

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

October 28, 2021

There was a **Transportation Coordinating Committee** meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **Thursday, October 28, 2021**, at **3:00 p.m.** in the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Acceptance of TAC minutes – October 26, 2021
3. Approval of TCC minutes – September 23, 2021
4. RTA Report
5. Final 2020 Crash Summary Report
6. Safety Performance Measures
7. Other
8. Adjournment

A quorum of the Committee participating, Howard Elstro brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda and introductions.

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Kevin Cox	Perry Township	In Person
Mr. Howard Elstro	City of Lima	In Person
Mr. Steve Ewing	Auglaize Township	In Person
Ms. Karen Garland	Allen County RTA	In Person
Mr. Mitchell Kingsley	Village of Bluffton	In Person
Mr. Doug Post	Amanda Township	In Person
Mr. Brion Rhodes	Allen County	In Person
Mr. Chuck Schierloh	City of Lima	In Person
Mr. Charles Schreck	Ohio Department of Trans. District 1	In Person
Mr. Larry Vandemark	American Township	Virtual

GUESTS

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 – October 26, 2021

Motion 48 (10-28-21) TCC

Kevin Cox made the motion that the TAC minutes of October 26, 2021, be accepted. Seconded by Doug Post, motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

Motion 49 (10-28-21) TCC

Kevin Cox made the motion that the TCC minutes of September 23, 2021, be accepted. Seconded by Doug Post, motion carried.

4. RTA REPORT

Karen Garland gave the RTA report. She went over the ridership numbers that were in the packet the Board received. She mentioned the drop in the hours because of a lack of employees. They did not receive any complaints about the reduction in hours, as people understand the lack of employees at this time.

Howard Elstro asked how many drivers RTA had, and Karen responded that they have 17 full-time and five part-time who are ready to get their CDL's.

Motion 50 (10-28-21) TCC

Doug Post made the motion to accept the RTA report. Seconded by Steve Ewing, motion carried.

5. FINAL 2020 CRASH SUMMARY REPORT

Shane Coleman mentioned the Committee received a link to the report last month, and there were 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. 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 safety measure, the non-motorized, eight (8) fatalities or serious injuries in 2020. There are several different funding pots for safety money in the coming year, so some of these areas may see some improvement. Kevin Cox asked if the accidents on St. John's and Breese get recorded. Mr. Coleman responded that those accidents are recorded as long as there is an OH1 filed.

Motion 51 (10-28-21) TCC

Kevin Cox made the motion to accept and submit the Final 2020 Crash Summary Report. Seconded by Mitchell Kingsley, motion carried.

6. 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 either adopt the statewide targets and agree to plan and program projects to 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 explained that he used 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. There was some discussion on when the serious injury rate may have changed.

Motion 52 (10-28-21) TCC

Kevin Cox made the motion to accept the ODOT proposed safety performance measures. Seconded by Steve Ewing, motion carried.

7. OTHER

LACRPC is receiving \$564,163 under CRRSAA. These funds are designed to fund projects and activities typically eligible for Surface Transportation Block Grant funding. This includes but is not limited to construction, operational, safety, pedestrian and bicycle, and planning projects. Unlike typical STBG funded projects, these funds may be applied to projects regardless of underlying functional classification. This is a one-time funding opportunity, with funds made available now.

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

There was a TAC meeting last week where an RTPO discussion was held. 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 TAC 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. The MPO would not be a member of the RTPO but only facilitate the RTPO.

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 be completed through this office, and at the current time, we would not be looking for additional staff for these functions. However, should other staff be needed, there would be funds available.

No motion is needed, just informational at this time.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 53 (09-23-21) TCC

Charles Schreck made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Steve Ewing, motion carried.