



## LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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TO: CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: Thomas M. Mazur, Executive Director  
Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

DATE: January 15, 2020

RE: CAC Meeting

There will be a meeting of the **Citizens Advisory Committee** of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission on **Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Conference Room of the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

The agenda will be as follows:

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3. DRAFT FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program
4. DRAFT 2019 Fatal Crash Summary Report
5. Safety Performance Measures
6. Status Update of SR 117 Westminster (PID 109435)
7. Update to FY 2021-2024 Transit Development Plan
8. Discussion of DRAFT FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan
9. TIP/STIP Amendments
10. Other
11. Adjournment

**NOTE: PLEASE CALL THE COMMISSION OFFICE AND CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL ATTEND.**



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A quorum being present, Thomas Mazur brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda.

### 1. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Mark Bishop	Shawnee Township
Ms. Alice Curth	Delphos Senior Citizens
Mr. Michael Hensley	Allen County Council on Aging
Ms. Kathy Luhn	Allen County Health Department
Mr. Patrick Maloney	Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc.
Mr. Charles Schreck	Ohio Department of Transportation District 1

### **STAFF**

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

### 2. **RTA REPORT**

Thomas Mazur reported that a representative from the Allen County Regional Transit Authority (ACRTA) was not available to attend today's meeting. There is a copy of the ridership numbers for the month of December and year-to-date comparisons included in each packet. The total number of trips for 2019 came to 241,320 and the total number of trips for 2018 came to 243,439 with a difference of (2,119) between the two years. Thomas Mazur reported that in mid-November, RTA re-instituted Route 7 which goes out to Marimor and Proctor and Gamble (P&G). Route 8 was also brought back "online" and this route goes to the Orthopedic Institute of Ohio (OIO) and Nelsons Packaging. Saturday service began a week ago this past Saturday. Michael Hensley asked why some of the routes had quite a number of riders several months ago and now ridership has declined. Thomas Mazur replied that it could be due to the various community activities RTA supports such as the Star Spangled Spectacular, the baseball team in the summer months as well as the Allen County Fair and MakerFest in October.

**3. DRAFT FY 2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

Thomas Mazur stated that a copy of the Draft FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is included in each packet. Thomas Mazur reported that the 100-500 series line items represent local interests and, information services (105), emergency services (201), our Safe Community Coalition (205), Keep Allen County Beautiful (KACB) efforts (302), environmental planning (305), our work in coordinating Clean Ohio Grants and parks (401), Farmland Preservation with the Department of Agriculture (402), economic development (405), housing (410), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programming (415), zoning assistance (501), subdivision regulations (505,) and floodplain management (510). Thomas Mazur stated that the 600 series reflects transportation activities and services including data collection, turning movements, and traffic counts. Item 605.8 represents bike and pedestrian activities as well as activities related to the Active Transportation Plan and Activate Allen County. Subcategory 610 Long Range Planning related to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and modeling activities. Supplementary tables are located on pages 50-55. A resolution is at the very back of the document and will be acted upon by the TCC.

**4. DRAFT 2019 FATAL CRASH SUMMARY REPORT**

Thomas Mazur stated that a copy of the Draft 2019 Fatal Crash Summary Report is included in each packet and reported that staff compiles this report each year. The report looks at what types of crashes occurred, where the crashes were located, etc. Map 2 on page 25 reviews the crash that occurred at SR 309 and Thayer Road. Maps 5 and 6 on pages 28 and 29 reviews crashes that occurred at US 30 and Thayer Road. These crashes were the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> fatalities that occurred in Allen County in 2019. Thomas Mazur stated that the document is in a draft status and reported that there is normally a press conference the weekend before the Super Bowl hosted by the Allen County Coroner.

**5. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Thomas Mazur reported that Safety, the first performance measure examines 5 metrics including fatalities, serious injuries, crash rates for both, and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injury crashes. Last month staff brought out some tables to discuss this and the staff's recommendations were to seek a 2% reduction. At that point in time the State position as to its Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) target was unknown. Staff supported and secured an endorsement from the internal committees to establish a 2% reduction factor. Since that time, staff has learned that the State has adopted a 2% reduction across the board for all safety metrics. Thomas Mazur reported that staff will work through the other PM to better address including: on-time performance of travel time, truck travel time reliability, pavement condition of the National Highway System (NHS) in good condition and bridge condition of the National Highway System (NHS) in good condition. Transit also has its own performance measures including safety, asset management, vehicle life that staff will be asked to address. Staff expects to update the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Transit Development Plan (TDP) transit metrics with Safety, etc. Thomas Mazur asked Charles Schreck if the NHS system included the intermodal connectors which includes the loop around the Lima Integrated Industrial Complex down to Cridersville. If these roads are included in the NHS system then they may be eligible for federal funds which could be used to repair these roads. State of good repair is another performance measure that is at issue locally. Thomas Mazur reported that transit also has performance measures such as on-time performance. A few years ago, RTA was having buses break down frequently which causes their on-time performance to be negatively impacted. RTA now has no large buses outside of their useful life. Thomas Mazur reported that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is getting ready to roll out its

**5. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES (Continued)**

Access Ohio 2024 which is ODOT's long-range transportation plan. Staff will more than likely have to update the MPO's 2040 LRTP.

**6. STATUS UPDATE OF SR 117 WESTMINSTER (PID 109435)**

Thomas Mazur reported that funds had been appropriated for the SR 117 (Westminster) project. Costs have increased to \$2.3M which does not include the realignment of Brentlinger Road to the north which is a township road. There is a gas station located at the corner of Brentlinger Road and SR 117 which is where the majority of the crashes occur. The fatal crash occurred a bit south within Westminster. Thomas Mazur reported that ODOT is attempting to address the access management issues along the SR 117 corridor. Rudolph Foods has multiple drives that enter their compound off of SR 117 and ODOT would like to close at least 3 of the drives and use Brentlinger Road as the major access to the Rudolph Foods complex. Thomas Mazur reported that ODOT has been awarded Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds to install the curbs, gutters, sidewalks and lighting. The MPO has provided the 5% match funds. ODOT was also awarded \$200,000 in Safety Program funds and ODOT already had funds to pay for the repaving of SR 117 through Westminster. Thomas Mazur reported that the TCC will be asked to pass a resolution to support the SR 117 Westminster project with \$160,000 in federal funds.

**7. UPDATE TO FY 2021-2024 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Thomas Mazur reported that Shelia Haney, RTA Director, remains on medical leave which has made it difficult to obtain the necessary data for certain documents which includes the Draft FY 2021-2024 Transit Development Plan (TDP). Thomas Mazur stated that there is a handout of RTA's operating and capital improvement programs with a 5-year window. The TDP is used to provide the rationale and justification for RTA to qualify for and draw down federal funds. The handout reveals actual figures, projected and budgets out to 2024. Thomas Mazur reported that the next page reveals capital projects and under Facilities and Land there is a project for the RTA garage. The garage floor is failing and the lifts need attention. The Transfer Station may need some concrete repair as well as some heating and air conditioning (A/C) issues that need to be addressed. The Administration Building is requiring some repairs on the upper 2 floors that RTA rents out to other agencies. The parking project is ongoing and is located across from the former Allen County Council on Aging (ACOOA) building. Various property owners within the area of the parking project are looking to possibly partner with RTA to use the parking area after hours. The parking project is funded with 100% federal funds. Thomas Mazur stated that there is a fueling station project that is currently "on-hold" until Shelia Haney returns but RTA acquired land through the Allen County Land Bank and envisioned a possible new bus garage, bus wash and fueling area.

**8. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Thomas Mazur stated that a handout of tables and a map are included in each packet. The map reveals about \$83M in highway projects and \$23M transit assistance. The Delphos 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project (PID 108373) includes portions of SR 66 and SR 190 and most of 5<sup>th</sup> Street from one end of Delphos to the other. The project includes a "road diet" which encompasses roadway resurfacing, striping of 2 through lanes and a 2-way left turn lane, bike lanes, curbs, new catch basins and raising of some catch basins, traffic signal upgrades, new sidewalks, ADA upgrades, etc. The project begins in summer 2020 with an investment of \$20M. Thomas Mazur reported that just south of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project is Delphos's Main Street Project (PID 108644). The project will require a full depth reconstruction for a cost of

**8. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN**  
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\$3.5M. The project is scheduled for FY 2023. Thomas Mazur reported that there are a couple of resurfacing projects such as SR 66, US 30, etc. All of the PID numbers on the map are included in the attached tables. The Village of Beaverdam has a project to upgrade the sidewalks to meet ADA requirements. Beaverdam also has a lighting project under PID 108975. Lima has several projects within the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) including the Elm Street Railroad Grade Separation Project and a Market and Main Street Round-a-Bout Project. A new project is PID 110217 which represents the Spencerville Road Sidewalk Project from Cable Road to Pierce Street. Thomas Mazur reported that SR 65 north of the Village of Cairo (PID 103338) is a resurfacing project. The Village of Bluffton has 2 projects (PID 111120) is not included in the table or the map but will be a shared use path from SR 103 to Jefferson Street to County Line Road. PID 110706 in Bluffton is the SR 103 resurfacing project. Thomas Mazur reported that the county is working in resurfacing targeted areas on Buckeye Road, SR 65 and McLain Road (PID 110929) to service a new industrial park. ODOT will be addressing the SR 309 and Thayer Road intersection as well as the SR 309 and Napoleon intersection (PID 110428) by constructing round-a-bouts. There is another Thayer Road Project (PID 111375) to address the intersection with an R-cut. Staff has noticed that since the increase in speed on US 30, the number of crashes and fatalities has also increased. Thomas Mazur reported that a TIP Public Involvement calendar is included in each packet as well as an FY 2020-2021 TIP Table as well as a proposed FY 2021-2024 TIP Table.

**9. TIP/STIP AMENDMENTS**

Thomas Mazur reported that the internal Committee structure will be addressing 2 resolutions for RTA. The first resolution will be an Authorization to Amend the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to Reflect the Programming of \$100,000 for Warranted Shop Equipment in FY 2020 and the second resolution will be an Authorization to Amend the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to Reflect the Programming of \$300,000 for Warranted Transit Facility Improvements in FY 2020.

**10. OTHER**

a. ODOT Open House for Proposed Improvements to SR 309 and Thayer Road Intersection

Charles Schreck presented a handout to the Committee pertaining to an Open House hosted by ODOT to share proposed safety improvements to the intersections of SR 309 and Thayer Road and Napoleon and SR 309 on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 in the cafeteria of Allen East High School at 6:00 PM.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 AM.