

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 14, 2022

There was a **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **September 14, 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
2. Acceptance of TAC minutes – August 23, 2022
3. RTA Update
4. FINAL Elida Comprehensive Plan Update
5. FINAL FY2022 Completion Report
6. Safety Performance Management Measures
7. Floodplain Mapping and Regulations 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

Karen Garland	Allen Co. RTA
Greg Kessen	Perry Township
Shawn McPheron	EMH&T
Jed Metzger	Chamber of Commerce
Ron Meyer	Allen County Engineer’s Office
Adam Francis	ODOT District One
Ian Kohli	City of Lima

STAFF

Shauna Coleman	Lima- Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Adam Haunhorst	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Shaunna Basinger	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – August 23, 2022

Motion 39 (9-14-2022) TAC

Greg Kessen motioned to approve the August 23, 2022 meeting minutes. Seconded by Shawn McPheron, motion carried.

3. RTA UPDATE

Karen Garland began by giving an overview of the RTA update highlighting some key points. Field trip season is over (Lima Locos, day cares, and Warriors). This is being replaced by work being done with Downtown Lima, Inc. to provide trolley services for events and high pedestrian and visitor traffic times. Over 20,000 total rides were logged for the month of August which has been a goal for the past 2 years. RTA hopes to continue to see that increase. Bluffton has seen increase in ridership and Delphos continues to have a strong ridership. The parking lot on the corner of North and Union has passed its completion date, however an updated completion date is the second week of October. The Union side of the parking lot will be public parking with the Central side being employee parking. This is done with intention to help parking amenities for the public in the downtown. RTA has recently purchased the “Mac” property

on Central Avenue next to their current garage with plans to connect the structures and create a drive through bus wash and additional work bays. The project is largely grant funded with the RTA contributing the 20% required by the grant. Beginning October 3, 2022, a micro-transit service will begin. This will replace the night service that was terminated last year. Also starting October 3rd, RTA will be changing from a flagging pick-up system to a bus stop pick-up on Routes #5 & #6. Cheap Sign Company (Bill Lyons) has agreed to move previously purchased and established bus shelters that were purchased in a solely marketing capacity. Now that the RTA is transitioning to bus stops Mr. Lyons will be working with the RTA to move these shelters to proper spots to be utilized by riders.

[RTA September Report](#)

Motion 38 (9-14-2022) TAC

Jed Metzger motioned to accept the September RTA Report. Seconded by Greg Kessen; motion passed.

4. FINAL ELIDA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Coleman stated that the Elida Comprehensive plan has not received any public comments in the last 30 days of the public comment period and that without any further discussion or questions it is ready to be sent to the TCC for final approval before being sent to the Village of Elida to work through their approval channels.

Motion 39 (9-14-2022) TAC

Ron Meyer motioned to send the FINAL Elida Comprehensive Plan to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Karen Garland; motion passed.

5. FINAL FY2022 COMPLETION REPORT

Mr. Coleman presented the updated and completed Completion Report restating the purpose of the document: every year ODOT requires a submission of the completion report by the end of September that lays out the projects that were and were not completed which had been laid out in the work program. All tasks and projects were completed excepting the ADA transition plan updates which are still in progress. These transition plans are the responsibility of the members however, LACPRC is assisting in the public right of way portions.

Motion 40 (9-14-2022) TAC

Jed Metzger motioned to move the FINAL FY 2022 Completion Report to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Shawn McPheron; motion passed.

6. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Every year at this time we are asked to adopt annual safety performance management measures and targets. Historically we have concurred with the ODOT targets which is a 2% annual reduction. Mr. Haunhorst then gave a brief overview of the suggested measures and targets. He pointed out that the targets this year are a bit higher than the previous because of the egregious stats that 2021 produced in regards to Fatal and Non-Fatal Crashes in Lima-Allen County. Adam went on to state that we're on track to meet our targets for this year.

Motion 41 (9-14-2022) TAC

Greg Kessen motioned to recommend the ODOT suggested performance management measures and targets to TCC for approval. Seconded by Karen Garland; motion passed.

7. FLOODPLAIN MAPPING AND REGULATIONS UPDATE

In April 2021, ODNR and FEMA wanted to update the floodplain mapping in Allen County. While the thought was that it would be approved by now, ODNR and FEMA took public comment under advisement and went back to make adjustments and corrections. The new updated maps should be out in November which will be followed by another public comment process and an approval estimate of next year.

Floodplain regulations for non-incorporated areas of Allen County need to be updated (minorly) to meet minimum FEMA requirements. It has to be done by the end of the year and a more information as well as a public hearing will be forthcoming.

8. OTHER

Shane Coleman announced for those who have not seen the news that he will be retiring from LACRPC and moving over to the City to become the Mayor’s new Chief of Staff. He went on to say that he is hoping to still involved with the work LACRPC is doing because he sees the immense value it brings to its membership and the community. A search for a new director is underway and discussions of staff additions or title/duty edits are being considered as our office evolves.

The TIP process continues with process solicitation coming toward and end. Colleen Barry will be spearheading the TIP process while a new Director is found with a draft looking to be competed in January and a final submit to ODOT in April.

The RTPO is moving forward with the resolutions being submitted before Shane’s departure.

Bike/Ped Counts just wrapped up and will be available next month.

LACRPC is looking to hire a new position to run the RTPO, more information forthcoming.

The building project continues with plans to remove the dilapidated awning currently affixed to the front of the building which will allow for plans to be made for the entirety of the project (the awning does not allow for proper visuals of the current structure).

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 42 (9-14-22) TAC

Ian Kohli made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Jed Karen Garland, motion carried.