

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

November 17, 2022

A Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission was held on **Thursday, November 17th at 3:00 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 – November 15, 2022
3. Approval of TCC minutes- September 22, 2022
4. RTA Update
5. ODOT Resolutions
6. 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan- status update
7. Travel Demand Modeling
8. DOT Thriving Community Grant
9. Other
10. Adjournment

A quorum being present, Beth Seibert brought the meeting to order and proceeded with introductions and the roll call.

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Kevin Cox	Perry Township
Mr. Jerry Gilden	Marion Township
Mr. Howard Elstro	City of Lima
Mr. James Mehaffie	City of Delphos
Mr. Doug Post	Amanda Township
Mr. Tanner Inkrott	ODOT District 1
Mr. Thomas Tebben, virtual	City of Lima
Ms. Beth Seibert	Allen County
Mr. Brad Baxter	Bath Township
Ms. Karen Garland	Allen Co. RTA

STAFF

Mr. Brandon Caslet	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Shaunna Basinger	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – November 15, 2022

Motion 51 (11-17-22) TCC

Kevin Cox motioned that the TAC minutes of November 15, 2022, be accepted. Seconded by Doug Post, motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – September 22, 2022

Motion 52 (11-17-22) TCC

Doug Post motioned that the TCC minutes of September 22, 2022, be accepted. Seconded by Jerry Gilden, motion carried.

4. RTA UDATE

Dec. 2nd fuel bids will be open for 2023.

[October RTA Report](#)

Motion 53 (11-17-2022) TCC

Dou Post motioned to approve the October RTA Report. Seconded by Kevin Cox; motion carried.

5. ODOT RESOLUTIONS

Motion 54 (9-22-2022) TCC

Kevin Cox motioned to approve resolution “Authorization to add \$1,810,859.16 to PID 109435 from ODOT Managed Programs”. Seconded by James Mehaffie; motion passed.

6. 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 Beavertown, Cairo, Harrod & Lafayette. 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.

7. TRAVEL DEMAND MODELING

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.

8. DOT THRIVING COMMUNITY 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 55 (11-17-2022) TCC

Kevin Cox motioned to approve LACRPC support of the DOT Thriving Community Program Grant. Seconded by Karen Garland; motion passed.

9. OTHER

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 56 (11-17-2022) TCC

Doug Post motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kevin Cox; motion passed.