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FROM: Mr. Kirk Niemeyer, Chairman

DATE: April 14, 2020

RE: TAC Meeting

There will be a **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **Tuesday, April 21, 2020**, at **1:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room of the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Roll Call & Introductions
2. Approval of TAC minutes – January 21, 2020
3. FINAL FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program
4. FINAL FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
5. FINAL 2019 Fatal Crash Summary Report
6. Other
7. Adjournment

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 via teleconference, Kirk Niemeyer brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Steve Kayatin	Allen county Sanitary Engineer's Office
Mr. Shawn McPheron	EMH&T
Mr. Dave Metzger	Village of Elida
Mr. Jed Metzger	Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Ron Meyer	Allen County Engineer's Office
Mr. Kirk Niemeyer	City of Lima
Mr. Charles Schreck	Ohio Department of Transportation District 1

GUESTS

Mr. Anthony Hill	Ohio Department of Transportation Central Office
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STAFF

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

2. **APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – January 21, 2020**

Motion 12 (04-21-20) TAC

Steve Kayatin made the motion that the TAC minutes of January 21, 2020 be approved. Seconded by Charles Schreck; motion carried.

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

Thomas Mazur stated that a copy of the FINAL Draft FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) should have been sent along with the agenda to each of the committee members. Thomas Mazur reported that the DRAFT FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) has been drafted by the staff in concert with the input from local governments and our internal committee structure. The DRAFT was reviewed by ODOT and FHWA and minor revisions in the budget tables were incorporated into this final document.

3. FINAL FY 2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (Continued)

The composition of the UPWP is prescriptive. The front end of the document is largely boilerplate with an obligatory introduction, prospectus providing a historical background and information on the Agency which was established in 1964. That segment of the report also identified the various stakeholders and the structure of the Agency committees. You will notice that some of the committees do not have all the names of the participants identified this will be fleshed out after the Annual Board meeting later this month. In the second section the document examines the focus of current federal and state transportation legislation. The document looks to identify the various planning factors and emphasis areas and performance measures. Thomas Mazur reported that the next section is the heart of the document - providing an overview of the various activities to be undertaken by the staff and local stakeholder this coming fiscal year. The 70-page document reveals some \$900,000 in staff planning expenditures broken out by the various work program elements and the various funding sources including FHWA, FTA, ODOT, ODPS, local governments and area stakeholders. Thomas Mazur stated that the report looks to address local concerns in the 100 thru 500 series. Subcategory 105 is limited to information services and is heavily dependent upon census-related activities. The 200 series of the Work Program reflect emergency planning services (201), and our Safe Community Coalition (205). The 300 series targets the environmental concerns including Keep Allen County Beautiful (KACB) efforts (302), and environmental planning (305). To advance regional interests we have identified certain activities in the 400 series including the coordinating of Clean Ohio Grants for parks (401), and farmland preservation with the Department of Agriculture (402), economic development (405), housing (410), and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programming (415). Developmental Controls are identified in the 500 series with technical assistance provided for zoning under subcategory 501, subdivision regulations under 505, and floodplain management regulations under 510. The 600 series reflects transportation activities and services including the provision of technical services and information relative to the documentation of traffic operations, crash analyses, level of services analyses, warrant analyses for traffic control devices, corridor modeling and planning efforts including preparation of the TIP and Long-Range Planning documents. Thomas Mazur stated that Subcategory 605.8 on page 38 represents bike and pedestrian interests and support for our Active Transportation Plan initiatives as well as work with the Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force and Activate Allen County. These folks provide local funding to support such activities and help us balance our budget. Subcategory 674 and 675 keep the Agency engaged in the transit and paratransit worlds with local players as well as with ODOT and FTA. Subcategory 697 is our annual report which is a mandatory requirement of ODOT and the Feds. Thomas Mazur reported that besides some budget changes to supplementary tables, and committee member names - the only remaining piece is Appendix F which is an agreement approved by ODOT and the Agency establishing a Cost Allocation Plan for FY 2021. We were informed that this will not be approved until June 2020. As this document is a mandated deliverable – staff asks for a resolution accepting and recommending the document to the TCC for its review and approval.

Motion 13 (04-21-20) TAC

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

4. FINAL FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Thomas Mazur reported that the TIP is one of the most important responsibilities of the Agency. This DRAFT of the TIP document was sent to you along with the meeting agenda.

4. FINAL FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Continued)

Thomas Mazur reported that the TIP provides the rationale and justification of the use of federal and state capital programming. This is another mandatory deliverable and as such has a rigid structure. The document includes an executive summary, an introduction, and references the transportation planning process including federal legislation, performance measures and the public involvement process. Thomas Mazur stated that the “meat” of the report lies within Section 3. Table 3-1 presents an overview of the federal and state transportation funding being committed to the region for the 2021-2024 period – totaling roughly \$72M. Table 3-2 documents nearly \$12M for transit. While Table 3-3 reveals roughly \$1.9M available for the MPO to program. Thomas Mazur reported that Table 3-4 provides a quick overview of the current commitments for the FY 2021-2024 period by project and amount. As projects take several years to develop and sometimes more than a FY to construct, FY 2020 projects and funding are integrated into the Table. FY 2020 saw several projects targeting municipalities. Fiscal constraint is mandatory. But carryovers move from year to year. The State Infrastructure Bank Loan figures prominently in the budgetary process - all things being equal we still have wiggle room. Thomas Mazur reported that late in Section 3 there are 11x17 tables that provide more detailed information on the various ODOT, Transit and MPO funded projects. The last page in section 3 is a detailed map of the various projects by location and project ID #. Section 4 works to document and examine the costs associated with transportation infrastructure using local funding. Section 5 provides a short summation of the document. Thomas Mazur reported that staff received 2 public inquiries/comments regarding the TIP/STIP project listing. The first came from the president of the Country Club Hills NA and long-time member of the LACNIP who wanted to tout the importance and need for a bike/ped connection to the Metropolitan Parks located off of Roush Rd running parallel to Reservoir Road. The second submission expressed safety concerns stemming from the current speed limits on I-75. This issue was addressed by ODOT District. Charles Schreck stated that ODOT reviewed that crashes as well as the severity of the crashes both before and after the speed limits were increased and determined that there was no real increase in the number or severity of crashes. Thomas Mazur stated that as this is a mandatory document staff requests a motion to accept and forward this document to the TCC for their review and approval.

Motion 14 (04-21-20) TAC

Ron Meyer made the motion to accept the Draft FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and forward the recommendation on to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Shawn McPheron; motion carried.

5. FINAL 2019 FATAL CRASH SUMMARY REPORT

Thomas Mazur reported that the 2019 Crash Summary Report was presented to the Committee in January. The report is not only a summary report but also provides the basis for the Coroner’s press conference right before the Super Bowl in an attempt to address at-risk behaviors. The report looked at not only one-year data but also 10-year data and included tables, graphs, maps, etc. Staff received no comments. Thomas Mazur reported that the county met all of the safety performance measures with the exception of the non-motorized serious injury and fatal crashes which was missed by 1 person. Kirk Niemeyer asked if there were 9 fatal crashes in 2019. Thomas Mazur replied in the affirmative.

5. **FINAL 2019 FATAL CRASH SUMMARY REPORT** (Continued)

Motion 15 (04-21-20) TAC

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

6. **OTHER**

a. **New Executive Director**

Kirk Niemeyer asked Thomas Mazur if he would still be at the RPC in May. Thomas Mazur replied that the RPC has hired Shane Coleman and he will begin as the new RPC Executive Director on May 18th. Thomas Mazur stated that he will be assisting Shane Coleman in his transition from his current position as Safety Service Director for the City of Delphos to his new position as Executive Director.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 16 (04-21-20) TAC

Charles Schreck made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Ron Meyer; motion carried.