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TO: CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: Shane A. Coleman, Executive Director
Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

DATE: April 13, 2021

RE: CAC Meeting

There will be a meeting of the **Citizens Advisory Committee** of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission on **Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** via ZOOM in the Conference Room of the Commission office located at 130 W. North Street, Lima, Ohio.

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. DRAFT Transit Development Plan
 - a. <https://www.lacrpc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/FinalDraft.pdf>
3. TIP Updates
 - a. Resolution for Village of Bluffton
 - i. <https://www.lacrpc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/bluffton-resolution-1.pdf>
 - b. Resolution for City of Delphos
 - i. <https://www.lacrpc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/delphos-resolution.pdf>
4. FINAL Title VI Plan
 - a. <https://www.lacrpc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Title-VI-Plan-Update-2021.pdf>
5. FINAL Public Participation Plan
 - a. <https://www.lacrpc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/PPP-2021.pdf>
 - b. Policy Statement Supporting Adoption of Plan
 - i. <https://www.lacrpc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/policy-statement-of-support-web.pdf>
6. Annual Report
 - a. <https://www.lacrpc.com/7834-2/>
7. Discussion of Bike/Ped
 - a. <https://www.lacrpc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/complete-BikePed-roadmap.pdf>
8. Other
9. Adjournment

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NOTE: PLEASE CALL THE LACRPC WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 25, 2021

There was a meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission on **Tuesday, May 25, 2021**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. FINAL Transit Development Plan
3. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
4. FEMA Mapping Update
5. Other
6. Adjournment

A quorum being present via teleconference, Shane Coleman brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda (the meeting is also being broadcast via Facebook Live).

1. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Tyler Black	JAMPD
Ms. Alice Curth	Delphos Senior Citizens
Mr. Matt Graff	West Central Ohio Land Conservancy
Mr. Patrick Maloney	Legal Aid
Mr. Charles Schreck	Ohio Department of Transportation District 1
Mr. Brad Swick	Allen County

STAFF

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

2. **FINAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Shane Coleman reported the Committee reviewed this report at the last meeting in a draft format. The document was presented to the Allen County Regional Transit Authority (ACRTA) for review and comment. RTA has submitted no additional comments. The Committee agreed to accept the FINAL Transit Development Plan (TDP) as presented.

3. **COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)**

Shane Coleman reported the first Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was first created for Allen County in 2005. The CEDS is required to be updated every 5 years. The last update was in 2015 putting Allen County a year behind in updating the document. The CEDS is a continuous economic development planning process that addresses Allen County's economic potential as well as some of Allen County's problems. It also promotes sustainable economic development and opportunities, fosters effective transportation systems, and balances fiscal resources through sound management while enhancing and protecting the environment. Shane Coleman stated the CEDS takes a broad look at economic development and the CEDS is a countywide document. The document was created through broad-based and diverse community participation. The CEDS provides for long-range development, identifies and implements solutions to short-term problems. The reason a CEDS is important is that in order for the county to be eligible for Economic

3. COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) (Continued)

Development Administration (EDA) funding, an entity that might apply for EDA funds must be a part of the CEDS document. It is also a prerequisite for a designation by the EDA as an Economic Development District (EDD). Shane Coleman stated that some local entities applied for EDA funds last year (City of Lima and City of Delphos) and both requests for funds were not granted as priorities of the EDA were changed due to the pandemic. The Allen Water District and the Allen County Sanitary Engineer's Office (ACSEO) are both interested in applying for EDA funds for projects as the funds become available. Shane Coleman reported as there are funds being released by the federal government due to the pandemic and stated that there is a potential for funds to be available for Allen County through the EDA making the update of the CEDS important. Staff is working on updating the document at this time and there are partners that have agreed to help fund the update such as the City of Lima, City of Delphos, Allen County Commissioners, and the Water and Sewer Districts. Shane Coleman reported that as part of the update process, staff had a conversation with EDA last week about possibly establishing an EDD. The conversation entailed whether an EDD would be beneficial to Allen County, the pros and cons, and is an EDD something the county would like to pursue. Establishing an EDD is a lengthy process and probably would entail "buy-in" from multiple counties in the region. The EDD would look at economic development regionally and local economic development officials would continue to do what they do. The EDD would help to "open up" the various EDA funding streams to the area, allow staff, etc. to do some long-range planning as it relates to economic development, begin looking at projects that might be able to be funded with EDA monies and prioritize those projects in the hopes of pushing forward projects of regional significance which might score better than if they were just local projects. Shane Coleman stated that establishing an EDD could be up to a 2-year process based on information pertaining to other areas that are working to create an EDD. Tyler Black asked if the CEDS is on the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) website. Shane replied in the affirmative.

4. FEMA MAPPING UPDATE

Shane Coleman reported staff is making a pointed effort to speak with all of the RPC Committees and I am out and about at the local political jurisdictions as part of the public participation process. Then Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) is in the process of updating the floodplain maps in Allen County. A local administrator's meeting was held earlier this spring. Staff has reviewed the map updates and the next step in the process is a 90-day comment period. The comment period will commence sometime this summer. Staff anticipates the comment period to begin in June or July. Shane Coleman reported once FEMA has posted the changes to the Federal Register, FEMA will notify RPC that the comment period has begun. Residents in Allen County will have 90-days to comment on or dispute the new maps. Staff would like the Committee members to know that if you live in or near a floodplain, you know someone who lives in or near a floodplain, you have the ability to check these maps. The floodplains in Allen County have increased some with some areas increasing extensively and other areas not so much. Shane Coleman stated that the maps are on the screen for the Committee to view and stated then blue represents the existing floodplains and red are the areas being proposed. RPC does have the maps available for review. Shane Coleman stated that comments from another committee were is the comment going to mean anything and are the maps be approved either way. Staff reached out to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and asked what RPC should do during the comment period. Any person is welcome to comment but if one is going to dispute the mapping, then data to back up the dispute needs to be present. Adam Haunhorst stated that anyone that lives in Allen County and participates in

4. FEMA MAPPING UPDATE (Continued)

the floodplain program is eligible for flood insurance regardless if one lives in a floodplain or not. Shane Coleman reported that flood insurance rates are changing and the change is set to go into effect in September. Matt Graff asked what the potential negative consequences of the map changes might be. Adam Haunhorst replied that the floodplains are growing which may place them closer to structures that they were not close to before. Individuals who were not required to have flood insurance in the past may now be required to carry flood insurance. And, those that have flood insurance, may see an increase in rates.

5. OTHER

a. April 20, 2021 CAC Meeting Minutes

Shane Coleman asked for an agreement to accept the April 20, 2021 minutes. The Committee agreed to accept the April 20, 2021 CAC minutes as presented to the Committee via email.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 AM.