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FROM: Mr. Kirk Niemeyer, Chairman

DATE: December 8, 2020

RE: TAC Meeting

There will be a **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **Tuesday, December 15, 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 – September 22, 2020
3. RTA Report
4. Safety Performance Measures
5. Public Participation Plan
6. UPDATE: Fall Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts
7. UPDATE: Comprehensive Plans (Elida, Harrod & Lima)
8. Other
9. Adjournment

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c: Mr. Chris Hughes, ODOT

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 15, 2020

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A quorum being present via teleconference, Greg Kessen brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda (due to a scheduling conflict, Kirk Niemeyer was unable to attend).

1. **ROLL CALL**

Ms. Karen Garland	Allen County Regional Transit Authority
Mr. Daniel Hoying	LJB, Inc.
Mr. Dan Kaseman	Village of Elida
Mr. Greg Kessen	Perry Township
Mr. Jed Metzger	Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Ron Meyer	Allen County Engineer's Office
Ms. Tracy Sanchez	Allen County
Mr. Charles Schreck	Ohio Department of Transportation District 1

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 – September 22, 2020**

Motion 42 (12-15-20) TAC

Dan Kaseman made the motion that the TAC minutes of September 22, 2020 be approved. Seconded by Karen Garland; motion carried.

3. **RTA REPORT**

Karen Garland reported the Allen County Regional Transit Authority (ACRTA) ridership numbers continue to fluctuate. Ridership numbers for 2020 will also be down from previous years. RTA has been awarded grant funds for more vehicles. RTA has 2 large buses set to begin production in June and 5 smaller vehicles set to begin at the end of March.

3. **RTA REPORT** (Continued)

Motion 43 (12-15-20) TAC

Dan Kaseman made the motion to accept the RTA Report. Seconded by Karen Garland; motion carried.

4. **SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Shane Coleman reported that 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.

Motion 44 (12-15-20) TAC

Ron Meyer 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 and forward the recommendation on to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Dan Kaseman; motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

Shane Coleman reported that each Committee member should have received a copy of the draft Public Participation Plan (PPP). Shane Coleman reported that the Public Participation Plan (PPP) is another mandated item that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (Continued)

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. Anthony Hill suggested that staff remembers to address Environmental Justice (EJ) in the Plan. Marlene Schumaker stated that reworking the Plan will allow for more flexibility if online contact continues into next year for any length of time.

Motion 45 (12-15-20) TAC

Jed Metzger made the motion to accept the Draft Public Participation Plan and forward the recommendation on to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Karen Garland; motion carried.

6. 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. No action required.

7. 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. The draft is very close to being completed and staff anticipates its

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

completion today and posted to the RPC website for review and comment by the general public. 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. 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.

8. OTHER

a. Evelyn Smith Retirement at the end of January 2021

Marlene Schumaker reported that Evelyn Smith has submitted her retirement papers and she will be unavailable most of January as she will be on vacation most of the month. RPC is currently in the process of looking for someone to fill the position. Shane Coleman stated that Evelyn Smith has been a part of the RPC since 1993 and has put a lot of effort into the safety program.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 46 (12-15-20) TAC

Dan Kaseman made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Ron Meyer; motion carried.