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FROM: Mr. Brion Rhodes, Chairperson

DATE: March 19, 2020

RE: TCC Meeting

There will be a **Transportation Coordinating Committee** meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **Thursday, March 26, 2020**, at **3:00 p.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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2. Approval of TCC minutes – January 23, 2019
3. FINAL DRAFT FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program
4. FINAL DRAFT FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
5. Other
6. Adjournment

cc: Mr. Chris Hughes, ODOT

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



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Thomas Mazur started the meeting by thanking everyone for participating in this meeting and for their patience and understanding as staff attempts the use of a virtual meeting host and the Facebook platform to support the Agency's public involvement process. Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Governors' mandate, the open house conducted jointly with ODOT will not be held this year. And because of the current climate, staff is going to proceed with an abbreviated agenda in order to minimize the time and energy spent on dealing with these issues today.

A quorum of the Committee participating, being present via teleconference, Brion Rhodes brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda and introductions.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Shane Coleman	City of Delphos
Mr. Kevin Cox	Perry Township
Mr. Howard Elstro	City of Lima
Mr. Mitchell Kingsley	Village of Bluffton
Mr. Brion Rhodes	Allen County Engineer's Office
Mr. Charles Schreck	Ohio Department of Transportation District 1
Mr. Robert Sielschott	Bath Township
Mr. Thomas Tebben	City of Lima

STAFF

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

2. **APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – January 23, 2020**

Motion 13 (03-26-20) TCC

Kevin Cox made the motion that the TCC minutes of January 23, 2020 be approved. Seconded by Shane Coleman; motion carried.

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

Thomas Mazur reported that the Work Program remains in a draft status for the final time. The format of the 70+ page document has not changed; it is essentially the same document

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

that staff began speaking about and addressing in meetings back in December and January. The document contains a prospectus inclusive of a short history of the Agency, its mission statement and its participants and roles before delving into the Agency's organizational structure. The Planning Commission will have an annual meeting via teleconference in April to appoint new delegates and alternates to the various committees; and, its actions will validate the names and committee assignments presented on pages 5 through 8. Thomas Mazur reported the goals and objectives of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) are grounded in new planning factors and performance measures that can be found on pages 10 and 11. Such factors and measures will likely be the criteria used for future work program activities including data collection. Thomas Mazur stated that starting on page 17 is the local programming; the 100-500 series represents all local projects, programs and services driven by local funds. The 600 series, funded by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and ODOT begins on page 37. Thomas Mazur reported the methodology and deliverables of the work elements have not changed. Planning and surveillance activities will be tied to project selection for inclusion in the MPO's Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The 605.8 series represents the active transportation activities which includes bike and pedestrian projects. Subcategory 610 represents long range planning efforts and modeling concerns. Thomas Mazur stated that Comments received from ODOT regarding budget tables have been addressed. The FY 2021 Work Program outlines total program costs of \$921,437. This Final Draft is a critical deliverable and action needs to be taken to adopt and submit the DRAFT. Two resolutions including: a resolution attesting to the MPO Self-Certification Process, and, a resolution approving the Unified Planning Work Program as the basis for soliciting federal funds must be passed in order to finalize the DRAFT submission.

Motion 14 (03-26-20) TCC

Kevin Cox made the motion to approve the Resolution Attesting to the MPO Self-Certification Process. Seconded by Robert Sielschott; motion carried.

Motion 15 (03-26-20) TCC

Kevin Cox made the motion to approve the FINAL DRAFT FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program. Seconded by Robert Sielschott; motion carried.

4. FINAL DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Thomas Mazur reported that the Draft was initially discussed back in October and November and staff took the document out to the public for review and comment in December and January. Thomas Mazur explained that staff reviewed the various drafts that were refined over the last several months with 24 groups in 16 different census tracts; not including the internal committee structure of the Agency which occurred over the December 2019 through March period. Thomas Mazur reported that the development and delivery of this last FINAL DRAFT was complicated based on the timing of the receipt of new project descriptions including costs and phasing of projects from ODOT coupled with notification of COVID-19 protocols. The DRAFT did retain the same format; the contents reflected minor changes based on final project costs and revised phasing and implementation of projects in fiscal years. But mapping, tables, estimates and the write-up necessarily changed to reflect the changes. The DRAFT was also modified in an attempt to provide additional clarity and address concerns raised by ODOT and FHWA Thomas Mazur reported that the DRAFT was based on a Financial Plan developed on an ODOT approved methodology and specified assumptions to ensure fiscal constraint. In total the TIP reflects some \$82 million in transportation investments inclusive of highway, bridges, transit, pedestrian and bicycle projects. Table 2-8 presents projects being programmed targeting the new performance

4. FINAL DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
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measures. Table 3-1 identified \$69.5 million in funding being distributed by project type and year across ODOT District One. Thomas Mazur stated Table 3-2 identifies the manner in which the local Transit Authority is proposing to utilize \$12.5 million in available federal funding. Table 3-3 reveals MPO directed funding amounting to \$7.6 million over the FY 2021-2024 period; while Table 3-4 identifies the MPO budget and list of prioritized projects. Thomas Mazur stated that Environmental Justice (EJ) issues are addressed on pages 3-3 through 3-10. Air Quality Conformity is addressed in Section 3-3 running from Page 3-10 through 3-12. The end of Section 3 contains 14 11x17 pages of tables detailing the various projects throughout the area. Section 4 looks at the region's attempts to maintain the existing transportation infrastructure with local funds. Thomas Mazur reported that staff acknowledged the County Engineer, City of Lima, City of Delphos, the Village of Spencerville and the Village of Elida with providing the extent of their efforts over the last 2 years. Thomas Mazur reported that Section 4-4 was fleshed out at the request of FHWA and ODOT representatives to identify and explain delays in project delivery. Thomas Mazur stated the Appendices reflect the public involvement process that was started and then cancelled as well as the Air Quality Conformity Determination. Thomas Mazur reported that the Final Draft is a critical deliverable and action needs to be taken to adopt and submit the DRAFT. Thomas Mazur requested a resolution affirming the long-range transportation plan and approving the FY 2021-2024 TIP inclusive of its Air Quality Conformity Analysis be approved.

Motion 16 (03-26-20) TCC

Mitchell Kingsley made the motion to Affirming the FINAL DRAFT FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. Seconded by Charles Schreck; motion carried.

Motion 17 (03-26-20) TCC

Thomas Tebben made the motion to approve the FINAL DRAFT FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. Seconded by Mitchell Kingsley; motion carried.

5. OTHER

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 18 (03-26-20) TCC

Robert Sielschott made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Kevin Cox; motion carried.