

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**October 26, 2021**

There was a **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **October 26, 2021**, at **1:30 p.m.** in the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Roll Call & Introductions
2. Approval of TAC minutes – August 24, 2021
3. RTA Report
4. Final 2020 Crash Summary Report
5. Safety Performance Measure
6. Other
7. Adjournment

A quorum being present, Dan Kaseman brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Sean Chapman	Village of Spencerville	In person
Mr. Eric Davis	Wessler Engineering	In person
Ms. Teresa Brown	Allen County Regional Transit Authority	Virtual
Mr. Dan Kaseman	Village of Elida	In Person
Mr. Steve Kayatin	Allen County Sanitary Engineer	In Person
Ms. Cindy Leis	AEDG	In Person
Mr. Jamie Mehaffie	City of Delphos	In Person
Mr. Ron Meyer	Allen County Engineer's Office	In Person
Mr. Charles Schreck	ODOT District 1	In Person

**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 – August 24, 2021**

**Motion 38 (10-26-21) TAC**

Steve Kayatin made the motion that the TAC minutes of August 24, 2021, be approved. Seconded by Ron Meyer, motion carried.

**3. RTA REPORT**

Marlene Schumaker reported the numbers for Delphos and Bluffton are increasing slowly and as more businesses are notified. RTA is still looking for drivers.

**Just an update no motion required. Teresa was not able to be heard on the Zoom link.**

#### **4. FINAL 2020 CRASH SUMMARY REPORT**

Shane Coleman mentioned the Committee received a link to the report last month, and no comments were received. He noted that the report is dramatically shorter than it has been in the past. However, all of the data is still available; if anyone wants something, please ask. Adam Haunhorst explained to the Committee that the safety performance measures were used to lead in preparing the document. There are five performance measures, Number of Fatalities, Number of Serious Injuries, Fatalities per Motor Vehicle Traveled, Serious Injuries per Motor Vehicle Traveled, and Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. There were ten (10) fatalities in 2020 and 73 serious injuries. We met all but one of the safety measures, the non-motorized, eight (8) fatalities or serious injuries in 2020, with the goal being seven (7). LACRPC is looking more in-depth at several of the intersections. Committee wanted to know if there were any surprises in the top ten (10) intersections. Shane replied that there were no real surprises, but several intersections are close enough together that LACRPC will be looking at them as a group. Dan Kaseman commented that after going over the report, he felt it was very well done. Steve Kayatin wanted to know what amount of funding would be necessary to make the changes that show up in the report. Shane Coleman stated that it would be challenging to develop a good amount but that the State has invested quite a bit of safety money in updates over the last year. There are several different pots of funding for safety money in the coming year, so some of these areas may see some improvement.

#### **Motion 39 (10-26-2021) TAC**

Ron Meyer motioned to accept the Final 2020 Crash Summary Report and send it to the TCC for concurrence. Seconded by Jamie Mehaffie, motion carried.

#### **5. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Shane Coleman reported to the Committee that LACRPC is required each year to adopt specific performance measures. Federal Rule 23 CFT 490 requires states to establish five performance measures and set targets for those measures to demonstrate fatal and serious injury reductions on all public roads. The required performance measures are Number of Fatalities, Number of Serious Injuries, Fatalities per Motor Vehicle Traveled, Serious Injuries per Motor Vehicle Traveled, and Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. By February 26, 2022, Ohio MPOs must establish safety performance management targets for their respective metropolitan areas. ODOT requests that MPO safety performance targets be adopted through MPO Governance Board resolutions. MPO safety performance target options are to adopt the statewide targets and agree to plan and program projects, so they contribute toward accomplishing the ODOT safety target for that performance measure; or commit to a quantifiable target for that performance measure for their metropolitan planning area. After reviewing historical crash trends and other factors, ODOT and ODPS have once again adopted a 2% annual reduction target across all five categories. LACRPC also proposes a 2% reduction to cover all five categories based on the state reduction rate. In the CY 2022, the targets for Ohio are 1,106 for Fatalities, 7,744 for Serious Injuries, .970 for Rate of Fatalities, 6.780 for Rate of Serious Injuries, and 808 for Frequency of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries. Adam Haunhorst then explained that using the requisite methodology with target baselines set using 2016-2020 data; the LACRPC will have performance measures for 2022 that reflect safety targets as follows; 9 fatalities, 94 serious injuries, a fatality rate of .75, a serious injury rate of 7.23 and 7 non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries.

#### **Motion 40 (10-26-2021) TAC**

Eric Davis made a motion to accept the Performance Measures for 2022 and send them to the TCC for concurrence. Seconded by Sean Chapman, motion carried.

## 6. OTHER

Shane explained to the Committee that LACRPC and the ACEO are still offering to help the townships fill out the forms etc., for the township funds that are available.

Also, LACRPC has had minimal response to the information sent out that there is funding for projects with additional funds LACRPC will be receiving.

Shane announced that there would be a public meeting at the Civic Center this afternoon for public comment on what the future of Lima should look like in 2040. He explained that surveys were done and the Lima Comp Plan is being put together, and the community has the opportunity in two public meetings to voice their opinions.

Charles Schreck asked if we would like to update the Committee on the funding LACRPC currently has. Marlene Schumaker commented that currently, there is little that can be done thru CMAQ and STP funding as we are waiting to see where the SIB loan with Lima is at. Planning funds were carried over from the previous year, and as mentioned in the past meeting, ODOT allowed overhead from closed encumbrances to be put on open encumbrances giving LACRPC some additional planning funds. Also, as Shane mentioned earlier, additional funds are being given to LACRPC to spend on local projects. Letters have been sent to the local jurisdictions requesting their projects and at this time no decisions have been made as to which projects can be covered. The TIP schedule was discussed. Shane pointed out that we are programmed thru FY 2023. At this time, no notification of time frame has been received.

Since the Committee has not met since August, there have been several RTPO and EDD discussions. There was an AAC meeting last week where an RTPO was discussed. This discussion was brought to the Committee several years ago but didn't go anywhere because there was no incentive for anyone to participate. This time around, there are both planning and construction funds available to the participants. ODOT would like the MPO to be the RTPO for the six sounding counties. At this time, the AAC has suggested that the MPO proceed with talking to the surrounding counties. Mr. Coleman explained that an RTPO would be its agency with its committees, separate from the MPO. He showed a map of Ohio showing where RTPOs currently exist and what part of the State has no RTPO at this time. ODOT District and Central Office have both discussed with the MPO the RTPO, and ODOT is willing to go with Shane Coleman when he meets with the surrounding counties to discuss their interest. Steve Kayatin asked what kind of services the RTPO would be offering the other counties. Mr. Coleman replied that currently, we are only required to come up with a Long-Range Plan and an RTIP for the other counties. We could, if desired, offer them more services after the RTPO is approved

Shane also explained that while he is at the surrounding counties discussing the RTPO, he would also be discussing an Economic Development District (EDD). At the current time, Allen has a stand-alone CEDS and is not in an EDD. If the surrounding counties would also agree to an EDD, a combined CEDS could be prepared, and fifty percent of the funds would come from EDA and fifty percent from the counties who participate in the EDD. Shane explained that this could all be done thru this office, and at the current time, we would not be looking for additional staff for these functions, but if additional staff is needed, there would be funds available.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion 41 (10-26-21) TAC**

Steve Kayatin made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Ron Meyer, motion carried.