

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 15, 2022

There was a **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **November 15, 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 – September 20, 2022
3. RTA Update
4. ODOT Resolution
5. 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan- status update
6. Travel Demand Modeling
7. DOT Thriving Community Program Grant
8. Other
9. Adjournment

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

1. ROLL CALL

Jed Metzger	Chamber of Commerce
Ron Meyer	Allen County Engineer's Office
Tanner Inkrott	ODOT District One
Ian Kohli	City of Lima
Kirk Niemeyer	City of Lima
Mark Droll	Allen County

STAFF

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

2. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – September 20, 2022

Motion 43 (11-15-2022) TAC

Mark Droll motioned to approve the September 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Seconded by Ian Kohli, motion carried.

3. RTA UPDATE

The RTA Update was presented to the committee with a general overview.

[October RTA Update](#)

Motion 44 (11-15-2022) TAC

Jed Metzger motioned to accept the October RTA Report. Seconded by Mark Droll; motion passed.

4. ODOT RESOLUTION

ODOT has requested an additional \$1,528,687.33 and \$282,171.83 of state funding be added to the Transportation Improvement Plan in FY 2023 For Environmental-RW services subphase; and that \$1,810.

Motion 45 (11-15-2022) TAC

Ian Kohli made the motion to recommend “Authorization to add \$1,810,859.16 to PID 109435 from the ODOT Managed Programs” to the TCC for approval. Seconded by Mark Droll; motion passed.

5. 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN- STATUS UPDATE

Staff has worked with ODOT District to review existing projects and ensure the timely delivery of the FY 2024-2028 TIP.

Staff has all but finalized its public participation plan with the MPOs final approval required in April 2023.

Stakeholder outreach continues on developing projects:

- a. Staff has scheduled meetings with the Allen County Engineer, City of Lima, City of Delphos, the Village of Bluffton & RTA.
- b. Staff has requested meetings with the local administrators in Elida & Spencerville.
- c. Staff reached out to the Mayors of Beaverdam, Cairo, Harrod & Lafayette.
- d. Staff has met with the JAMPD.
- e. Staff also requested a meeting with the AEDG & the Lima Chamber.

The first draft of the TIP is scheduled to hit the table for the RPCs January meetings.

This was an update and did not require approval.

6. TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL

Staff has reviewed the necessary data items to update the Travel Demand Model for Allen County with ODOTS Office of Statewide Planning.

- o Staff pulled 2020 population & socioeconomic data down to the block group level and is in the process of migrating the data to the 365 individual Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs).
- o Staff has requested future population projections from the ODOD.
- o Staff has requested bridge data & sufficiency rating from the Allen County Engineer
- o Staff has requested at-grade rail crossing information from the ORDC. Staff held conversations with Fire Chiefs of American, Bath & Shawnee townships relative to blocked crossings.
- o Staff has requested & received new building data from the Allen County Building Department.
- o Staff has requested & received building demolition from the Allen County Auditor’s Office. Staff has also received data from American and Bath township and is waiting for data from Perry & Shawnee townships.
- o Building permits & demolition data are necessary to adjust present & future land use and traffic assignments.

Highway projects out thru 2045 are still being assembled from local political subdivisions but will also be integrated into the travel demand model to provide pre- and postconditions (LOS).

This is a tedious process and the model will evolve over the next 4-5 months.

This was an update and did not require approval.

7. DOT THRIVING COMMUNITY PROGRAM GRANT

DOT has made funding available to target disadvantaged communities adversely and/or disproportionately affected by environmental, climate, and human health policy outcomes; [and] that have the organizational capacity to comprehensively plan for and deliver quality infrastructure and community development projects that enable their communities and neighborhoods to thrive.

The goal of the program is to: increase mobility, reduce pollution from transportation sources; expand affordable transportation options; facilitate efficient land use; preserve or expand jobs; improve housing conditions; enhance connections to health care, education, and food security; and improve health outcomes

The City of Lima has specific neighborhoods that would qualify as disadvantaged.

The Lima community is uniquely qualified to support such an initiative given the growing presence of the medical community, Activate Allen County, its nonprofit organizations and the MPO.

The City of Lima has requested the MPOs support moving forward in the application process.

Staff supports the submission of the application and requests board authorization and act as a community partner and signatory to the application.

Staff contends that the impact of a successful application will have spill-over affects across the region.

The deadline for interested applicants is the end of November 2022.

Motion 46 (11-15-22) TAC

Jed Metzger made the motion to recommend support of the DOT Thriving Community Program Grant to the TCC. Seconded by Mark Droll, motion carried.

8. OTHER

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 47 (11-15-22) TAC

Kirk Niemeyer made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Tanner Inkrott, motion carried.