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WELCOME

This newsletter is intended to provide timely updates on local transportation projects, area (re)development initiatives, as well as transit and paratransit-related news, highway safety, and other activities undertaken by the Planning Commission and our partners. The newsletter is supported in part by funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), and the Planning Commission member political subdivisions.



Public comment sought for Air Quality Transportation Conformity of THE 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Long-Range Transportation Plan Outlines Transportation Priorities & Projects

Lima Allen County Regional Planning (LACRPC) is a US EPA 1997 Ozone Standard “Orphan” Area. Therefore, LACRPC’s current 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan must have a new conformity determination. Even though LACRPC’s current 2040 Plan is a conforming plan, with an update cycle every five years, a new conformity determination must occur every four years.

The 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan includes a list of 137 projects, resulting in over \$238.5M in infrastructure investment. Projects include roadway resurfacing, bridge replacement, intersection enhancements, technology upgrades, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements, and others. No new capacity-adding projects have been added to the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan since approved on August 16, 2018.

The public is encouraged to comment on the draft Transportation Conformity Report until the close of business on Friday, July 22, 2022. Comments can be submitted by email to scoleman@lacrpc.com, by phone at (419) 228-1836, or in-person during regular business hours at LACRPC’s office located at 130 W. North Street, Lima, Ohio. More information is available on LACRPC’s website: www.lacrpc.com

The document is available here <https://www.lacrpc.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/LACRPC-Conformity-Report-2022.pdf>.



**2022 Ottawa River Clean Up
took place on April 23, 2022.
Thank you to all the volunteers
and
Thank you to the Sponsors!**



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FEMA Floodplain Update

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is updating flood insurance rate map (FIRM) panels. This process started in the spring of 2021 and continues today. It was anticipated new maps would be effective sometime in 2022. However, based on comments received during last year’s review period, revised preliminary maps will be issued in November. We do not anticipate the new maps to be effective until sometime in 2023. Any changes may alter the boundaries of the FEMA-identified Special Flood Hazard Areas (floodplains) within Allen County. Local citizens must review the proposed changes and understand their potential implications before final approval. Residents should be proactive in reviewing the proposals as changes could adversely affect property values and insurance rates.

LACRPC will provide updates and links to new maps as they are received. In the meantime, please reach out to us if you have any questions. Email Adam Haunhorst (ahaunhorst@lacrpc.com) or call the Planning Commission at 419-228-1836 with questions.



Safe Communities: Click It or Ticket Kick-off Event

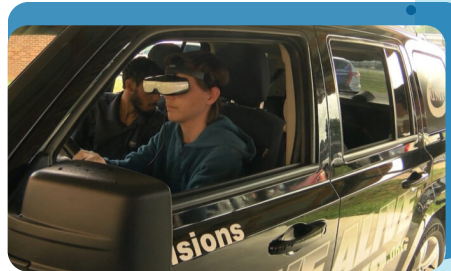
(Thursday, May 19, 2022)- In coordination with the statewide Click It or Ticket campaigns, Lima-Allen County Safe Community Coalition set up a speed trailer (24 hrs) on North Street to collect data while Sgt. Aaron Rode (LPD) and Shaunna Basinger (Safe Communities) did a visual seatbelt count at the intersection of Jackson and High Streets from 7:30 am to 8:30 am, AKA Prime Time School Drop Off.

With few outliers, the speed data showed an average speed of 30 mph with a posted speed of 25 mph. In total 688 individuals, we checked for seatbelt usage and 422 (61%) were notated as wearing a seatbelt, while 266 (39%) individuals were marked as not wearing a seatbelt.

The Arrive Alive Tour is coming to the Allen County Fair!

The Lima-Allen County Safe Community Coalition, sponsored by Crime Victim Services, Memorial Health System, and Mercy Health, is bringing the Arrive Alive Tour to the Allen County Fair this year on August 20th from 12 pm- 6 pm.

The Arrive Alive Tour is a full vehicle virtual reality simulator education program designed to heighten awareness of the dangers and consequences of drunk driving, distracted driving, and texting while driving.



24th Annual Safe Community/FOP/FOPA Awards

Do you know a person or group who has done something to help make Lima-Allen County a safe community? If so, nominations are now open for the 24th Annual Safe Community/FOP/FOPA Awards. Winning nominees will be recognized on **September 28th** at the Annual Awards Luncheon. The nomination process is open to all individuals who live, work, or play in the Lima-Allen County community. That means that anyone can nominate and anyone can be nominated. The only requirement is that the nominee's efforts to make our community a safer place must be able to be categorized in at least one of the seven categories listed below:

- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Safety
- Engineering
- Traffic Safety
- Children Safety (0-15 years)
- Youth Safety (16-25 years)
- Outstanding Citizen.

A nomination form can be completed using the SurveyMonkey link provided.



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TRAFFIC SAFETY BANNERS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST!

DRIVE SOBER GET PULLED OVER
WATCH OUT FOR MOTORCYCLES
CLICK IT OR TICKET
STAY ALIVE: DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE
RIDE SMART

FREE OF CHARGE!

WANT ONE?
Contact:
Shaunna Basinger
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419-238-4836

FOR COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC, OR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES!

Allen County Township Association Scholarship Program

Starting in 2022, the Allen County Township Association decided to create a program to offer college scholarships, this year they will be awarding up to two \$500 scholarships. This program is available to all 2022 high school graduates aspiring for an associate degree or higher who are residents of Allen County, Ohio. Graduates must complete an application including a 500-word (max) essay on the importance of Township government in Ohio, as well as supply transcript, testing, and other high school career information. For more information about the scholarship and requirements, contact Brad Core at 419-234-4274.

The deadline for application is July 15th. Scholarships will be awarded in September.



2022 MOCK CRASHES

Spring shows up on Ohio's doorstep every year with a mixed bag. At the same time she is unloading snow and strong winds, she doles out rain, flowers, sunshine, and new beginnings. Right on the heels of Spring comes Prom and Graduation Season, also a mixed bag. As a high schooler, it's a time to celebrate accomplishments and friendships made while simultaneously looking ahead at what the future holds. Unfortunately, there is a dark side to the festivities: the higher risk of car crashes due to distracted or impaired driving.

To help guard against these higher-risk times Safe Community Partners put on a mock crash for students. A mock crash is, essentially, a fake crash that is enacted as though it were real, with classmates serving as the victims and local emergency services going through the entire process of triage, car extraction, and even a field sobriety test of the "drunk" teen driver—all the things they would do at an actual crash scene. Some schools went as far as to have a funeral for those students lost during the mock crash and a mock trial to show the consequences to those able to walk away from a crash, whether it be fatal or not. Due to COVID-19 the past two years, 2022 saw an increase in the number of Mock Crashes put on in Allen County. Generally, most schools try to do them every two years to ensure that all students who pass through the high school see the presentation at least once.

With the help of volunteers from schools, community organizations, emergency response teams, and a timer, students are taught about the "Golden Hour"- the time from the moment a crash occurs when definitive medical care is most crucial. This concept is heightened as the students watch on as minutes pass and the crash victims call for help, waiting for emergency response teams to be alerted and make their way to the scene. Sirens wailing, police cars, ambulances, a fire truck equipped and ready with the jaws of life, and others arrive on the scene. A swarm of people and metal; all there for one car and three or four teenagers who were just out having a good time when in a moment everything changed. As the response teams work to extract the victims, covering those found DOA with a white sheet, and issuing sobriety tests and Miranda rights to the driver, narrators keep the crowd well informed not only of the specifics of what happens in a crash to the car and the victim's bodies but what the response teams are trying to achieve and what the result may be. It is only after the last ambulance drives away, the driver is escorted away by the arresting officer, and Life Flight carries one victim away that the clock is stopped and students are then made to face the aftermath.

Some schools did this by holding a funeral for the students who lost their lives in the demonstration, some schools worked with City Hall to hold a court proceeding prosecuting the driver with a Judge, a defending attorney, and a prosecuting attorney. All spoke of the incredible weight that is losing someone to a violent crash and, even more so, knowing you are responsible for ending that life and causing that harm. This is a lesson that adults and youth alike should carry always. Death does not discriminate and all people are capable of making poor decisions or being the victim of another's poor decisions. We all share the road, so we share the responsibility of keeping it safe.



Thank you to everyone who helped make these events possible. If we reached even one student, it was worth it.



Participating Organizations

Allen County Coroner's Office
 Allen County EMA
 Allen East Staff & Students
 Allen County Sheriff's Office
 Bath Staff & Students
 Bath Twp. Fire & EMS
 Blake's Garage
 Chiles-Laman Funeral Homes
 City Hall- Mock Trial
 Hanson-Neely Funeral Homes
 Harrod, Westminster, & Lafayette Fire & Rescue
 Kenny's Auto Wrecking
 LCC Staff & Students
 Lima Memorial Health System
 Lima Police Department
 Mercy Health- Life Flight
 Ohio State Highway Patrol
 Perry Auto Wrecking
 Perry Staff & Students
 Perry Twp. Fire Dept.
 Perry Twp. Police Dept.
 Prevention Awareness Support Services
 Safe Communities Coalition
 Shawnee Fire Department

WELCOME BRANDON!

Brandon Casler (34) lives in Lima with his wife and daughter. Previously employed at Crime Victim Services for two years, and before that, eight years in the hospitality industry, Brandon is originally from Buffalo, NY and found his way to Ohio through the Air Force by being stationed at Wright-Patterson in Dayton. Brandon is the new Finance Director

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

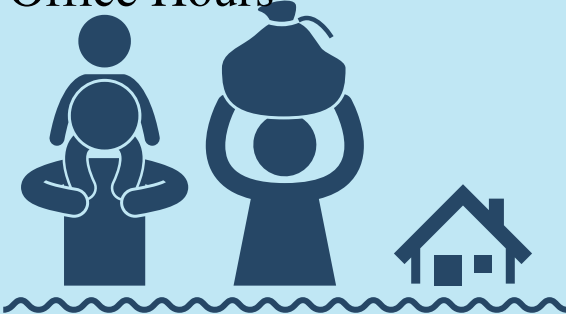
BEST WISHES TO MARLENE IN HER NEXT CHAPTER!

Congratulations to Marlene Schumaker on her retirement and Thank You for 23 stellar years of service! On January 18, 1999, Marlene joined the LACRPC team and has since worked tirelessly to serve the organization and its members.

Marlene's reputation of excellence was built through consistency, dedication, a thorough knowledge of the many aspects of LACRPC, and meticulous application of all of the above when approaching the work that we do. Marlene's efforts also earned her several state auditing awards and other commendations.

It must be stated as well, that through COVID-19 and an almost complete change of guard in the office, Marlene has been instrumental in keeping things moving forward smoothly. From training new employees to assisting in the transfer of leadership from one executive director to another, Marlene has been a great source of knowledge and stability as new hires get their sea legs. We have appreciated all of your hard work and friendship over the years and wish you the best!

FEMA Region 5 Announces Flood Insurance Virtual Office Hours



Do you have questions about flood insurance? Need help understanding coverages, premiums, underwriting, or anything else? FEMA Region 5's Flood Insurance Liaison has announced monthly Virtual Flood insurance Office Hours. FEMA staff will be available the last Friday of every month from 10:00-11:00 A.M. to help. To protect your privacy, breakout rooms will be available to speak one-on-one with an insurance expert.

No registration is required. Office Hours are on a first come, first-serve basis.

SEPTEMBER

Mark your calendars!

Bike Ped Counts will be back again in September! They will be run like normal with 2-hour blocks at several locations starting September 12 through September 18, 2022.

A link to online sign-ups will be sent out as we near September. For questions on how you or your business can get involved contact:

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**Remember to drive with
caution this harvest season!**



UPCOMING MEETINGS

AUGUST 2022 SEPTEMBER 2022 OCTOBER 2022

CMTE	DATE	TIME	CMTE	DATE	TIME	CMTE	DATE	TIME
DCC	Tu, Aug 2nd	3:00 pm	CAAC	Thu, Sept 8th	3:00 pm	DCC	Tu, Oct 11th	3:00 pm
CAAC	Thu, Aug 11th	3:00 pm	DCC	Tu, Sept 13th	3:00 pm	CAAC	Thu, Oct 13th	3:00 pm
DCC	Tu, Aug 16th	3:00 pm	CDC	Thu, Sept 15th	3:30 pm	CDC	Thu, Oct 20th	3:30 pm
CDC	Thu, Aug 18th	3:30 pm	CAC	Tu, Sept 20th	10:00 am	CAC	Tu, Oct 25th	10:00 am
CAC	Tu, Aug 23rd	10:00 am	TAC	Tu, Sept 20th	1:30 pm	TAC	Tu, Oct 25th	1:30 pm
TAC	Tu, Aug 23rd	1:30 pm	AAC	Wed, Sept 21st	4:00 pm	DCC	Tu, Oct 25th	3:00 pm
AAC	Wed, Aug 24th	4:00 pm	TCC	Thu, Sept 22nd	3:00 pm	AAC	Wed, Oct 26th	4:00 pm
TCC	Thu, Aug 25th	3:00 pm	EC	Thu, Sept 22nd	4:00 pm	TCC	Thu, Oct 27th	3:00 pm
EC	Thu, Aug 25th	4:00 pm	DCC	Thu, June 23rd	3:00 pm	EC	Thu, Oct 27th	4:00 pm
DCC	Tu, Aug 30th	3:00 pm						

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