

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**June 21, 2022**

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

A quorum being present, Chairman Ron Meyer brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Frank Burkett, virtual	Federal Highway Administration
Ms. Teresa Brown	Allen County RTA
Mr. Dan Kaseman	Village of Elida
Mr. Ron Meyer	Allen County Engineer’s Office
Mr. Charles Schreck, virtual	ODOT District 1
Mr. Kirk Niemeyer	City of Lima
Mr. Ian Kohli	City of Lima
Mr. Mark Droll	Allen County

**STAFF**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – February 22, 2022**

**Motion 18 (6-21-2022) TAC**

Dan Kaseman motioned to approve the April 26, 2022 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mark Droll, motion carried.

**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.

**This is just ann update, no motion is required.**

#### 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.

**This is just an update, no motion is required.**

#### 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.

**This is just an update, no motion is required.**

#### 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.

**This is just an update, no motion is required.**

#### 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.

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#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

### **Motion 19 (6-21-22) TAC**

Dan Kaseman made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Kirk Niemeyer, motion carried.