



## LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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TO: TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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Ms. Tracy Sanchez Mr. Charles Schreck  
Mr. Tony Wilkerson

FROM: Mr. Kirk Niemeyer, Chairman

DATE: July 14, 2020

RE: TAC Meeting

The Lima-AlLEN County Regional Planning Commission will continue with the regularly scheduled Committee meetings during the month of July, 2020 via video conferencing. To Comply with Ohio Director of Health guideline and Orders limiting and prohibiting group gatherings of more than 10 persons, no in-person attendance by the public will be available. Anyone who wishes to request Privilege of the Floor for any committee meeting in July, 2020 is encouraged to contact the LACRPC at 419-228-1836. The public is encouraged to view all committee meetings via our Facebook page. All meeting agendas and minutes are published on the LACRPC website at: <https://www.lacrpc.com>. There will be a **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima-AlLEN County Regional Planning Commission held on **Tuesday, July 21, 2020**, at **1:30 p.m.** via teleconference from 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 – June 23, 2020
3. RTA Report
4. RTA Transportation Safety Plan
5. TIP Amendment – PID 111220 Hancock SR 103 Multi-Use Pathway
6. FINAL 2019 Traffic Crash Summary Report
7. Other
8. Adjournment

c: Mr. Chris Hughes, ODOT

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



**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**July 21, 2020**

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A quorum being present via teleconference, Charles Schreck brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda (Kirk Niemeyer was delayed attending due to a prior commitment).

**1. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Mark Droll	Kohli & Kaliher
Ms. Karen Garland	Allen County Regional Transit Authority
Mr. Dan Kaseman	American Township
Mr. Shawn McPheron	EMH&T
Mr. Jed Metzger	Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Ron Meyer	Allen County Engineer’s Office
Mr. Kirk Niemeyer	City of Lima
Ms. Tracy Sanchez	Allen County
Mr. Charles Schreck	Ohio Department of Transportation District 1
Mr. Tony Wilkerson	City of Lima

**GUESTS**

Mr. Anthony Hill	Ohio Department of Transportation Central Office
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**STAFF**

Mr. Shane Coleman	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Marlene Schumaker	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Adam Haunhorst	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

**2. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – June 23, 2020**

**Motion 24 (07-21-20) TAC**

Jed Metzger made the motion that the TAC minutes of June 23, 2020 be approved. Seconded by Mark Droll; motion carried.

**3. RTA REPORT**

Karen Garland reported that ridership has begun to increase after the COVID-19 pandemic. Allen County Regional Transit Authority (ACRTA) was deemed essential therefore, the

3. **RTA REPORT** (Continued)

Agency never shut down. As other businesses open back up, ridership has been increasing. Marimor Industries was shut down in March and April but has since reopened and RTA is transporting their clients. Karen Garland reported that RTA received some CARES Act funds which will help replace the lost revenue in March and April. RTA will be able to use their CARES Act monies until the funds run out, there is no time limit set for the funds. RTA anticipates the CARES Act funds will carry the Agency through possibly 2023. Karen Garland reported that RTA will be adding night service back to their services in September; all of the routes that were discontinued have been added back. RTA continues to look to hire more drivers with a CDL and Air Brake Endorsement is preferred but RTA will train. RTA is conducting open interviews today from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Karen Garland reported that the RTA Board is currently conducting a search for a new Director. Jed Metzger asked if any of the east routes have been expanded (P&G, Lima Pallet, Nelsons, etc.). Karen Garland replied that the route to the places mentioned has not yet been expanded to include those businesses but RTA is moving towards being able to service those businesses. There is a large gap in service between AM and PM and the plan is to fill in this gap as well. Ridership information was included in each packet email to Committee members and that route is experiencing approximately 500 riders per month. RTA would like to see those ridership numbers increase. Tracy Sanchez of Lima Pallet stated that the timing is an issue in getting her employees to and from work. Karen Garland replied that RTA is looking at possibly beginning this route at 20 after the hour instead of 50 after the hour. Tracy Sanchez asked if the CARES Act funds that RTA received must be used for specific things. Karen Garland replied in the affirmative and stated that the funds must be used for operations and reported that there is no dead line for the use of the funds. Tracy Sanchez asked if the funds were 100% “forgiven”? Karen Garland replied in the affirmative.

**Motion 25 (07-21-20) TAC**

Mark Droll made the motion to accept the RTA Report. Seconded by Dan Kaseman; motion carried.

4. **RTA TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN**

Marlene Schumaker reported that RTA reviewed the Safety Plan at their Board meeting on the first Tuesday in July. RTA must have a Public Transportation Safety Plan in place. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) provided a template as well as input before the Plan was finalized. ODOT has approved the Safety Plan and the RTA Board passed a motion to approve the Plan. Marlene Schumaker reported that the RPC internal Committee structure will be informed of the Safety Plan and act on it accordingly.

**Motion 26 (07-21-20) TAC**

Jed Metzger made the motion to accept the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for the Allen County Regional Transit Authority and forward the recommendation on to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Mark Droll; motion carried.

5. **TIP AMENDMENT – PID 111220 HANCOCK SR 103 MULTI-USE PATHWAY**

Marlene Schumaker reported that the amendment is written to state Hancock County but it pertains to the Village of Bluffton and the MPO covers all of Bluffton. There had been prior discussion about the project but there was nothing in the FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Village of Bluffton has since requested funding for this project. The trail goes from SR 103 (Jefferson Street) down to Lions Way Trail. The project

**5. TIP AMENDMENT – PID 111220 HANCOCK SR 103 MULTI-USE PATHWAY (Continued)**

will utilize Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) monies which are available in the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP. Dan Kaseman asked if the \$215,000 in CMAQ is the only funding for this project or there other funding streams. Marlene Schumaker replied that the CMAQ funds are not the only funds allocated to the project. Charles Schreck reported that the project will also utilize Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds as well as funds under the TAP phase. The entire project is projected to cost \$1.3 million. Dan Kaseman asked if Bluffton will be providing the 5% match funds. Charles Schreck replied in the affirmative that Bluffton will provide the 5% match for the TAP funds. The CMAQ funds are at an 80/20 match.

**Motion 27 (07-21-20) TAC**

Dan Kaseman made the motion to accept the Resolution Authorizing the add \$215,000 in MPO CMAQ to PID 111220 Bluffton shared Use Path in FY 2023 and forward the recommendation on to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Kirk Niemeyer; motion carried.

**6. FINAL 2019 TRAFFIC CRASH SUMMARY REPORT**

Shane Coleman reported that the Committee received a presentation on the DRAFT 2019 Traffic Crash Summary Report last month. The report has been out on the RPC website for public review and comment. Staff has received no comments. Shane Coleman requested a motion to finalize the report.

**Motion 28 (07-21-20) TAC**

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

**7. OTHER**

a. Letter from ODOT District 1 regarding a Pre-Recorded Online Presentation

Shane Coleman reported that staff received a letter from ODOT District 1 pertaining to a pre-recorded online presentation discussing the proposed intersection safety improvement project on US 30 in Allen County. The presentation is in reference to the R-cut at Thayer Road as well as the intersections of Cool and Mayberry. The presentation is also post to the Lima News website.

b. ACCESS Ohio Review of 2045 Draft Plan

Shane Coleman reported that staff was informed that the ACCESS Ohio 2045 Draft Plan is in a review phase and represents ODOT's Long-Range Transportation Plan. The Plan is available for review and comment by the public through August 31st. The RPC ticker includes instructions on how the public can review the Plan and make comments or recommendations.

c. Walk, Bike Ohio Plan

Shane Coleman reported that for the past few months, the RPC has been participating in the Walk, Bike Ohio Plan with ODOT. The Plan discusses safety, convenience and successful transportation options for everyone. The Plan includes several goals related to safety, equity, network connectivity, network utilization, livability and preservation. Interested persons can go online and search for Walk, Bike Ohio to review the Plan. Anthony Hill from ODOT Central Office asked if the Committee members would get the word out to especially the under-served communities to have them review either the

7. **OTHER** (Continued)

c. Walk, Bike Ohio Plan (Continued)

ACCESS Ohio Plan and/or Walk, Bike Ohio; paper versions are available for both. A Spanish translation for both is in the works.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion 29 (07-21-20) TAC**

Kirk Niemeyer made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Shawn McPheron; motion carried.