

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 21, 2022

There was a meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission on **Tuesday, June 21, 2022**, 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. Approval of CAC minutes-April 26, 2022
3. Transportation Improvement Program
4. Active Transportation
5. Complete Streets
6. ADA Transition Plan Update
7. Comprehensive Plan Update
8. Other
9. Adjournment

Shane Coleman brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Tyler Black	JAMPD
Alice Curth, virtual	Delphos Senior Citizens
Michael Hensley, virtual	Allen County Council on Aging
Rick Keller	Spencer Township
Charles Schreck, virtual	ODOT

STAFF

Shane Coleman	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Brandon Casler	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Shaunna Basinger	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF CAC MINUTES – April 26, 2022

Michael Hensley motioned for the minutes of April 26, 2022 be approved. Charles Schreck seconded, motion carried.

June Monthly Meeting PowerPoint: [..\Monthly PowerPoint\June Meeting Presentation.pptx](#)

3. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Coleman began by saying that his visits to members have begun and will continue, specifying that information on the upcoming Transportation Improvement Plan Update. On July 1, 2022, all members will receive a solicitation letter for proposed projects, asking that projects be submitted by September 1, 2022. The final TIP will be due in May 2023.

4. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

An Active Transportation Plan was created in 2017 and updated in 2019. We are now beginning the process to update it in 2022. This is done to align our plan with the ODOT Walk Bike Ohio Plan. Secondly, this puts us in a better position to apply for funding expected to be available in the future. A small steering committee has been gathered recently, the goal is to have the update completed by the end

of 2022. An initial survey has been issued and open for about 4 weeks. It will remain open for the time being to try and get more responses. Mr. Coleman asks that members and delegates of LACRPC help to promote these efforts, especially concerning the survey. (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9Y537P6>)

Slide 4 & 5 are examples of maps in the 2019 Active Transportation Plan which we are looking to update with help of feedback.

5. COMPLETE STREETS

“Complete Streets are streets designed and operated to enable safe use and support mobility for all users. Those include people of all ages and abilities, regardless of whether they are travelling as drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, or public transportation riders.” The City of Lima already has a Complete Streets Program and LACRPC is working with the Village of Bluffton to create a complete streets program in their community. This is also a priority of the current administration and is included in the Bi-Partisan infrastructure law. Slide 7 & 8 is the brochure currently being created by Bluffton.

6. ADA TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE

The MPO has been working with local stakeholders and members to get their ADA plans finished. We began working with Bluffton on completing their ADA plan last year, Delphos and Spencerville are two other communities which LACRPC is working with to complete their ADA plans.

7. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

LACRPC is working with three communities to create/update their comprehensive plan, Lima, Bluffton, and Elida. All of these comprehensive plan updates include public participation in the form of a survey and public meetings for comment. Lima’s projected completion date is August. Bluffton’s completion goal is April 2023.

8. OTHER

BI-Partisan Infrastructure Law- ODOT has a great website: stay updated and learn what opportunities are available.

(<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/working/funding/resources/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-bil>)

Rural Transportation Planning Organization- the seven counties surrounding Allen County (Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Putnam, Van Wert, Wyandot). As of now all seven counties are interested and working on their resolution and should know by July 1st who will be a member and who will not. More information will be shared as we continue this work.

The meeting schedule is being considered for revision to better utilize LACRPC staff and committee member time. Advisory committees MAY only meet quarterly in the future, more information and a final decision will be forthcoming.

Remote meeting for voting committees has come to an end. That change does not affect this committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 am

