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FROM: Mr. Kirk Niemeyer, Chairman

DATE: January 15, 2020

RE: TAC Meeting

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

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



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A quorum being present, Charles Schreck brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda (Kirk Niemeyer was unavailable to attend the meeting).

1. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Sean Chapman	Village of Spencerville
Mr. Eric Davis	Interested Citizen
Mr. Mike Leis	Village of Beaverdam
Mr. Shawn McPheron	EMH&T
Mr. Ron Meyer	Allen County Engineer's Office
Mr. Charles Schreck	Ohio Department of Transportation District 1

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 TAC MINUTES – December 17, 2019**

Motion 01 (01-21-20) TAC

Ron Meyer made the motion that the TAC minutes of December 17, 2019 be approved. Seconded by Shawn McPheron; motion carried.

3. **RTA REPORT**

Thomas Mazur reported that no one from the Allen County Regional Transit Authority (ACRTA) was available to attend today's TAC meeting. Shelia Haney, the Director, continues to be on medical leave until February. A copy of the ridership numbers from December is included in each packet. Ridership decreased in 2019 compared with 2018. Thomas Mazur reported that the second page of the handout reveals in the blue areas the routes that were started back up in late 2019. Marlene Schumaker reported that when RTA

3. **RTA REPORT** (Continued)

cuts some fixed routes, the Uplift ridership increased. Uplift services are more expensive to run than fixed routes. Thomas Mazur stated that a wheelchair passenger pays \$.50 to ride a fixed route bus. To ride an Uplift bus costs \$2.00.

Motion 02 (01-21-20) TAC

Shawn McPheron made the motion to accept the RTA Report. Seconded by Sean Chapman; motion carried.

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

Thomas Mazur reported that the document is in a draft status and begins July 2020. The format has not changed from those submitted previously. The 100-500 series represents all local projects driven by local projects, programs, services and funds. The only “change” begins in the 600 series. Performance Measures will be “driving the bus” more on data collection, surveillance and project selection. Subcategory 601 reflects our short-range planning activities and reporting. Subcategory 605 reflects our surveillance activities. The 605.8 represents the active transportation activities which includes bike and pedestrian projects. The 610 section represents the Long-Range Planning. This year, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will have adopted Access Ohio 2045 Plan. The MPO’s will be expected to comply with ODOT LRTP plan and documents that were completed last year will need to be updated and projects selection will be predicated not only on travel demand models but also the themes from ODOT’s 2045 Plan and the performance measures. Thomas Mazur stated that pages 50-55 review the budgetary process. Marlene Schumaker reported that if any line item changes, all of the other items change.

Motion 03 (01-21-20) TAC

Ron Meyer made the motion to accept the Draft FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program and forward the recommendation on to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Shawn McPheron; motion carried.

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

Thomas Mazur reported there were 7 crashes in 2019 with 9 fatalities; 5 of the crashes occurred on rural areas, 6 of the 7 crashes occurred on roads controlled by ODOT (US 30, SR 117, IR 75). There were 2 crashes that occurred in Monroe Township and Thayer Road had 3 crashes with 1 at SR 309 and 2 at US 30. Table 2 on page 4 reveals the roadway characteristics. Recognize that when the speed limits were increased on US 30 in 2015 the number of crashes increased. Thomas Mazur reported that when one looks at the fatality rate, Allen County is below the federal and state averages at 0.69 per million vehicle miles traveled (MVMT). Alcohol impaired and speed related fatalities are depicted in Illustrations 4 and 5 on page 8 and contain 2018 data as the federal and state data for 2019 is not yet available. Failure to Yield and Following too Closely are very closely related with 5 of the 7 crashes stemming from these contributing factors. Thomas Mazur reported that there were no bike or pedestrian crashes in 2019 however, there was one motorcycle crash with 2 fatalities. There were 17 motorists involved in the 7 crashes with only 4 being females. Passenger safety equipment was used in most of the fatal crashes. Map 2 is located on page 25 and this map and the following maps depict the 7 crashes. Map 8 on page 31 revealed that there were multiple vehicles involved in the crash.

5. DRAFT 2019 FATAL CRASH SUMMARY REPORT (Continued)

Motion 04 (01-21-20) TAC

Eric Davis made the motion to accept the Draft 2019 Fatal Crash Summary Report and forward the recommendation on to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Ron Meyer; motion carried.

6. 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 address: 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.

Motion 05 (01-21-20) TAC

Eric Davis made the motion to accept the resolution of the Lima-Allen county Regional Planning Commission Acknowledges ODOT Established Statewide Targets for Safety Performance management Measures and Adopts Targets Based on a 2.0 Percent Reduction for 2020 and forward the recommendation on to the TCC to approve. Seconded by Shawn McPheron; motion carried.

7. STATUS UPDATE OF SR 117 WESTMINSTER (PID 109435)

Thomas Mazur reported that staff has been working on this project for over a year. Originally, this project (PID 109435) was an ODOT resurfacing of SR 117 project. Staff completed a Road Safety Audit (RSA) and worked with ODOT to develop integrate curbs, gutters and lights with Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding. The projects costs have inched up to about \$2.3M. The TAP funds only require a 5% local match. The MPO has discussed using its Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds as match funds. The project was awarded \$200,000 in Safety Program funds, \$1.3M in TAP funds and ODOT had funds for the resurfacing. Thomas Mazur reported that ODOT began looking at the access management issues and wanted to eliminate some of the drives into Rudolph Foods and using Brentlinger Road and Katrina as access and egress points into Rudolph Foods and the Marathon gas station. Currently, there are no funds available to widen and realign Brentlinger Road. Thomas Mazur requested a motion to support the Westminster Project with MPO STP program funds.

Motion 06 (01-21-20) TAC

Sean Chapman made the motion to accept the Authorization to Support ODOT PID 109435 with an Expanded Scope and Specific Amenities to Improve the Safety, Efficiency and Aesthetics of the SR 117 Corridor Project with \$160,000 of MPO STP Funding and forward the recommendation on to the TCC for Approval. Seconded by Shawn McPheron; motion carried.

8. UPDATE TO FY 2021-2024 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Thomas Mazur reported that staff has been attempting to compile a Transit Development Plan (TDP) without the involvement of RTA. The TDP provides the rationale and justification for RTA to be eligible to draw down federal funds. Their current TDP is out of date and with the passage of the levy, new synergies, partnerships, etc. have developed. Thomas Mazur reported that the handout included in each packet reveals the actuals, projections and budgeted amounts out to 2024. Staff worked with RTA's Board and their consultant to obtain this information. Thomas Mazur reported that the next page reveals capital projects and under Facilities and Land there is a project identified for the RTA garage. The garage floor is failing and needs attention. RTA needs a heavy-duty tow vehicle for moving disabled buses. The Transfer Station may need some concrete repair as well as some heating and air conditioning (A/C) issues that need to be addressed. Marlene Schumaker reported that the Administration Building is requiring some repairs on the upper 2 floors that RTA previously rented out to other agencies. Thomas Mazur reported that the parking lot project is ongoing. Thomas Mazur stated that there is a bus wash and fueling station project that is "on-hold". RTA acquired the land through the Allen County Land Bank and envisions a possible new bus garage, bus wash and fueling area. There are no funds allocated due to some issues that have arisen. Thomas Mazur reported that there are projections to purchase a large Gillig bus and several smaller buses. No action is required.

9. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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 in transit assistance. The Delphos 5th Street Project (PID 108373) includes portions of SR 66 and SR 190 and most of 5th 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 5th Street Project is Delphos's Main Street Project (PID 108644). The project will require a full depth reconstruction for a cost of \$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. Another 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 yet 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. No action is required.

10. TIP/STIP AMENDMENTS

Thomas Mazur reported that there has been a flurry of emails received in the last 12-hours regarding needed TIP amendments. Marlene Schumaker stated that there are 4 amendments that require action and the amendments are being passed around as the ones included in each packet have changed since this morning.

Motion 07 (01-21-20) TAC

Sean Chapman made the motion to accept the Authorization to Increase ACRTA's PID 104583 by \$600,000 of Federal Preventive Maintenance and \$150,000 of Local in the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program and forward the recommendation on to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Shawn McPheron; motion carried.

Motion 08 (01-21-20) TAC

Mike Leis made the motion to accept the Authorization to Amend the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to Reflect the Programming of \$80,000 of 5307 Funding for Warranted Maintenance Equipment in 2020 and forward the recommendation on to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Ron Meyer; motion carried.

Motion 09 (01-21-20) TAC

Ron Meyer made the motion to accept the Authorization to Amend the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to Reflect the programming of \$250,000 of 5307 Funding for Warranted Transit Facility Improvements in FY 2020 and forward the recommendation on to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Shawn McPheron; motion carried.

Motion 10 (01-21-20) TAC

Eric Davis made the motion to accept the Authorization to Increase ACRTA's PID 104580 by \$40,000 of Federal Planning and \$10,000 of Local in the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program and forward the recommendation on to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Sean Chapman; motion carried.

11. 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 11 (01-21-20) TAC

Shawn McPheron made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Ron Meyer; motion carried.