

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 26, 2022

There was a meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission on **Tuesday, July 26, 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- June 21, 2022
3. [2022 Transportation Conformity Determination Report](#)
 - a. Resolution- APPROVING THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE 2040 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN- UPDATE 2018 AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
4. [Draft 2021 Crash Summary Report](#)
5. [NEVI Formula Program](#)
6. Floodplain Mapping Update
7. Comprehensive Plan update
 - a. [City of Lima](#)
 - b. [Village of Elida](#)
 - c. [Village of Bluffton](#)
8. TIP Updates
 - a. Resolution for Village of Bluffton- PPID 111220
 - b. Resolution for City of Delphos- PID 108644
 - c. Resolution for City of Delphos- PID 113503
 - d. Resolution for Allen County Regional Transit Authority- PID 112335
 - e. Resolution- MPO Planning 2025
 - f. Resolution- MPO Planning 2026
9. Other
10. Adjournment

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

1. ROLL CALL

Alice Curth	Delphos Senior Citizens
Brandon Fischer	Allen County Health Department
Michael Hensley	Allen County Council on Aging
Charles Schreck	ODOT
Patrick Maloney	Legal Aid of Western Ohio

STAFF

Shane Coleman	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Adam Haunhorst	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Cody Doyle	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Shaunna Basinger	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF CAC MINUTES – June 21, 2022

Michael Hensley motioned for the minutes of June 21, 2022 be approved. Patrick Maloney seconded, motion carried.

July Monthly Meeting PowerPoint: [..\Monthly PowerPoint\July Meeting Presentation 2022.pptx](#)

3. 2022 TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION REPORT

While the long-range plan is due every five years, the conformity determination report is due every four years. This current conformity report is in regards to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. It has been reviewed by multiple agencies and offices, a press release was, is uploaded on lacrpc.com website for the past 30 days as well as having gone before the TAC and TCC once before, and has been given to the public for comment. No comments have been made thus far.

4. DRAFT 2021 CRASH SUMMARY REPORT

Adam Haunhorst started by explaining the different format that the crash summary and other LACRPC documents are going to have going forward, speaking specifically of the increased number of infographics and summarized information versus the more long winded, text heavy documents of the past. Continuing, Haunhorst went on to discuss the data from the 2021 crash summary. A few keys points highlighted: an increased number of fatalities were seen in 2021, with the majority of them happening during the day on dry roads. Concerning the performance measures: we met 2 of the 5 goals (total number of serious injuries and serious injury rate.

Mike Hensley suggested a specific graphic or statistic should be given concerning motorcycle crashes.

Mr. Coleman highlighted the downloadable nature of the FAQ sheets at the end of many of our documents which can be utilized by any organization to share the information more easily with the public.

5. NEVI FORMULA PROGRAM

Mr. Coleman touched briefly on the NEVI Formula Program dealing with electric vehicle infrastructure. This program intends to make investments in the amount of \$7.5B over the next 5 years. Once Ohio submits their plan and is approved, they will receive \$20.7M annually over the next 5 years. The initial phase of spending will include the creation of charging station every 50 miles no more than one mile off the specified route along sever major corridors in Ohio. 75 and US 30 have been deemed as corridors. Private companies will be utilizing these funds and owning and operating the establishment upon completion. That meaning, they will not be at rest stops or on ODOT owned property. The entire grant program will be run through ODOT Central Office.

6. FLOODPLAIN MAPPING UPDATE

FEMA is going back and reviewing maps based on public comments. The new end date of this update is now end of 2023 or early 2024 until new floodplain mapping is in place. Mr. Coleman went on to say that the local floodplain regulations need to be updated because they do not minimum FEMA standards. Adam has been working with ODNr to see what these regulations are. There have since been sent on to the Commissioners and it is now on their desk to be approved. Updated will be forthcoming as we work through the public participation needs of these updates. Delphos and Bluffton are also updating their floodplain maps and LACRPC is assisting both of those entities as well.

7. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Elida- There is still a survey available (till the end of the month) concerning the Elida Comprehensive Plan. It is open to any individual who loves, works, or plays in Elida.

Lima- The Vision 2040 Comprehensive plan for Lima has completed much of its public participation and is now being presented to City Council to be brought to the public for comment and approval before final approval and adoption by the city. Approval within LACRPC for this document is still needed. The public

priorities are as follows: blight, crime, downtown revitalization, economic development, pedestrian facilities, negative perception, more greenspace and parks.

Bluffton- A steering committee has been established and 620 responses have been received thus far with the initial survey. This is a high return. With the help of the steering committee and other community leaders, the Bluffton community has given a large amount of feedback to our organization which has helped guide and craft the Vision of what they would like Bluffton to be. With that feedback, actionable items and key topics have been chosen and will be discussed in more depth with the invested members and eventually the public once more when an in-person community participation event is held in September. Key needs thus far: more housing, more housing for sub median household income, more restaurant space, additional recreation amenities.

8. TIP UPDATES

Shane Coleman presented the CAC with the following resolutions being presented for approval to the TCC committee.

[Resolution for Village of Bluffton- PID 111220](#)

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9. OTHER

The **TIP solicitation process** began on July 1st and will continue until September 30th.

LACRPC has been working with ODOT and the counties that surround Allen county to create a **Rural Transportation Planning Organization**. It will start as a Rural Planning Organization, work will take place over two years to be designated as a RTPPO by the Governor. Currently, six counties have signed on and we await the final word from Wyandot, the seventh. More updates will be forthcoming as final approval and submission is made to the state.

The **Active Transportation Plan** update is still under way with the survey available until the end of the month. Shane reminds everyone to take the survey and asks everyone encourage others to do the same. The desired completion date is the end of this year because of the funding becoming available next year through the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law.

There is a **Safe Streets and Roads for All** Program that is going to be investing about 5B over the next five years to significantly reduce or eliminate roadway deaths or serious injuries. A Roadway Safety Plan must be created in order to apply for the grant. More information will be forthcoming.

A **Litter Control Program** is being launched by ODOT, press release will be forwarded to delegates email.

An open house honoring the **retirement of Marlene Schumaker** on Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 4- 6 pm. Invitations will be sent.

10. ADJOURNMENT

