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FROM: Mr. Steve Ewing, Chairperson

DATE: December 10, 2020

RE: TCC Meeting

There will be a **Transportation Coordinating Committee** meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **Thursday, December 17, 2020**, at **3:00 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
2. Acceptance of TAC minutes – December 15, 2020
3. Approval of TCC minutes – September 24, 2020
4. RTA Report
5. Safety Performance Measures
6. Public Participation Plan
7. UPDATE: Fall Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts
8. UPDATE: Comprehensive Plans (Elida, Harrod & Lima)
9. Other
10. Adjournment

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cc: Mr. Chris Hughes, ODOT

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TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

December 17, 2020

There was a **Transportation Coordinating Committee** meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **Thursday, December 17, 2020**, at **3:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room of the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

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

1. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Dave Belton	Shawnee Township
Mr. Kevin Cox	Perry Township
Mr. Howard Elstro	City of Lima
Mr. Steve Ewing	Auglaize Township
Mr. Mitchell Kingsley	Village of Bluffton
Mr. Doug Post	Amanda Township
Mr. Brion Rhodes	Allen County Engineer's Office
Mr. Chuck Schierloh	City of Lima
Mr. Charles Schreck	Ohio Department of Transportation District 1
Mr. Dick Schroeder	Allen County Regional Transit Authority
Mr. Robert Sielschott	Bath Township

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. **ACCEPTANCE OF TAC MINUTES – December 15, 2020**

Motion 55 (12-17-20) TCC

Howard Elstro made the motion that the TAC minutes of December 15, 2020 be accepted. Seconded by Dave Belton; motion carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – September 24, 2020**

Motion 56 (12-17-20) TCC

Chuck Schierloh made the motion that the TCC minutes of September 24, 2020 be accepted. Seconded by Doug Post; motion carried.

4. RTA REPORT

Marlene Schumaker reported each Committee member should have received a copy of the Allen County Regional Transit Authority (ACRTA) ridership numbers and stated that it appears a representative from RTA is unavailable to attend the meeting. Marlene Schumaker reported that Karen Garland had stated at the TAC meeting that ridership numbers have fluctuated all year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. RTA is assessing some of their routes to determine if any require changes of destination as well as reviewing the schools that they currently serve. Marlene Schumaker reported that several of the temp services are asking their employees to pay for their own ridership costs. RTA has also been awarded funds to purchase 2 large buses and 3 smaller vehicles.

Motion 57 (12-17-20) TCC

Richard Schroeder made the motion to accept the RTA Report. Seconded by Kevin Cox; motion carried.

5. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Shane Coleman stated each Committee member should have received a copy of a resolution for action on safety performance measures. Shane Coleman reported the setting of safety performance measure goals in a federally mandated item. States are required to establish five performance measures and set targets for those measures. The required safety performance measures are number and rate of fatalities, number and rate of serious injuries, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. ODOT has adopted a 2% annual reduction goal across all five categories for 2021. Ohio's MPOs must establish Safety Management Performance targets for their respective metropolitan areas by February 26, 2021. Staff is recommending concurrence with the 2% target set by ODOT. Adam Haunhorst reported that the safety performance measures are based on serious injuries and fatalities associated with pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles. Staff calculates the data based on a 5-year rolling average of fatalities and serious injuries as well as the non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. Staff then deducts 2% from the 5-year rolling average to determine arrive at the final figures. Adam Haunhorst stated that for crash rates, staff divides the target number by the total vehicle miles in the County multiplied by average traffic on every road in the county by day. Adam Haunhorst reported that Allen County is mainly on par with fatal crashes this year to 2019. Allen County is meeting its fatalities goal for 2020 with the ultimate goal being 1 fatality. As for crash rate, there has been a reasonably insignificant increase due to the one (1) extra fatality this year as opposed to 2019 thereby, causing Allen County to not meet its fatality rate goal for 2020. The goal for 2021, the fatality rate goal is 0.75. Adam Haunhorst reported as per serious injuries, Allen County has been doing fairly well the past few years. If one reviews the goals over the past few years, the county has been substantially lower than the 5-year rolling average. The county is well below this year than we were in 2019. The serious injury rate mirrors the number of serious injuries for 2020. Adam Haunhorst reported that as for the non-motorized fatal crashes and serious injuries, this is the only performance measure that was not met in 2019. So far, 2020 is mirroring 2019 but so far, there has been a 1 non-motorized crash reduction in this category. Adam Haunhorst reported that Ohio is experiencing a fairly high increase in fatal crashes statewide even with the reduction in traffic. Statewide there were an addition 70 fatal crashes in 2020 over 2019 and are mainly clustered in the major urban areas and along the highways throughout the state. The rural areas are seeing a reduction in fatal crashes. Howard Elstro asked for a definition of non-motorized fatalities and serious injury crashes. Adam Haunhorst replied that a non-motorized fatality or serious injury crash involves someone that is not in a vehicle but is either on a bike or a pedestrian. Howard Elstro asked if staff had the breakdown of bicycles

5. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES (Continued)

and pedestrians involved in such crashes. Adam Haunhorst replied that he did not have it available at this time but could forward the information to him. Shane Coleman stated that pedestrian incidents are up across the state. Adam Haunhorst stated that he believed four of the fatal crashes this year are pedestrian related.

Motion 58 (12-17-20) TCC

Howard Elstro made the motion to accept the Resolution: 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 2021 as corrected and forward the recommendation on to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Kevin Cox; motion carried.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (UPDATE)

Shane Coleman reported that each Committee member should have received a copy of the draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) which is in a draft status. Shane Coleman reported that the Public Participation Plan (PPP) is another mandated item that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) must have in place and follow. Shane Coleman stated that in his 5+ years on the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) Board as well as his 30 some years in government service, the RPC has done an excellent job of making sure that the PPP is followed and the public has access to information. The public is provided multiple opportunities to participate and comment on documents, projects, etc. As the new Executive Director, Shane Coleman stated that he will continue the policy of transparency and public participation not just because it is mandated but because it is also the right thing to do. Shane Coleman stated that staff reviewed the current PPP. Shane Coleman stated that with Evelyn Smith retiring in January, he definitely wanted her to look over the PPP as she had a lot of experience with helping to craft the document as well as keeping the document up-to-date. Shane Coleman reported that he requested staff to review the document of 35+ pages and determine ways that the document might be condensed and streamlined. For example, on page 2 of the PPP, there are five (5) goals as well as a number of ways that those goals would be met. For example, staff determined that if goal one (1) could be met by completing only two activities, then why not meet the goal in that fashion. Shane Coleman stated that staff reviewed ODOT's PPP, Eastgate MPO's PPP and an MPO in Florida's PPP to see what they had developed. Staff mimicked ODOT's PPP to some degree and reduced the first part of the current PPP down to approximately eight pages by removing each one of the strategies attached to each goal with the intention of continuing to utilize the strategies to reach each goal. Staff would like to use the methods that are most appropriate for meeting the goals. It has become cumbersome to track the PPP goals based on the way that the Plan was originally written. Shane Coleman reported that the original PPP document provides a lot of background information, and even though the document still provides the reasons why the MPO is required to have a PPP, much of the important information is still included. The various federal legislation listed on the first page will be hyperlinked so that if a stakeholder is interested in what the legislation is about, then they can click on the link and go to that page. The document is in a draft status and will be going through the internal Committee structure for review and comment as well as comments from the public. The document will go back through the internal Committee structure for action in a final version with any comments, recommendations, etc. added.

Motion 59 (12-17-20) EC

Brion Rhodes made the motion to approved the Public Participation Plan (DRAFT) report. Seconded by Dave Belton; motion carried.

7. UPDATE: FALL BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN COUNTS

Shane Coleman stated that the fall bicycle and pedestrian counts have been completed. There is a map on the LACRPC website. The counts in May were down from previous years due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the lack of persons to take the counts. In May, there were 3,470 bikers and walkers that were counted. The fall counts increased to 4,662 for a total 8,132 counts for 2020. Howard Elstro asked about the software that was mentioned at the last TCC meeting that could be used for bike/ped counts and wondered if it could be deployed for future counts. Shane Coleman replied that staff hopes to use it for future counts. Staff will contact ODOT or Streetlight to ask that question. The plan is to be able to use this software for bike/ped counts. Howard Elstro stated that not everyone has a cell phone and that the Streetlight software is based on cell phone pings. Shane Coleman concurred and added that Streetlight will also ping GPS devices. Howard Elstro wondered if anyone has used the software locality wide and developed a multiplier and how the counts could be adjusted for those cyclists and pedestrians that do not have a cell phone or GPS device. Shane Coleman replied that it is his understanding that is an issue that the developers of Streetlight are working to address. The pilot study in Florida is still using physical counts as well as the Streetlight software. No action required.

8. UPDATE: COMPREHENSIVE PLANS (ELIDA, HARROD & LIMA)

Shane Coleman reported that staff will be working on a couple of comprehensive plans for local political subdivisions in 2020-2021. Currently, staff is working on a comprehensive plan for the Village of Harrod and the first draft is completed and staff anticipates posting the draft to the RPC website for review and comment by the general public soon. Staff will forward a link to each Committee member so that each member can review the document and make any comments. Comprehensive plans are used for long-range planning for not just large political subdivisions but also for the smaller jurisdictions. Shane Coleman stated that the document will go through public participation in anticipation of possible approval by the internal Committee structure in February 2021. Shane Coleman reported that staff has been in discussions with the Village of Elida since early summer about an update to their current comp plan. Staff has been holding off on this update as the village is working on the annexation of the new elementary school property. Staff is waiting until the annexation is approved by the county and the village before beginning work on the comp plan update. Staff wants to be sure that the most current Census data for the village is available to be included in the update. Shane Coleman reported that the RPC has agreed to develop a comprehensive plan for the City of Lima. Staff is also participating with the Lima Housing Task Force meetings and information garnered from said meetings will be useful for the development of the comp plan for Lima. Shane Coleman stated that RPC staff will also work on updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in 2021. Staff is in discussions with the Allen Economic Development Group (AEDG) and the City of Delphos to be a part of the CEDS update. The CEDS was last updated 6 years ago and should be updated every 5 years. The CEDS is valuable in assisting an entity that is looking to apply for Economic Development Agency (EDA) funds. No action required.

9. OTHER

None.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 60 (12-17-20) TCC

Charles Schreck made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Dave Belton; motion carried.