOT with any questions regarding that listing.

Bainger then went on to discuss the LRTP and the project solicitation process giving specifics on what is required (functional classification and matching funds) to have a project included and what is suggested (data, studies, comprehensive plans, etc). Basinger shared that Colleen Barry and Tom Mazur are the main contact points for submitting projects. Mr. Kaseman questioned whether the Elida/309 intersection is included in the TIP or LRTP. Basinger responded that it was not in the TIP and that she was unsure about the LRTP but would check. Kaseman also questioned the importance of having studies or comprehensive plans to support the

request. Basinger answered that the LRTP is a tool that helps the MPO to prioritize and plan the long list of projects into the next 20 years, having the additional supportive information helps to prioritize the many needed projects.

Kessen inquired about the Thayer project and whether the county may be open to swapping Thayer Rd (township) for Ream Rd (county) taking into consideration the increased use that portion of Thayer Rd is expected to see with this improvement. Basinger said she would share this thought with Tom Mazur and that he would reach out with further information.

6. UPWP DRAFT UPDATE

Basinger gave a brief overview of the ongoing UPWP update stating that the first draft has been submitted and we await comments from FHWA. Once those comments are received more detailed information on the draft can be shared. Of note this update is the added RTPO which will add another series of work and budget lines.

7. OTHER

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 9 (3-16-23) CDC

Dan Kaseman made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Greg Kessen; motion carried.