



## LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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FROM: Mr. Brion Rhodes, Chairperson

DATE: April 16, 2020

RE: TCC Meeting

There will be a **Transportation Coordinating Committee** meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **Thursday, April 23, 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 – March 26, 2019
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

cc: Mr. Chris Hughes, ODOT

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



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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. Mitchell Kingsley	Village of Bluffton
Mr. Doug Post	Amanda Township
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
Mr. Cody Doyle	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

### 2. **APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – March 26, 2020**

#### **Motion 19 (04-23-20) TCC**

Thomas Tebben made the motion that the TCC minutes of March 26, 2020 be approved. Seconded by Kevin Cox; 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. 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

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

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. Tomas 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 reported 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 reported 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 20 (04-23-20) TCC**

Thomas Tebben made the motion to approve the FINAL FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program. Seconded by Doug Post; motion carried.

**Motion 21 (04-23-20) TCC**

Mitchell Kingsley made the motion to approve the Resolution Attesting to the MPO Self-Certification Process. Seconded by Doug Post; motion carried.

**Motion 22 (04-23-20) TCC**

Robert Sielschott made the motion approving the Resolution: Approving the FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program as a Basis for Soliciting Federal Funding Assistance. Seconded by Kevin Cox; motion carried.

#### **4. FINAL FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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. The TIP provides the rational and justification of the use of federal and state capital programming. This is another mandatory deliverable and as such has a rigid structure. Thomas Mazur reported that the document includes an executive summary, an introduction, and reference the transportation planning process including federal legislation, performance measures and the public involvement process. 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 stated 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 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 sped 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 23 (04-23-20) TCC**

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

##### **Motion 24 (04-26320) TCC**

Kevin Cox made the motion to approve the Affirmation of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRP) and Approval; of the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Inclusive of a Qualitative Conformity Analysis Determination. Seconded by Robert Sielschott; motion carried.

#### **5. FINAL 2019 FATAL CRASH SUMMARY REPORT**

Thomas Mazur reported that was presented to the Committee in January. The report is not only a summary report but is also the basis for the Coroner’s press conference that occurs prior to Super Bowl weekend. The document works to address the safety performance measures for fatalities and serious injury crashes. The report looked at 7 fatal crashes that included 9 fatalities with an additional 14 passengers. Thomas Mazur reported that the crashes were distributed in Amanda Township where there were 3, Sugar Creek Township

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

had 2 with crashes also occurring in Monroe, American, Richland and Bath townships. Most of the crashes occurred on ODOT roads with one crash occurring in American Township on Elm Street at 35 MPH. the individual involved in this crash had a mitigating medical issue. He had just had surgery on his neck and unfortunately, the crash was a rear-end collision which caused issues with the surgery leading to his death. Thomas Mazur reported that the data within the report is over 1-year and 10-year periods to develop a baseline. For all intents and purposes, Allen County met all of the performance measures except for the non-motorized fatal and serious injury crashes. Staff has received no comments.

**Motion 25 (04-23-20) TCC**

Mitchell Kingsley made the motion to approve the FINAL 2019 Fatal Crash Summary Report. Seconded by Kevin Cox; motion carried.

6. **OTHER**

a. Village of Beaverdam

Thomas Mazur reported that staff received a request from the Village of Beaverdam and support from ODOT District 1 to add \$30,344 to PID 110217 Beaverdam Sidewalk Project. Staff would like to add the funds to the FY 2018-2021 TIP. Thomas Mazur asked Charles Schreck if this project was included with the Village of Lafayette project thereby making the projects more competitive for funding. Charles Schreck replied in the affirmative and stated that this increase will raise the cap to provide the funds needed to complete the project. Brion Rhodes asked what the increase is for. Charles Schreck replied that the increase represents a new estimate by ODOT.

**Motion 26 (04-23-20) TCC**

Thomas Tebben made the motion to approve the Authorization to Increase PID 110217 ALL Beaverdam Sidewalks by \$30,344 using MPO CMAQ Funding. Seconded by Mitchell Kingsley; motion carried.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion 27 (03-26-20) TCC**

Kevin Cox made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Thomas Tebben; motion carried.