# Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



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## Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

## Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) SFY 2024-2027

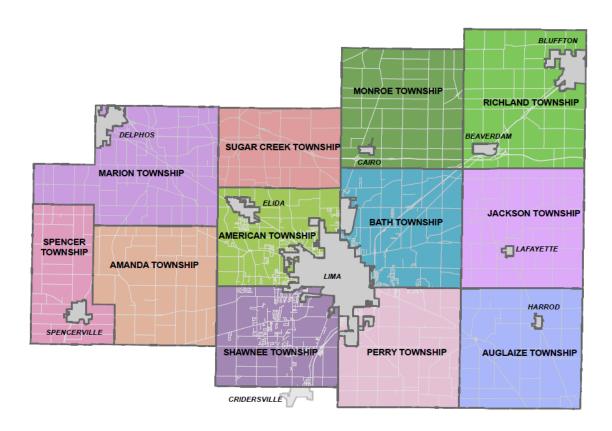
#### **CHAPTER 1**

#### INTRODUCTION

#### Introduction to the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

The Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) was established under Section 713.21 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and a Resolution of Cooperation between various political subdivisions located within Allen County, Ohio. The Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission was designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lima Urbanized Area by the Governor of the State of Ohio in 1964 and has been responsible for planning land use, transportation, housing, recreation, and community facilities in Allen County, Ohio and its surrounding area, including portions of the City of Delphos located in Van Wert County, the Village of Cridersville located in Auglaize County, and the Village of Bluffton located in Hancock County.

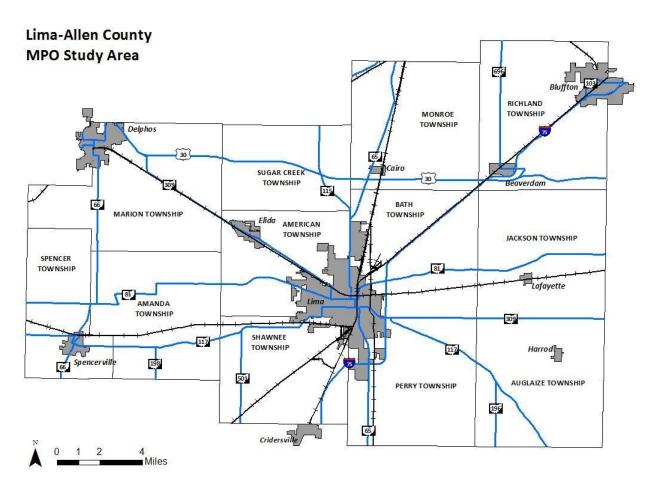
As a primary duty, the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission is to prepare a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that serves as a short-range capital improvement program that details the funding for, and scheduling of, federally funded transportation projects, programs, and services within the region.



## Primary Responsibilities of The Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

MPOs, such as the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission are responsible for conducting an array of transportation planning activities, providing technical services and distributing transportation planning and project funding for their member communities and agencies, as established in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C. MPOs are responsible for creating several key recurring planning documents. These required planning documents include:

- A multimodal, long-range transportation plan (LRTP) for the region
- A biennial transportation improvement program (TIP)
- An annual unified planning work program (UPWP)



#### **TIP Overview**

Federal legislation is a major part of the framework that guides the transportation planning process employed by MPOs. On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the <u>Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ((IIJA) (Public Law 117-58, also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law")</u> into law. The IIJA/BIL is the largest long-term investment in our infrastructure and economy in our Nation's history. It provides \$550 billion over fiscal years 2022 through 2026 in new Federal investment in infrastructure, including in roads, bridges, and mass transit, water infrastructure, resilience, and broadband.

The IIJA/BIL builds on previous legislative initiatives. Such transportation legislation includes: Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP 21) Act; the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21); and, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). These historical transportation bills create the framework for local transportation planning. When considered with the ramifications of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Coupled with the required mechanisms for intergovernmental coordination and public input, the aforementioned legislation is the underpinning for the urban transportation planning process.

With respect to the LACRPC, and based on guidance provided by ODOT and FHWA to date, the IIJA/BIL continues the Metropolitan Planning Program, which establishes a cooperative, continuous and comprehensive (3C) framework for making transportation investment decisions in metropolitan areas. With several exceptions the AAJI/BIL continues the planning requirements and funding of the previous Transportation Bills. The IIJA/BIL specifically allows and encourages MPOs to use social media and other web-based tools to encourage public participation in the transportation planning process [§ 11201(a)(3), 23 U.S.C. 134(i)(6)(D)].

The TIP is a comprehensive and fiscally constrained listing of regional transportation projects and services that are scheduled for some phase of implementation within the four-year TIP period. The projects identified in the TIP were selected through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning effort between Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission, the State of Ohio, and local stakeholders, and are in alignment with the goals of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission metropolitan transportation plan called the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. The projects have funding commitments from a variety of federal, state, and local sources. The program of projects maintains a balance of local and regional needs and includes projects reflecting various modes of transportation including highways, public transportation, bicycles, and pedestrians.

The development of the TIP is the responsibility of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission, which is the designated MPO for Allen County. The TIP is developed on a biennial basis in conjunction with the development of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Once the TIP is adopted by the TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE, it is then submitted to ODOT and U.S. DOT for approval and inclusion by reference into Ohio's STIP.

#### Consistency with the Long-Range Transportation Plan

The Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission completed its Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) titled the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan in 2018. These long-range plans are federally required to cover a minimum 20-year time horizon and must analyze all transportation needs over that time period, including roadway, bridge, transit, and non-motorized modes of travel.

The goals, objectives and strategies stated in the long-range transportation plan establish Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission's overall approach to the prioritization of transportation projects and investments. These goals and their descriptions are included below in Table 1.

Table I - Transportation Plan Goals

Goal	Objective	Description
1	Stewardship	Develop the infrastructure necessary to create regional economic opportunities, support the new economy, and strengthen the community's ability to compete locally and globally.
2	Reliability	Target infrastructure investments that promote and sustain system level efficiencies, reliability, safety and security.
3	Conservation	Preserve and protect both the natural and built environment.
4	Vibrant Communities	Encourage the development of healthy, educated, sustainable, and livable communities through equitable public development.

#### **Glossary of Terms and Acronyms**

#### **GENERAL TERMS:**

ACOE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

ACRTA ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ADA AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

CAA CLEAN AIR ACT

CRSAA CORONA VIRUS RESPONSE ANDS RELIEF ACT

D1 DISTRICT 1

DOT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

EJ ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

EPA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

FHWA FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

FTA FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

FY FISCAL YEAR

IIJA BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

LACRPC LIMA/ALLEN COUNTY REGIONLA PLANNING COMMITTEE

MPO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ODOT OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OACE OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY ENGINEER

PM PERFORMANCE MEAUSRES

PPP PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

STIP STATEWIDE TRANSPORTAION IMPROVEWMENT PLAN

TAZ TRAFFIC ANALYSIS ZONE

TCC TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

TIMS TRANSPORTATION INFORAMTION SYSTEM

TIP TRANSPOORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

VMT VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED

#### FEDERAL FUNDING TYPE:

BR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

CMAO CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR OUALITY

FLMA FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT ACT

NH NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM

NHPP NATIONAL HIGHWAY PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

SRTS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

STBG SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT

STP SURFACE TRANSPORATION PROGRAM

TA TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

TRC TOLL REVENUE CREDITS

## **ROADS:**

CR COUNTY ROUTE

SR STATE ROUTE

TR TOWNSHIP ROUTE

US US ROUTE

ENG ENGINEERING

EIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FS FEASBILITY STUDY

MISC MISCELLANEOUS

PE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

ROW RIGHT OF WAY

TERMINI INTERSECTING STREETS OR COUNTY LINES WHERE A PROJECT ENDS

#### OTHER:

BR BRIDGE

CBD CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

LF LINEAR FOOT

PVMT PAVEMENT

PID PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

SFY STATE FISCAL YEAR

ST STATE

#### PERFORMANCE BASED PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

### Introduction to Transportation Performance Management

FHWA and FTA have developed a series of performance measures that every state must monitor to determine how effectively their transportation investments are advancing the national performance goals. A list of the national goal areas and associated performance measures is shown below. Statewide transportation targets have been established for each of these performance metrics. The targets were established by a coordinated effort between ODOT and the MPOs.

Currently, the LACRPC is working with its partners, including ODOT, other Ohio MPOs, and transit agencies, to track specific measures in each of the key areas and to quantify baseline targets for each measure. LACRPC is engaged in monitoring motor vehicle and active transportation safety issues tracking fatalities, serious injuries, and crash rates. LACRPC is also monitoring local infrastructure conditions relative to pavement and bridge conditions. In addition, the MPO is working with Allen County Regional Transit Authority to ensure a state of good repair and tracking safety performance measures. LACRPC will continue to work with its partners to establish and refine performance measures that support national performance areas.

To support the Federal legislation, the MPOs, in cooperation with the state DOTs are required to develop transportation plans and programs for the urbanized areas. Such plans and programs are to provide for the development of transportation facilities (including pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities), infrastructure, and rolling stock public transit, which will function as an intermodal transportation system for the state, the metropolitan areas, and the Nation. The process for developing such plans and programs shall provide consideration for all modes of transportation, and shall be continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive to the degree appropriate, based on the complexity of the transportation problems. Key outcomes are reducing injuries and fatalities, improving bridges, fixing roads, and reducing congestion. The MPO will work with ODOT and the Transit Authority to ensure that the state and federal objectives will be considered with, and balanced against, the established performance targets spanning the region's transportation system.

## <u>Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission's Federal Transportation Performance Measures</u>

The following is a list of the federally required transportation measures applicable to the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission region (see 23 CFR 490). Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission works with ODOT and other local transportation partners to ensure regional transportation projects are selected to effectively address the transportation performance measures.

The 2024-2027 TIP cycle includes projects that link investments against the established performance targets; PM1-Safety, PM2-Infrastructure, and PM3-Travel Time Reliability. The proposed projects take advantage of the transferability of federal-aid funding among program categories, and among transportation modes to be more responsive to the needs of the local governments, while ensuring state and federal transportation goals are met.

The LACRPC adopted the use of the established 2022-2026 ODOT PM1 22 September 2022. The LACRPC adopted the use of the established 2022-2026 ODOT PM2 and PM3, 28 April 2022.

#### PM1: Safety Performance Measures

23 CFR 490.207 requires states to establish five safety performance measures and set targets for those measures to demonstrate fatal and serious injury reductions on all public roads. The figure below shows the safety performance measures, baselines, and targets. These measures are evaluated on a 5-year rolling average. Ohio has adopted a 2% reduction target across all five measures. The following numbers reflect statewide targets:

- Number of Fatalities (highways)
  - o **Baseline: 1,129**
  - o Target: 1,000
- Fatality Rate (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT))
  - o Baseline: 0.97
  - Target: 0.86
- Number of Serious Injuries (highways)
  - o **Baseline: 8,434**
  - o Target: 7,472
- Rate of Serious Injuries (per 100 million VMT)
  - Baseline: 7.26
  - **Target: 6.43**
- Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries
  - o Baseline: 845
  - o Target: 748

More specifically, using the requisite methodology of the 2.0% reduction target, LACRPC has determined the following target reductions for 2023:

- Number of Fatalities (highways)
  - o Target: 12
- Fatality Rate (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT))
  - Target: 0.92
- Number of Serious Injuries (highways)
  - o Target: 82
- Rate of Serious Injuries (per 100 million VMT)
  - Target: 6.29
- Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries
  - o Target: 9

The table below shows the total projects and amount of money that is being invested to improve the safety of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission transportation system.

2024-2027 LACRPC Safety Related Projects							
Work Category	Description	Number of Projects	Total Cost				
Roadside/Median Improvement (Safety)	Addition of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and drainage along with addition of lighting upgrades and ADA compliant sidewalks	3	\$12,500,000				
Traffic Control (Safety)	Installation of a single lane roundabout	1	\$3,000,000				

#### PM2: Infrastructure Condition Measures

23 CFR 490.307 and 23 CFR 490.407 establish performance measures to evaluate the condition of Ohio's National Highway System (NHS) pavements and bridges. The table below shows these performance measures along with their baselines, 2-year targets, and 4-year targets.

The table(s) below show the total projects and amount of money that is being invested to maintain and improve pavement and bridge conditions in the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission region during the TIP period.

NHS Pavement Performance Measures	2019	2-уеаг	4-уеаг
	Base line	Target	Target
Percentage of Interstate Pavements in Good Condition	50.8%	N/A	50%
Percentage of Interstate Pavements in Poor Condition	0.1%	N/A	1%
Percentage of Non-Interstate NHS Pavements in Good Condition	41.3%	35%	35%
Percentage of Non-Interstate NHS Pavements in Poor Condition	0.8%	3%	3%

LACRPC TIP PAVEMENT PROJECTS				
	Number of Projects	Project Cost		
Non-Interstate	6	\$4,800,000		

NHS Bridge Performance Measures	2019 Baseline	2-year Target	4-year Target
Percentage of NHS Bridges in Good Condition	54.1%	50%	50%
Percentage of NHS Bridges in Poor Condition	3.0%	5%	5%

## PM3: Travel Time Reliability, Congestion and Air Quality Measures

#### Travel Time Reliability

23 CFR 490.507 and 23 CFR 490.607 established the performance measures for the Level of Travel Time Reliability on Ohio's NHS system. The table below shows these performance measures along with their baselines, 2-year targets, and 4-year targets.

Level of Travel Time Reliability on NHS System	2019 Baseline	2-year Target	4-year Target
Percent of person-miles traveled on the Interstate that are reliable	90.9%	85%	85%
Percent of person-miles traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS that are reliable	76.0%	N/A	80%
Interstate Truck Travel Time Reliability Index	1.39	<1.50	<1.50

### Air Quality Measures

<u>23 CFR 490.807</u> established the Total CMAQ Emission Reduction Performance Measures. These performance Particulate Matter at 2.5 Micrometers in Diameter (PM<sup>2.5</sup>). The table below shows these performance measures along with their baselines, 2-year targets, and 4-year targets.

CMAQ Emission Reduction Performance Measures	2019 Base line	2-Year Target	4-Year Target
VOC Total Emission Reduction	85.778 kg/day	69 kg/day	69 kg/day
NOx Total Emission Reduction	405.004 kg/day	537 kg/day	537 kg/day
PM2.5 Total Emission Reduction	43.004 kg/day	36 kg/day	36 kg/day

CONCENTRATION LEVELS 2018-2020 <sup>1</sup>									
Lima, Allen County, OH									
TYPE/YEAR 2018 2019 2020 2018-2020									
PM2.5 Annual Avg	17.7	17.0	13.1	16.0					
8-HR O3 4th High in Year 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1									
SO2 99th Percentile in Year	7.0								

 $<sup>^1</sup>https://epa.ohio.gov/static/Portals/27/ams/Ohio\_Air\_Quality\_2020\_final.pdf$ 

RESOLUTION:

THE CIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGES ODOT ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE TARGETS FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT MEASURES AND ADOPTS TARGETS BASED ON A 2.0 PERCENT REDUCTION FOR 2023

WHEREAS, the I imp-Ailen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) is designated by the Governor of the State of Chio as the Metropoliten Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lima Urbanized Area; and,

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 450.324(f)(4) requires MPOs to evaluate "the condition and performance of the transportation system with respect to the performance targets described in § 450.30000 and that MPOs shall arroughly report baseline safety performance data to foster transparency and accountability, and help track safety progress at regional, stats, and national levels; and,

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 450.308(d) required the MPO to select targets that address performance measures in 23 U.S.C 150(d) in accordance with the appropriate target setting framework established in 23 CFR part 400, in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Alten County Regional Transit Authority to ensure consistency, to the maximum extent practicable; and,

WHEREAS, ODOT has established statewide safety targets for 2023 based upon a 2.0 percent annual reduction for each performance measure including: fatalities, serious injuries, fatality rate, serious injury rate, and non-motorized latalities and non-motorized serious injuries; and.

WHEREAS, MPO's must establish targets for their respective planning areas within 180 days of the State's establishment of targets but no later than Fabruary 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, after caroful consideration of the approximately 1,201 million webtide miles of travel (2021) experienced in Allen County and its expected growth (1,208/2040), the LACRPC has compiled and examined the regulable targets for each of the five safety performance measures over the last dozen years; and,

WHEREAS, the LACRPC has developed an internal committee abructure and work program that provides local governments and regional policy makers with ready access to data, reporting, technical expertise, programmatic planning, training and technical services to help improve local readway enterting conditions, mitigate at this behaviors and improve madway safety; and,

WHEREAS, the LACRPC reviews the process of project selection criteria for the MPOs Transportation Improvement Program. (TIP) to ensure that safety receives the attention needed to support; (a) inclusion of selety-driven projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan; (b) atrong consideration for inclusion of selety-driven projects in the State Transportation Improvement Program, as well as, the MPOs TIP; and, (c) targets specified for the local, state and national performance measures:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after careful consideration and deliberation, the LACRPC has determined that it will spek to support the safety targets established by CDCF for 2023 resulting in the following Ohio largets:

- 1,173 Fatalities
- 7,849 Number of Serious injuries
- 1.04 Rate of Fatalities
- 6.77 Rate of Serious Injuries
- 824 Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries

MORE SPECIFICALLY, and using the requisite methodology with target baselines set using 2017-2021 data, the LACRPC has determined that it will adopt a 2.0 percent annual reduction for each performance measure for 2023, that reflect the following safety tergets: 12 fatalities, 82 serious in irvies, a fatality rate of 0.92 per MVM, a serious injury rate of 6.29 per MVM, and 9 non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries.

AND, FURTHERMORE, the LACREAC agrees to plan and program capital projects, services and programming that contribute toward the realization of increased safety on our region's readways and meeningful reductions in the number and rate of latel and schools injury crashes thereon.

ADOPTED THIS 22rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022

Beth Selbert, Chaliperson

Transportation Coordinating Committee

Attest: Shane A. Coleman, Executive Director Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission RESOLUTION:

THE LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGES AND ADOPTS ODOT ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE TARGETS FOR PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT MEASURES PM2 & PM3

WHEREAS, the Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) is designed by the Governor of the State of Ohlo as the Metropolilan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lima Urbanizec Area; and,

WHEREAS, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21th Century Act (MAP-21) required State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and MPOs to set targets for eafety, pavement, bridges, travel time reliability, fivight travel time reliability and emission reductions measures, and the Fixing America's Surface transportation Act (FAST Act) rea@ms this requirement; and

WKEREAS, ODOT has established statewide PM2 targets for Bridge Condition targets as follows: the percentage of NHS bridge deck area in good condition should be at least 65% in 4 years; and the percentage of NHS bridge deck area in poor condition should be at less than 3% in 4 years; and,

WHEREAS, ODOT has established statewide PM2 targets for Pevennent Condition targets as follows: the percentage of interstate pevennent in good condition should be at least 55% in 4 years, the percentage of interstate pavement in poor condition should be less than 1% in 4 years, the percentage of non-interstate NHS pevement in good condition should be at least 40% in 4 years, and the percentage of non-interstate NHS payament in poor condition should be less than 2% in 4 years; and,

WHEREAS, ODOT has established statewide PM3 targets for Travel Time Reliability (TTR) targets as follows: on Interstates, Level of TTR will be less than 1.50 for 66% of the system in 4 years, on non-interstate NHS reads. Level of TTR will be less than 1.50 for 80% of the system in 4 years, and on Interstates, Truck TTR will be less than 1.60 in 4 years; and,

WHEREAS, MPO's must establish targets for their respective planning areas no later than August 19th 2022;

WHEREAS, the LACRPC has developed an internal committee structure and work program that provides local governments and regional policy makers with ready access to date, reporting, technical expertise, programmatic planning, training and technical services to help improve local residuely operating conditions, mitigate at-risk behaviors and improve roadway safety; and,

WHEREAS, the MPOs Transportation improvement Program (TIP) onsures that safety receives the attention reeded to support (a) Inclusion of safety-driven projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan; (b) strong consideration for inclusion of safety-driven projects in the State Transportation improvement Program, as well as, the MPOs TIP; and, (c) targets specified for the local, state and national performance measures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after exected consideration and deliberation, the LACRPC has determined that it concurs with the methodology employed for each performance measure/target and will support the PM2 and PM3 targets established by ODOT for bridge conditions, pavement condition and travel time reliability.

ADOPTED THIS 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2022.

Howard Elepto, Chairperson Transportation Coordinating Committee

Attest: Shane A. Coleman, Executive Director Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

#### Transit Asset Management (TAM):

These measures were established to develop a strategic and systematic process of operating, maintaining, and improving public capital assets effectively through their entire life cycle. The TAM Final Rule 49 USC 625 Subpart D became effective in 2016 and established performance measures as follows: (1) Facilities – The percentage of facilities (by group) that are rated less than 3.0 on the Transit Economic Requirements Model (TERM) Scale; (2) Equipment – The percentage of non-revenue service vehicles (by type) that exceed the useful Life Benchmark (ULB); and, (3) Rolling Stock – The percentage of revenue vehicles (by type) that exceed the ULB. The fourth performance measure, Infrastructure, does not apply to ACRTA, as that metric measures track segments that have performance restrictions.

ODOT has set the following performance targets and measures for facilities, equipment, and revenue vehicles:

#### **Facilities**

Asset Class (NTD)	Performance Target	Performance Measure
Passenger Facilities	0% below a 3	0%
Maintenance Facilities	22% below a 3	16%
Administrative Facilities	38% below a 3	16%

Facility Type	Total Facilities with Condition Assessment (2021)	Total Facilities with Condition Assessment (2022)	Facilities With Condition Assessment Below 3 (2021)	Facilities with Condition Assessment Below 3 (2022)	Percent Facilities with Condition Assessment Below 3 (2021)	Percent Facilities with Condition Assessment Below 3 (2022)	Average Previous Year (2021) Performance Measure Target (%)	Average Current Year (2022) Performance Measure Target (%)
Administrative								
Office / Sales	1	1	0	0	0%	0%	50%	50%
Office								
Bus Transfer	1	1	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Center	1	1	U		070	078	070	076
Maintenance								
Facility	1	1	1	1	100%	1000/	F00/	F00/
(Service and	1	1	1	1	100%	100%	50%	50%
Inspection)								

The Transit Authority has developed policy to support a strenuous transit management plan, fleet maintenance plan, preventative vehicle maintenance program, and an extensive vehicle inventory and tracking system to facilitate the new plans, programs and system. The following table identifies the current state of good repair (SGR) by asset class as prescribed by ODOT over the 2018-2023 period.

## Equipment

Equipment includes service vehicles and equipment not attached to or a part of a facility that has a replacement value greater than \$50,000.

Asset Class (NTD)	Asset Class (ODOT)	Performance Target	Performance Measure	
Non-Revenue Vehicle	Service Vehicle	100% less than 10 years old	36%	
Equipment	Mobile Vehicle Lift	100% less than 14 years old	100%	
Equipment	Generator	100% less than 10 years old	100%	

Vehicle Type	Active Vehicles (2021)	Active Vehicles (2022)	Vehicles At or Past ULB (2021)	Vehicles At or Past ULB (2022)	Percent Vehicles at or Past ULB (2021)	Percent Vehicles at or Past ULB (2022)	Average Previous Year Performance Measure Target (%)	Average Current Year Performance Target (%)
Trucks and other Rubber Tire Vehicles	4	4	1	0	25%	0%	0%	25%
AGE: 0-3	4-7	8-12	13-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-60	60+
0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

## **Rolling Stock Vehicles**

Asset Class (NTD)	Asset Class (ODOT)	Performance Target	Performance Measure
Automobile	Automobile (A0)	30% older than 8 years	20%
Heavy Duty Bus (B30-HD, B35-HD, B40-HD, Bus B45-HD, B60-HD); Medium Duty Bus (B30-D, B35-MD); Light Duty Bus (B30-LD)		21% older than 14 years	0%
Cutaway Bus	LTL/LTN, LTV, LTV-FS, LTV-HC, LTV-N, LTV-S	2% older than 10 years	8%
Van	Accessible Vans (AV); (BSV); Converted Vans (CV); Modified Mini Van (MWV); (MV-1); Mini Vans (SMV)	10% older than 8 years	23%

Vehicle Type	Active Vehicles (2021)	Active Vehicles (2022)	VOMs (2021)	VOMS (2022)	Vehicles At or Past ULB (2021)	Vehicles At or Past ULB (2022)	Percent Vehicles at or Past ULB (2021)	Percent Vehicles at Or Past ULB (2022)	Average Previous Year (2021) Performance Measure Target (%)	Average Current Year (2022) Performance Measure Target (%)
Bus	15	17	7	18	2	2	13%	12%	10%	13%
Cutaway	18	20	8	8	3	0	17%	0%	25%	10%
Van	4	4	8	8	0	0	0%	0%	25%	20%
<b>Grand Total</b>	37	41	23	34	5	2	14%	5%	18%	14%

Agency VOMS	Vehicle Type	Years Old:	0- 3	4- 7	8- 12	13- 15	16- 20	21- 25	26- 30	31- 60	60+	Total Vehicles	Average Age of Fleet (In Years)	Average Lifetime Miles Per Vehicle
18	Van-REVENUE		0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5.0	54,790
18	Cutaway-REVENUE		11	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	3.3	67,770
18	Bus-REVENUE		7	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	5.4	182,151

The tables below show total transit investments and projects planned for the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission region in the TIP period.

Program Estimates SFY 2024-2027 STIP						
Number of Projects Cost Year						
10 \$23,040,894.57 2024-2027						

#### **Transit Safety Performance:**

In addition to TAM and SGR requirements, The IIJA/BIL builds on previous legislative initiatives such as MAP-21, which amended Federal transit law to authorize a Public Transportation Safety Program and Plan to improve the safety of all public transportation systems that receive Federal transit funds. The Transportation Bill (IIJA/BIL) is intended to improve healthy, sustainable transportation options for millions of Americans. Ohioans who take public transportation spend an extra 75.9% of their time commuting and non-White households are 6.2 times more likely to commute via public transportation. According to the Ohio Department of Transportation, 15.8% of transit vehicles in the state are past useful life. Based on formula funding alone, Ohio would expect to receive about \$1.4 billion over five years under the Act to improve public transportation options across the state (5). In the first year, this represents about a 34% increase over 2021 FAST Act formula transit funding levels.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5329(b), ODOT identified Safety Performance Targets for small transportation providers, to include: (1) Events - Total Number of Safety Events and Rate per Vehicle Revenue Miles; (2) Fatalities - Total Number of Fatalities and Rate per Vehicle Revenue Miles; (3) Total Number of Injuries and Rate per Vehicle Revenue Miles; and, (4) System Reliability (mean distance between failure).

Both the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission and the Allen County Regional Transit Authority contend that improving safety performance is a collaborative effort that requires participation from an array of federal, state and local partners. The pending Agency Safety Plan will work to integrate a data driven process that will identify and establish strategies to address safety risks, measure the effectiveness of risk control strategies, and place a proactive focus on accident precursors to prevent events.

The following statistics were obtained from ACRTA:

- Total # of Safety Events: 24
- Safety Event Rate per Vehicle Revenue Miles\*: < 1%
- Total # of Fatalities: 0
- Fatality Rate per Vehicle Revenue Miles:0
- Total # of Injuries: 3
- Injury Rate per Vehicle Revenue Miles\*: < 1%
- System Reliability: 6,577
- Injuries per 100,000 miles: .075

<sup>\*(</sup>Based on 2021 VRM of 643,458)

#### AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) monitors and sets National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for several transportation-related pollutants. The agency is responsible for determining whether each county in the United States is in attainment or non-attainment for each of those pollutants. Currently in Ohio, the pollutants include nitrogen oxide (NOx), volatile organic compounds (VOC) and particulate matter 2.5 micrometers or smaller in size (PM<sup>2.5</sup>). It is possible that a county was once in non-attainment for a particular pollutant but then achieved levels that brought it back into attainment. These are referred to as maintenance areas.

If any county within an MPO region is designated as a non-attainment or maintenance area for one or more of these criteria pollutants, an air quality conformity analysis of the projects programmed in the TIP must be performed. This analysis ensures that the region's projects will have either a neutral impact on, or lead to a reduction in, the region's pollutant levels.

According to the US EPA's "Green Book," there are no counties within the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission region designated as "non-attainment" or "maintenance" areas for one of the criteria pollutants. Therefore, an air quality conformity analysis is not required.

The US EPA designated Allen County Ohio as Maintenance Area pursuant to the 1997 8-Hour National Ambient Air Standard (NAAQS) effective July 20, 2013. The US EPA subsequently revoked the 1997 8-Hour NAAQS on April 6, 2015. These US EPA actions initially determined that the LACRPC Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program were no longer required to demonstrate "transportation conformity" to Ohio EPA's State Implementation Plan (SIP) describing how Allen County would continue to meet - maintain - the 1997 8-Hour NAAQS.

On February 16, 2018 the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued a decision, in the *South Coast Air Quality Management District v. EPA* case.<sup>[2]</sup> This case challenged portions of US EPA's 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS revocation. The Court ruling upheld US EPA's 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS revocation, but stated that transportation conformity continues to apply to 1997 Ozone Standard Maintenance Areas, such as Allen County. These areas are also now being referenced as 1997 Ozone Standard "Orphan" Areas.

Responding to the Court ruling, US EPA and US DOT issued guidance directing Orphan 1997 Ozone Areas to make qualitative air quality Transportation Plan and TIP conformity determinations pursuant to the transportation conformity criteria embodied in 40 CFR 93.109. The LACRPC is accordingly making a 2045 Transportation Plan and FY 2024-2027 TIP qualitative transportation air quality conformity determination, as follows:

[2] https://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPDF.cgi?Dockey=P100VQME.pdf

<sup>[1]</sup> https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/gbcty.html

- Latest Planning Assumptions.<sup>[3]</sup> The LACRPC maintains current travel demand model socio-economic variables and both highway/transit networks used to develop the MPOs' Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs. The LACRPC and ODOT have reviewed and agreed that the following model network years are on file for AQ analysis: 2018, 2020, 2030 and 2040.
- Latest Emission Model. The MPO is served by a newly updated travel demand model, that combined with the latest planning assumptions, is used to generate emissions in Allen County. The new travel demand model was validated in 2017. The 2018, 2020, 2030 and 2040 roadway networks/operating conditions were established for the MTP conformity analysis, and reflect the phased implementation of the 2045 Transportation Plan. The conformity analysis used for the TIP and the 2045 Transportation Plan employed the US EPA's MOVES3 emissions software. Should a future quantitative emission analyses be needed, the MPOs and ODOT will submit to its use.
- Conformity Process Schedule. The LACRPC has developed an extensive public involvement process. The MPO began to develop the FY 2024-2027 TIP early summer of 2022. The MPO began the formal public involvement process of the TIP in September 2022. To support full transparency the MPO released thru both electronic and print media a DRAFT TIP that integrated information relevant to air quality and the conformity analysis/determination across a broad distribution list of MPO and ACRTA stakeholders. Thereafter, the MPO conducted a public review of its FY 2024-2027 TIP inclusive of the 1997 Ozone Standard "Orphan" area conformity determination information. The MPO and ODOT scheduled a joint Open House to review the TIP and Conformity Analysis on March 15, 2023. The formal public involvement period closed on March 31, 2023; MPO Policy Board approval on the FY 2024-2027 TIP & Conformity Determination Resolution is dated April 20, 2023.
- Consultation Requirements. ODOT and the LACRPC requested Ohio's Transportation Conformity Interagency Consultation Partners review the relevant information and provide written concurrence and/or comments so that the documentation herein meets the requirements for advancing qualitative 1997 Ozone Standard "Orphan" Area Transportation Plan and FY 2024-2027 TIP conformity determinations. For further insights regarding interagency consultation and documentation from the various stakeholders please see Appendix A of this document.

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<sup>[3] 40</sup> CFR 93.110.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ANALYSIS**

Environmental Justice (EJ) requirements were established by Executive Order 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations". EJ requires all federally funded agencies, including Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission, to identify and address disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their actions on minority and low-income populations, to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law. Agencies must also develop strategies to address any disproportionate and adverse impacts that are brought to light.

There are three fundamental environmental justice principles:

- 1. Avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
- 2. Ensure the full and fair participation of all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process.
- 3. Prevent denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

As the MPO, the LACRPC is charged with the responsibility of assisting local communities understand how EJ requirements must be addressed in the transportation planning process. Currently, the MPO's have the responsibility of: (1) enhancing their technical capabilities in order to adequately address EJ requirements in their respective Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) and their Long Range Transportation Plan; (2) identifying residential, employment and transportation patterns of minority and low income populations so their needs can be considered and the benefits and burdens of federally funded transportation improvements can be fairly assessed and distributed; and, (3) improving the public involvement process to better integrate targeted populations in a meaningful way thru the decision making process.

The next section further discusses The Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commissions Environmental Justice Policy as it relates to the public involvement process.

#### Outreach/Inclusion

To ensure that the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission region's transportation disadvantaged populations have a voice in the planning process, Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission conducts the following outreach activities to engage the region's minority and low-income populations:

- Full public access to information and decisions
- Timely public notices
- Early and continuing public involvement in plan and services development
- Encourage a combination of different public involvement techniques designed to meet the diverse needs of the general public, examples might include: visualization techniques illustrating transportation plan and TIP development as well as electronic postings to the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission website.

#### **Environmental Justice Analysis**

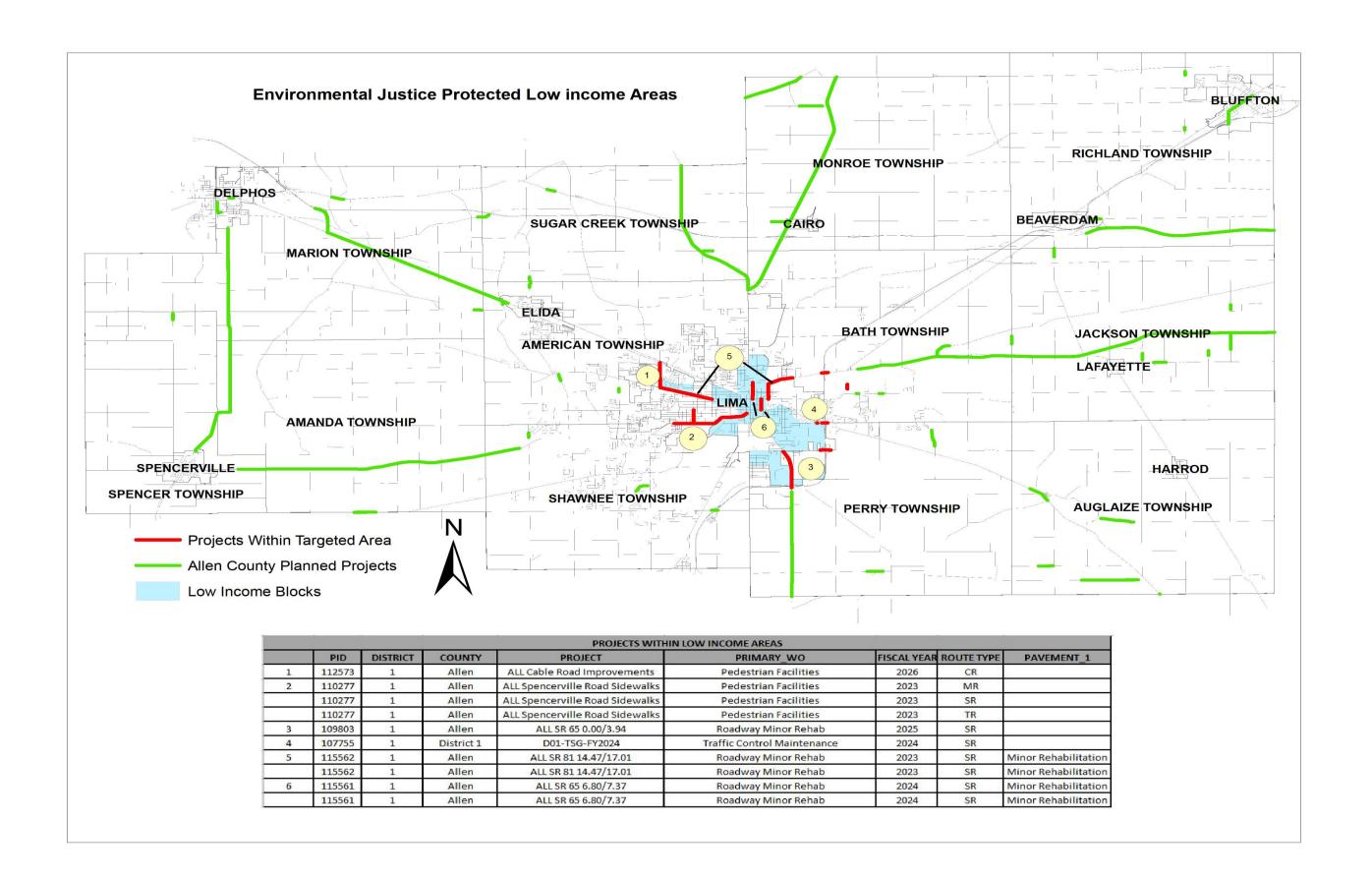
The following analysis demonstrates the anticipated impact of the projects programmed within the SFY 2024 - 2027 TIP on the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission region's

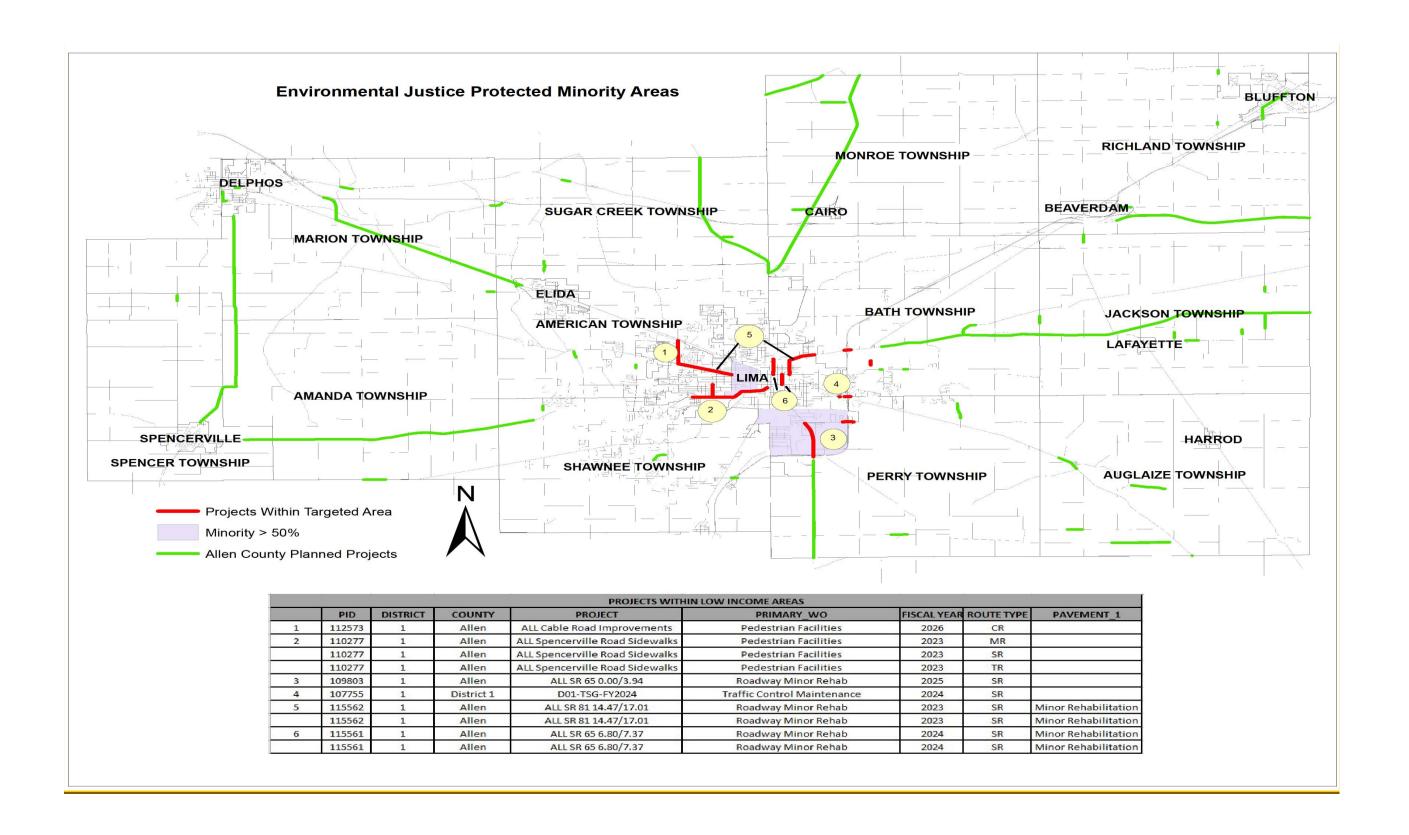
ALLEN COUNTY AND MPO REGION POF	PULATION*
Allen County	102,206
Amanda township	2,061
American township	12,615
Auglaize township	2,334
Bath township	9,399
Jackson township	2,737
Lima	35,579
Marion township	2,694
Monroe township	1,550
Perry township	3,382
Richland township	1,789
Shawnee township	12,482
Spencer township	869
Sugar Creek township	1,231
Beaverdam	319
Bluffton	3,763
Cairo	517
Delphos	3,935
Elida	1,923
Harrod	423
Lafayette	406
Spencerville	2,198

minority and low-income populations. Potential project impacts could vary from minor construction related delays and temporary right-of-way acquisitions closed streets/bridges right-of-way permanent acquisitions. Given the nature and location of many projects along both urban and rural corridors, especially the state routes, and their location in the more densely populated urban centers, project impacts will have varying effects on residents and the motoring public.

Allen County 2020 Population					
2020 Decennial Census					
Pop. 2020 PCT 2020					
White	79,691	77.97%			
Minority	18.83%				
Hispanic	3,272	3.20%			

RATIO OF INCOME TO POVERTY LEVEL AMONG INDIVIDUALS (2020)						
Poverty Level Number Percent						
Below 50% of Poverty Level	5,846	5.9%				
50% to 99% of Poverty Level	6,856	7.0%				
100% to 149% of Poverty Level	9,481	9.6%				
150% to 199% of Poverty Level	10,202	10.3%				
200% of Poverty Level or More 66,207 67.2%						
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#### TITLE VI AND ADA COMPLIANCE

#### Title VI

Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission acknowledges the importance of ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to be involved in the region's transportation planning process, regardless of their background or abilities. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states that "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance". As a recipient of federal funding and as required by Title VI, Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission has adopted the following non-discrimination policy:

"It is the policy of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age disability, low-income status or limited English proficiency be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any Commission-sponsored program or activity."

The Commission further assures that every effort will be made to ensure non-discrimination in all its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not. If the Commission distributes federal aid funds to another entity, the Commission will work to include Title VI language in all written agreements and will monitor for compliance as Title VI compliance is a condition of the receipt of federal funds. The Commission's Executive Director and Title VI Coordinator are authorized to ensure compliance with provisions of this policy and with the law, including the requirements of <a href="Ittle 23 Code of Federal Regulations"><u>Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations</u></a> (CFR) Part 200 and Title 49 CFR Part 21."

Any person who believes that he or she has been excluded from participation in or has been denied the benefits or services of any program administered by Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission, on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, or income status may file a complaint of discrimination under Title VI, other non-discrimination statutes, and executive orders. A complaint may be filed directly with Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Please contact Brandon Casler at (419) 228-1836 or <a href="mailto:finance@lacrpc.com">finance@lacrpc.com</a> to file a complaint or if you have any questions. You may also refer to the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission TITLE VI & NONDISCRIMINATION PLAN <a href="mailto:Title-VI-complete.pdf">Title-VI-complete.pdf</a> (lacrpc.com) for additional information and any related forms and procedures.

Throughout the SFY 2024 - 2027 planning process, Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission engaged in several outreach measures to ensure that the various Title VI communities had the opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process. These outreach measures included:

- Scheduling meetings at times and locations that are convenient and accessible for minority, low-income, and LEP communities.
- Employing different meeting sizes and formats.

- Coordinating with community and faith-based organizations; educational institutions; and, other organizations to implement public engagement strategies that reach members of impacted minority, low-income, and LEP communities.
- Considering radio, television, or newspaper ads on stations and in publications that serve typically underserved communities. Outreach to these populations could also include audio programming available on podcasts.
- Providing opportunities for public participation through means other than written communication, such as personal interviews or use of audio or video recording devices to capture oral comments.

The Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission embraces diversity and inclusivity and provides an environment of non-discrimination. The SFY 2024 - 2027 TIP planning process was conducted with these important considerations in mind and is compliant with all Title VI regulations and requirements.

#### ADA

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination based on disability and requires all public agencies to provide safe, equal access to their programs, activities and facilities. Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission values the input of all the region's residents into the transportation planning process, and took the following measures to ensure that everyone, regardless of their abilities, could access and engage in the SFY 2024 - 2027 TIP planning process:

- Openly engaged disadvantaged populations using various outreach efforts, including focus groups, neighborhood meetings, open houses, placards, public meetings, county fair, newsletters, newspapers, electronic media outlets and/or the internet as necessary.
- Proposed projects are identified along with their impacts during meetings held in offices/centers within the minority community; such meetings are sponsored by local social service providers and/or neighborhood groups and held in ADA accessible buildings located on the Transit Authority's fixed-route system.
- For residents without access to fixed-route services, the Transit Authority provides free transportation services to those interested in attending such events.

Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission carefully considered the needs of all of our region's residents throughout the SFY 2024 - 2027 TIP planning process, meeting or exceeding all ADA requirements.

#### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

As the primary near-term project implementation document for the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission region, it is imperative that all the region's stakeholders have the opportunity to engage in and provide their input into the TIP development process. As required by federal regulation (23 CFR 450.316), Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission has adopted the LACRPC "Public Participation Plan, Keeping The Public Engaged", the agency's official public participation plan. This document details the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission public involvement process for all its principal duties, including the development of the TIP document, which was developed in a manner consistent with the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission public participation plan. Keeping The Public Engaged may be accessed at the following link...https://www.lacrpc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/PPP-2021-1.pdf

#### **Public Comment Period**

The draft TIP document is developed and presented to the public for a 21-day public comment period. The following is a summary of the SFY 2024- 2027 TIP public comment period:

- The LACRPC 21- day Public Comment period dates: March 9<sup>th</sup> 2023- March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023
- The open house took place at the LACRPC offices located at 130 W North St Lima, OH 45801 between the hours of 2 pm 6 pm.
- Announcements regarding the public comment period and the open house were announced via stakeholder meetings, the LACRPC website, LACRPC newsletter, and social media page, as well as press releases made to the local news outlets (WLIO) and newspapers (THE LIMA NEWS)
- During the March 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 open house, stakeholders were presented with visualization tools such as maps, aerial photographs, and illustrations.
- In addition to holding a public open house, LACRPC representatives attended public meetings held by the various municipalities under the MPO jurisdiction including; Jackson township, Auglaize Township, The City of Delphos, The Village of Cairo,

#### PREVIOUS TIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Metropolitan Planning Regulations require the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of each metropolitan area to facilitate integrated management and operation of transportation systems and facilities that function as an intermodal transportation system for the metropolitan planning area as well as an integral part of the transportation system for the State and the nation.

The maintenance of the current 2021-2024 TIP is an ongoing responsibility of the MPO. Recognizing that only FY 2021 and FY 2022 have run their course, the following tables reflect the status of those projects that fall under those fiscal years.

LACRPC did not discover any delays in the projects that were implemented in the previous TIP cycle. Projects from the last TIP CYCLE have not been reprioritized and remain as previously scheduled.

	ALLEN COUNTY DISTRICT 1 Highway Projects Sold or Obligated 2021-2022									
PID	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION/TERMINI	TYPE OF WORK	STATUS	END CONSTRUCTION DATE	FINAL INSPECTION REPORT	CLOSED BY/ DATE			
88830	ALL US 30 1.13	FROM JCT. FIFTH STREET/LINCOLN HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE TO STRUCTURE NUMBER ALL-30-1328	Roadway Minor Rehab	Sold		11/16/2022				
94234	VAN/PUT/ALL US 30 21.18	From just east of CR185 intersection in Van Wert County to the CR88 intersection in Allen County.	Roadway Minor Rehab	Sold	4/20/2022	11/23/2021	PROJECT OWNER 12/29/2022			
94251	ALL US 30 13.30,	Begin at the forward end of the RR bridge at log 13.28 and end at the concrete pavement east of the Napoleon Road bridges.	Roadway Minor Rehab	Sold	10/31/2022	11/16/2022				
101005	D01 PM FY21	Upgrade existing painted pavement markings. Various routes throughout District One	Traffic Control (Safety)	Sold	9/27/2021	10/19/2021	PROJECT OWNER 5/25/2022			
101006	D01 RPM FY21	Various routes throughout District One	Traffic Control Maintenance	Sold						
101196	D01 BM FY21	Perform miscellaneous bridge maintenance activities on various structures. Various structures throughout District One	Bridge Preservation	Sold	11/4/2021	10/7/2021	PROJECT OWNER 06/15/2022 CENTRAL OFFICE 12/22/2022			
101979	ALL CR VAR GR FY21	Install new and upgrade existing guardrail at various locations on county roads in Allen County.	Roadside/Median Improvement (Safety)	Sold	4/27/2021		PROJECT OWNER 07/21/2021 CENTRAL OFFICE 10/17/2022			
102814	D01 BM FY22	Perform miscellaneous bridge maintenance activities on various structures. Various structures throughout District One.	Bridge Preservation	Sold						
102856	D01 PM FY22	Upgrade existing painted pavement markings. Various structures throughout District One.	Traffic Control (Safety)	Sold	11/3/2022	11/17/2022				
102857	D01 RPM FY22	Replace raised pavement marker castings and/or lenses. Various structures throughout District One.	Traffic Control Maintenance	Sold	12/6/2021	12/7/2021	PROJECT OWNER 04/26/2022			
103427	D01 HS FY21	Offroad and R/W fence herbicidal spraying for 4-lane and 2-lane sections in the district. Various structures throughout District One.	Vegetative Maintenance	Sold	5/28/2021	6/1/2021	PROJECT OWNER 09/14/2021			
103428	D01 HS FY22	D01 HS FY22  R/W fence herbicidal spraying along 4-lane and 2-lane sections in the district. Various structures throughout District One.		Sold	10/13/2022	10/20/2022				
105688	D01 RPM FY23	Replace raised pavement marker castings and/or lenses. Various structures throughout District One.	Traffic Control Maintenance	Sold						
105711	D01 Lighting Upgrade FY2021	Perform miscellaneous lighting upgrades. Throughout District One	Lighting (Safety)	Sold						
107637	ALL SR 66/117 0.00/0.00/17.11	Resurfacing with asphalt concrete. On SR66 and SR117 in Allen County.	Roadway Minor Rehab	Sold	10/6/2022	8/30/2022				
107676	HAN/ALL/HAR US 224/SR235/309 VAR	Resurface with Asphalt Concrete on US 224 in Hancock County. Construct centerline rumble stipes on SR 309 from Perry Chapel Road in Allen County to the RR underpass west of Kenton in Hardin county. On US224 in Hancock County and on SR 309 in Allen and Hardin counties	Roadway Minor Rehab	Sold	8/16/2022	8/9/2022				
107699	HAN/ALL US 224/SR 103 5.25/1.79	Resurfacing with asphalt concrete from SR 235 to the west corp limit of Findlay. Approximately 850 feet of the roadway profile will be raised roughly 2 feet near the CR 223 intersection. Resurfacing on SR 103 in Bluffton from the RR west of Huber St. to the Hancock County Line on US224 in Hancock County	Roadway Minor Rehab	Sold	7/22/2021	7/28/2021	PROJECT OWNER 02/01/2022			
107748	ALL SR 81/117/309 Signals	Various locations in Allen and Defiance Counties	Traffic Control Maintenance	Sold						
107762	ALL CR VAR GR FY23	Install new and upgrade existing guardrail at various locations on county roads in Allen County. Various locations in Allen County	Roadside/Median Improvement (Safety)	Sold						
107845	D01 CR FY22	Perform miscellaneous culvert maintenance activities on various structures. Various culverts throughout District One.	Culvert Preservation	Sold	9/19/2022	9/29/2022				
107806	D01 Erosion Repair FY23	DISTRICT WIDE REPAIR	Geologic Maintenance / Slide Repair	Sold						
108373	ALL/VAN SR 66/190 12.02/0.00/0.0	Resurface with asphalt concrete. Also includes upgrade curb ramps, adjust catch basins/manholes/water valves and install bike friendly storm grates. On SR66 and SR190 in the City of Delphos.	Roadway Minor Rehab	Sold	12/13/2022	8/4/2022				
108503	ALL CR 84 6.49 (State Road)	Replace existing bridge with a new structure. Project is part of Federal/State Exchange program. State Road over the Auglaize River	Bridge Preservation	Sold						
108975	ALL Beaverdam Lighting	Decorative lighting along Old Lincoln Highway (Main Street). The purpose of the project is to vastly improve the safety and lighting conditions for pedestrian traffic along historic "Old Lincoln Highway"/Main Street and improve the overall aesthetics and present a welcoming environment. On Main Street in the Village of Beaverdam from the Norfolk Southern RR to Church Street	Lighting (Safety)	Sold	4/1/2022	4/8/2022	PROJECT OWNER 10/14/2022			

110277	ALL Spencerville Road Sidewalks	Along Spencerville Road from Cable Road to Pierce Street in the City of Lima.	Pedestrian Facilities	Sold			
110428	ALL SR 309 18.19/22.33	Project consists of converting existing two-way stop-controlled intersections to single lane roundabout intersections. The intersections are SR 309 at Thayer Road and SR 309 at Napoleon Road. The work consists of installing curb and gutter, drainage, traffic control and lighting at both intersections. This project will have two parts. Part 1 will be ALL SR 309 18.19/23.33 (Intersection improvement) and ALL-309-19.31/20.03/23.02; PID 105570 (Culvert replacement project) will be Part 2.	Intersection Improvement (Safety)	Sold			
110706	ALL/HAN/WYA SR 103/117/53 VAR.	Resurface with asphalt concrete On SR 103 in the Village of Bluffton, on SR 117 in Allen County, and on SR 53 in Wyandot County	Roadway/Minor Rehab	Sold			
112673	Lighting Optimization W Ohio	Various locations in Districts 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8	Preliminary Development Tasks	Sold			PROJECT OWNER 01/01/2024
111375	ALL US 30 16.19	Construct an RCUT at the Thayer Road intersection with US30.  Project will also construct cul-de-sacs at the Mayberry Road and Cool  Road intersections with US 30.	Intersection Improvement (Safety)	Sold	6/22/2022	5/19/2022	
111631	ALL Main Street/Market Street	Construct a roundabout at the intersection of Main Street and Market Street in the City of Lima. Intersection of Main Street and Market Street in the City of Lima	Intersection Improvement (Safety)	Sold			
111638	D01 GR FY2021	Repair or replace guardrail sections and/or posts as needed on various routes. Replace Type A anchor assemblies on NHS Routes.  Various routes and sections throughout District One.	Roadside / Median Improvement (Safety)	Sold	3/1/2022	11/23/2022	PROJECT OWNER 12/12/2022
113157	ALL Health Edu Corr Enhancements	The city of Lima will make street traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements to the Health Education Corridor (Bellefontaine and Market Streets from I-75 west to North Jameson Ave.	Traffic Control (Safety)	Sold	12/10/2021		PROJECT OWNER 12/12/2022
114150	ALL-CR-152 Shawnee Rd Roundabout	Intersection improvement to increase safety and improve operation.  Signing and pavement marking improvements  At the Shawnee Road roundabout	Intersection Improvement (Safety)	Sold	7/14/2022	7/12/2022	PROJECT OWNER 12/05/2022
114300	ALL IR 75 1.00/2.94/4.60	Apply micro surfacing to improve friction along 3 curves between the Auglaize County line and the Fourth Street interchange.	Pavement Treatments (Safety)	Sold	10/13/2021	9/9/2021	PROJECT OWNER 06/02/2022 CENTRAL OFFICE 12/02/2022
114446	ALL US 30 14.93	Replace outside beam and a portion of the deck that got removed by Type A emergency and heat straighten the second beam where it was damaged. Slabtown Road bridge over US 30	Bridge / Culvert Maintenance	Sold	8/9/2021	8/24/2021	PROJECT OWNER 10/13/2022
115562	ALL SR 81 14.47/17.01	SR 81 from Allentown Rd to Jameson Ave and from North Street to Sugar St in the City of Lima	Roadway Minor Rehab	Sold			

		ACTIVE PROJECTS FROM THE 2021-2024 TIP			
PID	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION/TERMINI	TYPE OF WORK	STATUS	CLOSED BY/ DATE
101082	D01 UBI FY21	Various structures throughout District One	Studies / Tasks	ACTIVE	PROJECT OWNER 09/10/2021 CENTRAL OFFICE 04/12/2022
102859	D01 SIGN FY24	Various routes throughout District One	Safety	ACTIVE	
103436	D01 GR FY2024	Various routes and sections throughout District One.	Safety	ACTIVE	
105331	ALL LACRPC FY 21 Reg Trans Ping	Statewide / Regional Planning	Studies / Tasks	ACTIVE	PROJECT OWNER 01/10/2023
105570	ALL SR 309 19.31/20.03/23.02	Between SLM19.31 and 23.02	Preservation	ACTIVE	PROJECT OWNER 06/22/2022 CENTRAL OFFICE 07/26/2022
107846	ALL/WYA US 30 Lining FY22	Various culverts on US 30 in Allen & Wyandot Counties.	Preservation	ACTIVE	
107847	ALL/HAN/WYA US 30 Lining FY24	Various culverts throughout District One.	Preservation	ACTIVE	
107874	ALL/HAN US 30 19.02/0.00	US30 in Allen and Hancock counties. I-75 at SR 12 and SR 613 in Hancock County.	Preservation	ACTIVE	
108324	ALL Randall Bearings, Inc.	ALL- Randall Bearings, Inc.	Preservation	ACTIVE	PROJECT OWNER 2/10/2022
108667	FACD01 ALL Building Demolition	Old ODOT site on Northwest Street Road	Facilities / Properties	ACTIVE	
109807	PUT/ALL SR 12/115/613 0.00/Var	On SR 12 from SR 115 to the Hancock County line; On SR 115 in Kalida; On SR 613 in Leipsic and McComb		ACTIVE	
110929	ALL Buckeye Road Improvements	Ft. Amanda, Buckeye and McClain roads in Allen County Safety		ACTIVE	PROJECT OWNER 06/21/2022
111498	ALL SR 115 1.11	Along SR 115 in Allen County approximately 1.11 miles from SR 65	Maintenance	ACTIVE	
113245	ALL SR 115 0.45	Located 0.45 miles north of the SR 65 intersection.	Preservation	ACTIVE	
113963	D01 CR FY21	Various culverts throughout District One.	Preservation	ACTIVE	
114068	CRISI CFE Linking Lima	CFE Linking Lima	Rail	ACTIVE	
114107	ALL SR 309 6.33	Intersection of Greenlawn & Kiracoff (SR 309) in the Village of Elida	Safety	ACTIVE	CENTRAL OFFICE 05/19/2022
114121	ALL W Fourth St CSX	ALL West Fourth Street, City of Lima, at the CSX grade crossing DOT #155665A	Rail	ACTIVE	
115085	ALL US 30 Bridge Repair	US 30 ramps over US 30 and Swaney Rd over US 30. Both locations in Allen County	Preservation	ACTIVE	
115165	ALL SR 117/501 Safety Study	SR 117 and SR 501 intersection in Allen County	Studies / Tasks	ACTIVE	
115233	ALL Amanda Township Sign Grant	ALL Amanda Township	Safety	ACTIVE	CENTRAL OFFICE 10/14/2022
115561	ALL SR 65 6.80/7.37	SR 65 from Elm St to North St and from North St to Grand Ave the City of Lima	Preservation	ACTIVE	
115648	ALL/HAN/VAN SR 696/235/116	HAN-SR 235- (24.78-25.05), VAN-SR 116-(16.86-17.25), ALL-SR 696-(6.60-6.80)	Safety	ACTIVE	
115726	ALL Ottawa Park 2021	Allen County Park District-Ottawa Park	Facilities / Properties	ACTIVE	PROJECT OWNER 11/30/2021
115921	ALL West Street Bridge	West Street over the Ottawa River in the City of Lima	Preservation	ACTIVE	
116073	ALL CR 230 N Phillips Rd CFE	ALL CR 230 N Phillips Rd, near Village of Lafayette, at the Chicago Fort Wayne & Eastern Railroad grade crossing DOT # 532691E	Rail	ACTIVE	

116121	ALL N Cable Rd CFE	ALL N Cable Rd, in the City of Lima, at the Chicago Fort Wayne & Eastern Railroad grade crossing DOT # 532720M	Rail	ACTIVE	
116507	ALL SR 309 0.00	From US 30 to the WCL of Elida	Preservation	ACTIVE	
116575	116575 ALL N. Elizabeth St Improvements Improvements starting at W. North Street and moving south about		Preservation	ACTIVE	
116983	ALL Monroe Twp Sign Grant	All Monroe Twp	Safety	ACTIVE	
117179	ALL P&G Project Cardinal	P&G's Lima, Ohio facility	Rail	ACTIVE	
117282	ALL SR 81 22.23 Safety Study	ALL-SR81-22.23	Studies / Tasks	ACTIVE	
117340	ALL TR 32 0.30 Purdy Road	Purdy Road over Jenning Creek	Preservation	ACTIVE	
117343	ALL TR 221 2.16 Fisher Road	Fisher Road over the Ottawa River	Other Modes	ACTIVE	
117742	ALL SR 81 22.23	Intersection of SR 81 and Thayer Road	Safety	ACTIVE	
117792	ALL SR 117 10.776	Intersection of SR 117 and SR 501	Safety	ACTIVE	
117918	AUG/ALL-I-75-E-NEVI	AUG I-75-E 111-127	Facilities / Properties	ACTIVE	
117919	ALL-I-75-F-NEVI	ALL-HAN 135-142	Facilities / Properties	ACTIVE	
105331	ALL LACRPC FY 21 Reg Trans Plng	0	Studies / Tasks	ACTIVE	
108644	ALL SR 66 11.22	SR66: From the Bridge over Flat Fork Creek to the CSX RR. Cleveland Ave: From the Canal to the bridge over Flat Fork Creek.	Preservation	ACTIVE	
109435	ALL SR 117 23.83	Westminister Ohio	Preservation	ACTIVE	
110312	ALL LACRPC FY 22 Reg Trans Plng	0	Studies / Tasks	ACTIVE	
110313	ALL LACRPC FY 23 Reg Trans Plng	0	Studies / Tasks	ACTIVE	
111220	HAN SR 103 0.00	In the Village of Bluffton along SR 103 to Commerce Lane then north on Commerce Lane to the Lions Way Trail	Pedestrian / Bicycle	ACTIVE	
112378	ALL LACRPC FY 24 Reg Trans Plng	0	Studies / Tasks	ACTIVE	
113503	ALL SRTS Delphos	In the City of Delphos at Delphos Franklin Elementary School and Delphos  Jefferson Middle School.	Pedestrian / Bicycle	ACTIVE	
107770	D01 RPM FY24	Various routes throughout District One	Maintenance	ACTIVE	
105687	D01 PM FY23	Various routes throughout District One	Safety	ACTIVE	
107755	ALL/DEF/HAN SR 117/Var Signals	Located in Allen, Defiance and Hancock Counties	Maintenance	ACTIVE	
107768	D01 BM FY24	Various structures throughout District One.	Preservation	ACTIVE	

#### **PROJECTS**

This chapter provides an overview of the project listings in the SFY 2024 - 2027 TIP.

## Section 1: Individual Project Lists

This section provides the project lists of the individual highway and transit projects scheduled for some phase of implementation during the SFY 2024-2027 TIP period. These projects have been planned and selected in accordance with the ODOT project selection process of the associated program.

All the projects detailed in this section are consistent with the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission long-range transportation plan, 2024-2027 TIP PROJECT ANALYSIS. The goal of the LACRPC LRTP is to develop the infrastructure necessary to create regional economic opportunities, support the new economy and strengthen the community's ability to compete globally. This is achieved by targeting infrastructure investments that promote and sustain system level operational efficiencies, reliability, safety, and security, as well as preserves and protects both the natural and built environment, encourages the development of healthy, educated, sustainable and livable communities through equitable public investments.

The MPO's internal committee structure adopted a Transportation Project Selection Process (2005) to provide guidance on developing and integrating a prioritized list of projects within the TIP cycle inclusive of goals and policies, project impacts (e.g., economic, environmental, social), project costs, local fiscal commitment and project schedule/delivery dates. Project sponsors submit eligible projects from the Transportation Plan for consideration based on the merits of the project. The TIP process is a living document and will necessarily be modified periodically to better reflect area concerns and programming priorities. Project selection and inclusion within the TIP, however, is based on the following criteria: (1) the magnitude and urgency of the problem; (2) the amount of federal funds available to the local jurisdiction during the program period; and, (3) the availability of local dollars to match the federal grants.

There are 3 projects identified as Regionally Significant Projects (as highlighted in the table below), include a streetscape project that spans 5 blocks along Central Ave. within the City of Lima, and will contribute to the enhancement of The City of Lima's CBD.

A second regionally significant project at the intersection of Breese Rd and Shawnee Rd in Allen County will convert a 4-way, signalized intersection into a single lane roundabout. This project will enhance the safety and improve the traffic operations.

A third project located on Cable Rd along the frontage of The University of Northwestern Ohio, within the City of Lima will include the construction of raised medians, pedestrian islands, and sidewalks between Latham and College Park.

The following lists include all the individual highway and transit projects programmed for funding during the SFY 2024-2027 TIP cycle.

The LACRPC did not have any grouped, or unfunded projects for the 2024-2027 TIP cycle.

2024-2027 LACRPC TIP PROJECT LIST				PROJECT COST AND FUNDING							WORK TYPE	SPONSOR	AQ STATUS
YEAR	PID	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	COST	STP	CMAQ	CRP	SAFETY	OTHER				
2024	115561	Central Ave	City of Lima is sponsoring a "complete streets" project located in the City's CBD. The project spans 5 City blocks from Elm St. north to Wayne St. roughly 2,475 lf. Improvements call for the conversion of a 2-lane, 1-way street with parking on both sides to a 1-way, single lane street with reverse angle parking on 1 side and a bike lane on the other. ADA compliant sidewalks and energy efficient lighting upgrades are included.	\$4,400,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,100,000	\$484,000	\$500,000		со	Roadway Minor Rehab	City of Lima	ЕХЕМРТ
2024	118797	РСІ Арр	Allen County. The County Engineer is seeking financial assistance to update and maintain the county's Pavement Condition Index (PCI) on county and township roadways. The PCI allows county and township officials to assess pavement conditions and analyze specific treatments based on a cost-benefit analyses.	\$25,000	\$25,000				TRC	SP	Other/Studies Tasks	Allen County Engineer	EXEMPT
2024	112378	MPO Planning WP	\$200,000 in MPO STP monies to facilitate the MPO planning functions.	\$200,000	\$200,000				TRC	SP	Other/Studies Tasks	LACRPC	EXEMPT
2024	111220	Bluffton SR 103	Construct a shared use path along the south side of SR 103/Jefferson Street from County Line Rd until Wendy's. It will then cross the street and continue east on the north side of SR 103 along Commerce Lane, then turn north and connect to the Lions path.	\$1,530,000		\$60,000				со	Shared Use Path	Village of Bluffton	EXEMPT
				\$6,155,000	\$1,925,000	\$1,160,000	\$484,000	\$500,000					

2024-2027 LACRPC TIP PROJECT LIST				PROJECT COST AND FUNDING							WORK TYPE	SPONSOR	AQ STATUS
YEAR	PID	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	COST	STP	CMAQ	CRP	SAFETY	OTHER				
2025	118800	Napoleon Rd (Harrod)	Reconstruction of S. Napoleon Rd, S. Main St., N. Main St., W 1st St. and Napoleon Rd through the Village of Harrod with curbs gutters sidewalks and lighting upgrades	\$2,900,000	\$2,000,000	\$200,000			OPWC \$600,000 LOCAL \$100,000	СО	Roadway Minor rehab	Village of Harrod	EXEMPT
2025	118798	РСІ Арр	Allen County. The County Engineer is seeking financial assistance to update and maintain the county's Pavement Condition Index (PCI) on county and township roadways. The PCI allows county and township officials to assess pavement conditions and analyze specific treatments based on a cost-benefit analyses.	\$25,000	\$25,000				TRC	SP	Other/Studies Tasks	Allen County Engineer	EXEMPT
2025	118802	MPO Planning WP	\$200,000 in MPO STP monies to facilitate the MPO planning functions.	\$200,000	\$200,000				TRC	SP	Other/Studies Tasks	LACRPC	EXEMPT
2025	119131	City of Lima	The Regional Transit Authority is requesting funding to assist in the implementation of fixed stops. This will include the addition of ADA compliant sidewalks and signalization			\$350,000			LOCAL	со		Allen County Regional Transit Authority	EXEMPT
				\$3,125,000	\$2,225,000	\$550,000	\$0	\$0	\$700,000				

2024-2027 LACRPC TIP PROJECT LIST				PROJECT COST AND FUNDING							WORK TYPE	SPONSOR	AQ STATUS
YEAR	PID	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	COST	STP	CMAQ	CRP	SAFETY	OTHER				
2026	112573	Cable Rd	City of Lima project addresses the reconstruction of some 2,750 If of Cable Road fronting the University of Northwestern Ohio. The City Engineer is proposing a road diet, signal upgrades and the construction of raised medians/pedestrian islands and sidewalks on Cable Rd between Latham & College Park.	\$6,400,000	\$800,000	\$400,000	\$171,000	\$4,400,000	LOCAL	со	Pedestrian Facilities	LACRPC	ЕХЕМРТ
2026	118801	PCI App	The County Engineer is seeking financial assistance to update and maintain the county's Pavement Condition Index (PCI) on county and township roadways. The PCI allows county and township officials to assess pavement conditions and analyze specific treatments based on a cost-benefit analyses.	\$25,000	\$25,000				TRC	SP	Other/Studies Tasks	Allen County Engineer	EXEMPT
2026	118803	MPO Planning WP	\$200,000 in MPO STP monies to facilitate the MPO planning functions.	\$200,000	\$200,000				TRC	SP	Other/Studies Tasks	LACRPC	EXEMPT
2026	118817	RTA Rolling Stock	The Regional Transit Authority is requesting funding to assist in the replacement of a large transit vehicle beyond its useful life.	\$570,000		\$570,000			LOCAL	TR	Capital Replacement	Allen County Regional Transit Authority	EXEMPT
2026	118806	Napoleon Rd (Lafayette)	This 1 <sup>st</sup> phase, part of the larger project looks at reconstructing 1100 If High Street in the Village of Lafayette between Main and Jefferson Streets. Curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and drainage improvements to be addressed. Subsequent phasing thru the Village of Lafayette calls for the repaving on High St, Main St & Washington St thru the Village.	\$1,400,000	\$430,000	\$100,000			OPWC 770,000 LOCAL \$100,000	СО	Roadway Minor Rehab	Village of Lafayette	EXEMPT
				\$8,595,000	\$1,455,000	\$1,070,000	\$171,000	\$4,400,000	\$870,000				

		2024-2027 LA	CRPC TIP PROJECT LIST		PRO	DJECT COST A	AND FUNDI	NG		PHASE	WORK TYPE	SPONSOR	AQ STATUS
YEAR	PID	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	COST	STP	CMAQ	CRP	SAFETY	OTHER				
2027	116196	Thayer Rd	Allen County. The County Engineer will reconstruct Thayer Rd between SR 309 and Reservoir Rd approximately 5,280 If to 24' of pavement with 2' of stone shoulders, improve drainage and construct a new bridge over Lost Creek.	\$3,200,000	\$350,000				CEAO \$2,000,000	СО	Roadway Minor Rehab	Allen County Engineer	EXEMPT
2027	118884	Breese and Shawnee	The intersection improvement project is to improve safety and improve operation by converting the existing four-legged signalized intersection to a single-lane roundabout. The work would also consist of installing curb and gutter, drainage, traffic control and lighting.	\$3,000,000		\$2,300,000	\$164,000			со	Intersection Improvement (Safety)	LACRPC	ЕХЕМРТ
2027	119014	Breese Rd	Widen the pavement on Breese Road to 2 - 12' lanes with 2' berms and drainage improvements from just east of Delong Road to McClain Road for a distance of approximately 3,325 linear feet (0.63 mi).	\$1,500,000	\$800,000				LOCAL	со	Roadway Minor Rehab/Drainage System Maintenance	LACRPC	EXEMPT
2027	118807	PCI-App	The County Engineer is seeking financial assistance to update and maintain the county's Pavement Condition Index (PCI) on county and township roadways. The PCI allows county and township officials to assess pavement conditions and analyze specific treatments based on a cost-benefit analyses.	\$25,000	\$25,000				TRC	Planning	Other/Studies Tasks	Allen County Engineer	EXEMPT
2027	118804	MPO Planning WP	\$200,000 in MPO STP monies to facilitate the MPO planning functions.	\$200,000	\$200,000				TRC	Planning	Other/Studies Tasks	LACRPC	EXEMPT
2027	119131	City of Lima	The Regional Transit Authority is requesting funding to assist in the implementation of fixed stops along its high traffic fixed routes. This will include the addition of ADA compliant sidewalks and signalization.			\$350,000			LOCAL	СО		Allen County Regional Transit Authority	EXEMPT
				\$7,925,000	\$1,025,000	\$2,650,000	\$164,000						

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Each state is required under 49 U.S.C. 5304(g) to develop a statewide transportation improvement program (STIP) covering a period of at least four years. The STIP is a staged, multi-year, statewide intermodal program of transportation projects, consistent with the statewide transportation plan and planning processes as well as metropolitan plans, transportation improvement programs (TIPs), and planning processes. The STIP must be developed in cooperation with the metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), public transit providers, and any Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO) in the state, and must be compatible with the TIPs for the state's metropolitan areas.

Below are tables highlighting the individual Highway and Transit projects within the LACRPC region for the 2024-2027 STIP Project List:

PID	STIP Type (Group/ Individual)	Project Name	Project Termini	Project Description	Primary Work Category	Air Quality Indicator	Sponsoring Agency	State Fiscal Year	Phase	Total Project Cost
109435	Individual	ALL SR 117 23.83	Westminister Ohio	Project to resurface, add sidewalks, lighting and curb and gutter through Westminster.	Roadway Minor Rehab	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2024	RW	\$5,444,360

PID	STIP Type (Group/ Individual)	Project Name	Project Description	Primary Work Category	Sponsoring Agency	State Fiscal Year	Phase	Total Project Cost
111966	Individual	ACRTA Operating Assistance 2023	Operating Assistance	TRANSIT	ACRTA	2023	TRN	\$ 1,489,328.00
111971	Individual	ACRTA ADA Paratrans. and PM 2023	ADA Paratransit/Preventive Maintenance 2023	TRANSIT	ACRTA	2023	TRN	\$ 1,040,000.00
111972	Individual	ACRTA 2024-2027 Operating	Operating Assistance for SFY2024-2027	TRANSIT	ACRTA	2024	TRN	\$ 6,986,146.00
111974	Individual	ACRTA 2024-2027 ADA Service, PM	ADA Paratransit Service and Preventive Maintenance in SFY2024-2027	TRANSIT	ACRTA	2024	TRN	\$ 2,911,065.00
112335	Individual	ACRTA Facility Renov & Maint	Facility renovations and maintenance equipment	TRANSIT	ACRTA	2023	TRN	\$ 612,500.00
112576	Individual	ACRTA 5339 Bus & Bus Facilities	5339 funds for the Governor's Apportionment areas for bus & bus facility projects; SFY2023 OTP2 funds are state GRF	TRANSIT	ACRTA	2023	TRN	\$ 1,939,172.00
118591	Individual	ACRTA 2024-2027 Vehicles & Equip	Vehicles and equipment	TRANSIT	ACRTA	2025	TRN	\$ 5,275,000.00

#### **Section 2: Grouped Projects**

Grouped projects (formerly known as Statewide Line Items or SLIs) reflect categories of projects that are not considered to be of appropriate scale for individual identification in the TIP. Instead, these projects are grouped into categories by function, work type, and/or geographic area. Projects utilizing these groupings must be:

- Non-controversial in nature
- Have an air quality status of "Exempt"
- Have a negligible environmental impact
- Will not add capacity to the existing system
- Have a total project cost below \$30 million

The following tables present the SFY 2024 - 2027 STIP Highway and Transit Group Project List:

PID	STIP Type (Group/ Individual)	Project Name	Project Termini	Project Description	Primary Work Category	Air Quality Indicator	Sponsoring Agency	State Fiscal Year	Phase	Total Project Cost
102859	Group	D01 SIGN FY24	Various routes throughout District One	Replace existing roadway information signs (extrusheets) on various routes and sections throughout District One.	Traffic Control (Safety)	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2024	со	\$1,266,361
103436	Group	D01 GR FY2024	Various routes and sections throughout District One.	Repair or replace guardrail sections and/or posts as needed on various routes.	Roadside / Median Improvement (Safety)	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2024	со	\$1,577,037
107847	Group	ALL/HAN/WYA US 30 Lining FY24	Various culverts throughout District One.	Line various culverts on US 30 in Allen, Hancock, and Wyandot counties.	Culvert Preservation	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2024	со	\$1,050,253
107874	Group	ALL/HAN US 30 19.68/0.00	US30 in Allen and Hancock counties. I-75 at SR 12 and SR 613 in Hancock County.	Repair concrete pavement	Roadway Minor Rehab	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2024	со	\$5,026,214
109807	Group	PUT/ALL/HAN SR 12/115/613 0.00	On SR 12 from SR 115 to the Hancock county line; On SR 115 in Kalida; On SR 613 in Leipsic and McComb	Resurfacing	Roadway Minor Rehab	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2024	со	\$3,968,254
115921	Group	ALL West Street Bridge	West Street over the Ottawa River in the City of Lima	West Street Bridge Rehabilitation.	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	Lima, City of	2024	со	\$1,849,938
116507	Group	ALL SR 309 0.00	From US 30 to the WCL of Elida	Resurface with micro surfacing	Pavement Maintenance	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2024	со	\$928,395
116575	Group	ALL 7th Street Improvements	Improvements starting at N. Broadway St. moving east 423' to N. Elizabeth St.	Improvements to 7th Street to support industrial growth	Roadway Improvement (Jobs & Commerce)	Exempt	Spencerville, Village of	2024	со	\$216,789
107755	Group	D01-TSG-FY2024	Located in Allen, Defiance and Hancock Counties	Reconstruct and/or repair traffic signals at 4 locations in Allen, Defiance and Hancock Counties. Locations include:- SR 117 at SR 309 / Kibby / Leonard (Allen County)- SR 18 at SR 281 (Defiance)- SR 12 at County Road 9 (Hancock)- US 224 at County Road 14 0 (Hancock)	Traffic Control Maintenance	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2024	СО	\$915,500
107768	Group	D01 BM FY24	Various structures throughout District One.	Perform miscellaneous bridge maintenance activities on various structures.	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2024	СО	\$1,272,569
107770	Group	D01 RPM FY24	Various routes throughout District One	Replace raised pavement marker castings and/or lenses.	Traffic Control Maintenance	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2024	со	\$453,166

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107835	Group	ALL SR 117 3.47/4.64	SLM 3.47; 0.69 mi. East of SR 66	Replace structure at ALL-117-3.47 and culvert at SLM 4.64	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2025	со	\$530,867
109803	Group	ALL SR 65 0.00/3.94	Portions of SR 65 in Allen County and the City of Lima	Resurface with asphalt concrete.	Roadway Minor Rehab	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2025	со	\$1,177,278
109922	Group	ALL/HAN/WYA US 30 Lining FY25	Various culverts throughout District One.	Line various culverts on US 30 in Allen, Hancock, and Wyandot counties.	Culvert Preservation	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2025	СО	\$1,731,153
109923	Group	D01 PM FY25	Various routes throughout District One	Upgrade existing painted pavement markings.	Traffic Control (Safety)	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2025	со	\$1,800,000
113182	Group	D01 UBI FY25	Various structures throughout District One	Use a consultant to perform underwater bridge inspections.	Asset Inventory / Inspection	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2025	ОТН	\$100,000
117993	Group	ALL CR 142 5.36	Breese Road over Freund Creek	Replace existing bridge.	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	ALLEN COUNTY ENGINEER	2025	СО	\$1,078,560
119043	Group	D01 OL FY25	Various structures throughout District 1.	Overlay bridge decks on various structures throughout the district.	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2025	со	\$1,605,000
109907	Group	D01 BM FY25	Various structures throughout District One.	Perform miscellaneous bridge maintenance activities on various structures.	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2025	СО	\$1,100,000
109924	Group	D01 RPM FY25	Various routes throughout District One	Replace raised pavement marker castings and/or lenses.	Traffic Control Maintenance	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2025	СО	\$300,000

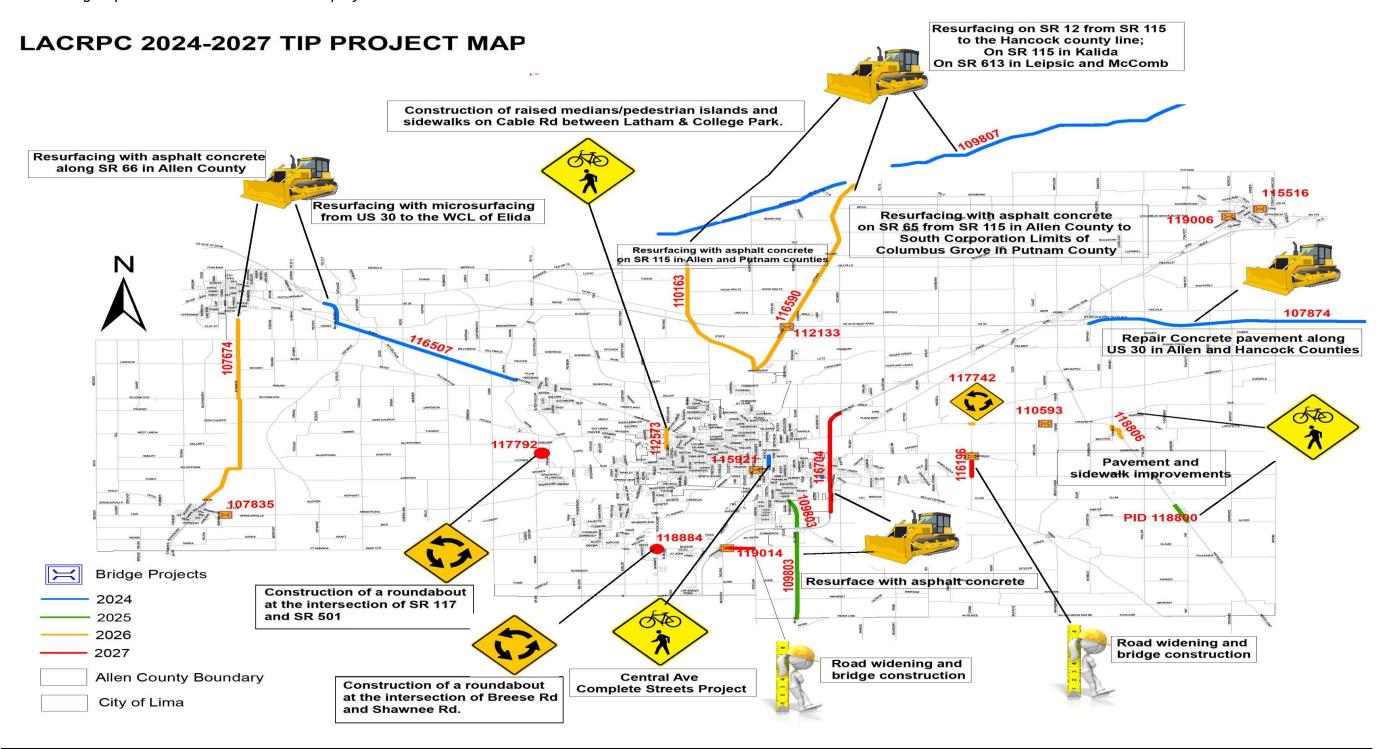
PID	STIP Type (Group/ Individual)	Project Name	Project Termini	Project Description	Primary Work Category	Air Quality Indicator	Sponsoring Agency	State Fiscal Year	Phase	Total Project Cost
107674	Group	ALL SR 66 2.38	On SR66 in Allen County.	Resurfacing with asphalt concrete.	Roadway Minor Rehab	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2026	СО	\$1,561,275
110593	Group	ALL SR 81 23.93	Approximately 1.26 miles W. from the Napoleon Rd Intersection	Bridge replacement on SR 81.	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2026	СО	\$457,549
112133	Group	ALL SR 65 13.25	SR 65 bridge over USR 30.	Bridge deck replacement. Replace approach slabs and repair back walls down to the beam seats. Convert to semi-integral abutments. Install new bridge terminal assemblies and transition into existing guardrail. Paint structural steel.	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2026	со	\$1,932,867
113055	Group	D01 PM FY26	Various routes throughout District One	Upgrade existing painted pavement markings.	Traffic Control (Safety)	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2026	СО	\$1,854,000
113181	Group	D01 GPR FY26	Various routes throughout District One	Hire a firm by way of Task Order Agreement to perform Ground Penetrating Radar inspection on various structures and pavements. 24-month agreement.	Other Studies/ Tasks	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2026	ОТН	\$200,000
113183	Group	D01 CR FY26	Various culverts throughout District One.	Perform miscellaneous culvert maintenance activities on various structures.	Culvert Preservation	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2026	СО	\$220,000
117742	Group	ALL SR 81 22.23	Intersection of SR 81 and Thayer Road	Construction of a roundabout at the intersection of SR 81 and Thayer Road	Intersection Improvement (Safety)	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2026	СО	\$2,222,668
119006	Group	ALL CR 176 4.92	Columbus Grove-Bluffton Road over the Little Riley Creek	Replace existing bridge with a new structure.	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	ALLEN COUNTY ENGINEER	2026	СО	\$1,333,220
119050	Group	D01 BP FY26	Various structures throughout District 1.	Perform bridge painting on various structures.	Bridge / Culvert Maintenance	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2026	СО	\$1,070,000
119052	Group	D01 OL FY26	Various structures throughout District 1.	Perform overlay treatment on various structures throughout the district.	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2026	СО	\$1,605,000
113057	Group	D01 RPM FY26	Various routes throughout District One	Replace raised pavement marker castings and/or lenses.	Traffic Control Maintenance	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2026	СО	\$312,000
113342	Group	D01 BM FY26	Various structures throughout District One.	Perform miscellaneous bridge maintenance activities on various structures.	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2026	СО	\$1,100,000

PID	STIP Type (Group/ Individual)	Project Name	Project Termini	Project Description	Primary Work Category	Air Quality Indicator	Sponsoring Agency	State Fiscal Year	Phase	Total Project Cost
110163	Group	ALL SR 115 0.00	On SR 115 in Allen and Putnam counties	Resurfacing with asphalt concrete	Roadway Minor Rehab	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2027	со	\$1,344,670
114995	Group	D01 PM FY27	Various routes throughout District One	Upgrade existing painted pavement markings.	Traffic Control (Safety)	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2027	со	\$1,800,000
115516	Group	ALL CR 270 6.41 Main St. Bridge	Main Street in Bluffton Ohio	Replace existing bridge with a new structure. Project is part of Federal/State Exchange program.	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	ALLEN COUNTY ENGINEER	2027	со	\$1,913,000
116590	Group	ALL/PUT SR 65 11.24/0.00	On SR 65 from SR 115 in Allen County to South Corporation Limits of Columbus Grove in Putnam County	Resurfacing with asphalt concrete	Roadway Minor Rehab	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2027	со	\$2,097,523
116704	Group	ALL IR 75 5.53	On IR 75 in Allen County	Resurface with asphalt concrete	Roadway Minor Rehab	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2027	СО	\$5,628,853
117792	Group	ALL SR 117 10.776	Intersection of SR 117 and SR 501	Construction of a roundabout at the intersection of SR-117 and SR-501	Intersection Improvement (Safety)	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2027	со	\$3,009,890
119054	Group	D01 OL FY27	Various structures throughout District 1.	Perform overlay treatment on various structures throughout the district.	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2027	со	\$1,605,000
114994	Group	D01 BM FY27	Various structures throughout District One.	Perform miscellaneous bridge maintenance activities on various structures.	Bridge Preservation	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2027	СО	\$550,000
114996	Group	D01 RPM FY27	Various routes throughout District One	Replace raised pavement marker castings and/or lenses.	Traffic Control Maintenance	Exempt	ODOT SPONSORING AGENCY	2027	со	\$300,000

PID	STIP Type (Group/ Individual)	Project Name	Project Description	Primary Work Category	Sponsoring Agency	State Fiscal Year	Phase	Total Project Cost
112518	Group	2023-5310-ODOT Administered	5310 Projects	TRANSIT	Marimor Industries Inc. 001	2023	TRN	\$ 7,284,959.00
112524	Group	CY2024-5310-ODOT Administered	Bus Rolling Stock	TRANSIT	Agencies in LACRPC Region (Planning)	2024	TRN	\$ 11,259,407.17
117699	Group	SFY2023 OTP2 State GRF Projects	Bus Support Equip / Facilities	TRANSIT	ACTRA	2023	TRN	\$ 4,400,491.00
117863	Group	State GRF SFY 2023 MM	Other Capital Items (Bus)	TRANSIT	Area Agency on Aging 3 001	2023	TRN	\$ 1,474,888.00
117967	Group	5310 CY 2023 MM	5310 Projects	TRANSIT	Area Agency on Aging 3 001	2023	TRN	\$ 976,913.00
118281	Group	CY2025-5310-ODOT Administered	Bus Rolling Stock	TRANSIT	Agencies in LACRPC Region (Planning)	2025	TRN	\$ 11,534,762.42
118283	Group	CY2026-5310-ODOT Administered	Bus Rolling Stock	TRANSIT	Agencies in LACRPC Region (Planning)	2026	TRN	\$ 11,821,765.99
118284	Group	CY2027-5310-ODOT Administered	Bus Rolling Stock	TRANSIT	Agencies in LACRPC Region (Planning)	2027	TRN	\$ 12,055,387.61

#### **Project Maps**

The following map illustrates the locations of the projects from the tables above.



PID	PROJECT NAME	YEAR			
109807	109807 PUT/ALL/HAN SR 12/115/613 0.00				
107874	ALL/HAN US 30 19.68/0.00	2024			
107755	D01-TSG-FY2024	2024			
115561	ALL SR 65 6.80/7.37	2024			
116507	ALL SR 309 0.00	2024			
109803	ALL SR 65 0.00/3.94	2025			
118800	ALL CR 222 4.386	2025			
110163	ALL SR 115 0.00	2026			
107674	ALL SR 66 2.38	2026			
116590	ALL/PUT SR 65 11.24/0.00	2026			
118806	ALL CR 222 8.429	2026			
117742	ALL SR 81 22.23	2026			
112573	All Cable Road Improvements	2026			
116704	ALL IR 75 5.53	2027			
116196	ALL CR 173 (Thayer Road)	2027			

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#### FISCAL CONSTRAINT ANALYSIS

For a project to be included in the TIP, per federal regulations, reasonable fiscal constraint must be maintained. Fiscal constraint is achieved by keeping estimated transportation improvements within reasonably anticipated budgets.

The FY 2024-2027 TIP is required to be fiscally constrained by year and identify only those projects that can be implemented using current revenue sources. The TIP must also demonstrate that the TIP and Financial Plan ensure that the existing transportation system is being adequately operated and maintained. The MPO is required to consider and include in the TIP all projects and strategies funded under title 23 U.S.C., and the Federal Transit Act, other Federal funds, local sources, State assistance, and private participation. In nonattainment and maintenance areas, projects included for the first two years of the current TIP shall be limited to those for which funds are available or committed. As per 40 CFR 93.108, fiscal constraint for transportation plans and TIPs must be fiscally constrained consistent with DOT's metropolitan planning regulations in order to be found in conformity.

The DRAFT TIP is predicated on a Financial Plan that was developed from ODOT approved estimates of reasonably expected and available funds over the FY 2024-2027 period. The MPO and local project sponsors recognize project costs transition thru programming, environmental, design and construction, and cognizant of fiscal constraint, developed reasonable revenue and project cost estimates using an ODOT approved methodology, assumptions and background information. The MPOs 2024-2027 TIP program of projects will be reflected within ODOTs Final STIP.

Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission affirms that its SFY 2024-2027 TIP meets all fiscal constraint requirements.

The tables below provide an overview of the estimated revenues and expenditures for the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission region for the SFY 2024-2027 TIP period.

**Sum of Highway STIP Estimates for LACRPC Region** 

LACRPC			2024		2025		2026		2027
AL01		Es	stimate	E	stimate	E	stimate	E	stimate
Federal Funds by	Pro	ogram							
Garvee Debt Service		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Discretionary / Earmark		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Emergency		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
FLAP		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Garvee / SIB		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Local Programs		\$	2,504,981	\$	957,600	\$	1,246,000	\$	2,000,000
Major Programs		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
MPO STBG		\$	1,925,000	\$	225,000	\$	655,000	\$	1,375,000
MPO CMAQ		\$	1,466,066	\$	-	\$	100,000	\$	2,464,000
MPO CRP		\$	484,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
MPO TA		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
MPO **CRRSAA		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
RTPO STBG		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
National Highway Freight		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Other		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Preservation		\$	8,429,916	\$	2,459,116	\$	4,978,880	\$	8,193,114
Rail		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Rec Trails		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Safety		\$	923,393	\$	864,474	\$	2,077,260	\$	2,812,981
Total Federal		\$	15,733,356	\$	4,506,190	\$	9,057,140	\$	16,845,095
Other Funds									
State		\$	7,531,967	\$	5,408,157	\$	4,644,720	\$	6,565,628
Local		\$	1,387,539	\$	237,576	\$	219,720	\$	1,733,450
Labor		\$	1,226,699	\$	411,788	\$	734,501	\$	681,565
Total Other		\$	10,146,204	\$	6,057,520	\$	5,598,941	\$	8,980,643
Total		\$	25,879,561	\$	10,563,711	\$	14,656,082	\$	25,825,738

<sup>\* 2024</sup> budget includes anticipated 2023 carry forward. Federal budgets are apportionment amounts assuming no inflation.

\*\* Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)

# **Summary of 2024-2027 Transit TIP Estimates for the LACRPC Region**

LACRPC		2024	2025			2026		2027
		Estimate		Estimate		Estimate		Estimate
ODOT Administered Fed	deral	Funds by Pi	rogi	ram				
5310 Small Urban/Rural (ODOT)	\$	1,176,129.38	\$	1,204,869.51	\$	1,234,308.23	\$	1,257,586.94
5310 Large Urban (ODOT)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
5311	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
5339 (ODOT)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Flex Transfer STBG (ODOT)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total Federal	\$	1,176,129.38	\$	1,204,869.51	\$	1,234,308.23	\$	1,257,586.94
Non-ODOT Administered	d Fed	eral Funds	by	Program				
5307	\$	1,491,646.20	\$	1,433,395.40	\$	3,476,396.20	\$	1,520,487.20
5310 (Non-ODOT)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
5337	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
5339 (Non-ODOT)	\$	190,066.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Flex Transfer CMAQ	\$	-	\$	-	\$	570,000.00	\$	-
Flex Transfer STBG	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Flex Transfer CRP	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total Federal	\$	1,681,712.20	\$	1,433,395.40	\$	4,046,396.20	\$	1,520,487.20
Other Funds								
Discretionary	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
State	\$	162,608.00	\$	162,608.00	\$	412,908.00	\$	162,608.00
Local	\$	1,280,576.14	\$	1,479,485.98	\$	1,696,645.86	\$	1,428,569.53
Labor	\$	-	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	-	\$	<u>-</u>
Total Other	\$	1,443,184.14	\$	1,642,093.98	\$	2,109,553.86	\$	1,591,177.53
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Total	\$	4,301,025.72	\$	4,280,358.89	\$	7,390,258.29	\$	4,369,251.67

### **Highway TIP Fiscal Constraint for LACRPC Region**

LACRPC	
AL01	

2023	
Carry	
<b>Forward</b>	

2024	2024	2024
Budget	Estimate	Balance

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2025	2025	2025
Budget	Estimate	Balance

2026	2026	2026
Budget	Estimate	Balance

2027	2027	2027
Budget	Estimate	Balance

MPO Total	\$ 3,298,386
MPO STBG	\$ 1,132,715
MPO CMAQ	\$ 1,845,635
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MPO CRP	\$ 320,036
MPO CRRSAA	\$ -

\$	\$	\$
2,713,060	3,875,066	2,136,380
\$	\$	\$
1,509,907	1,925,000	717,622
\$	\$	\$
1,013,706	1,466,066	1,393,275
\$	\$	\$
25,085	-	25,085
\$	\$	\$
164,362	484,000	398
\$	\$	\$
-	-	-

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2,769,842	225,000	4,681,222
\$	\$	\$
1,540,107	225,000	2,032,729
\$	\$	\$
1,033,981	-	2,427,256
\$	\$	\$
28,105	-	53,190
\$	\$	\$
167,649	-	168,047
\$	\$	\$
-	-	-

\$	\$	\$
2,827,760	755,000	6,753,982
\$	\$	\$
1,570,911	655,000	2,948,640
\$	\$	\$
1,054,662	100,000	3,381,918
\$	\$	\$
31,185	-	84,375
\$	\$	\$
171,002	-	339,049
\$	\$	\$
-	-	-

\$	\$	\$
2,827,760	3,839,000	5,742,742
\$	\$	\$
1,570,911	1,375,000	3,144,551
\$	\$	\$
1,054,662	2,464,000	1,972,580
\$	\$	\$
31,185	-	115,560
\$	\$	\$
171,002	-	510,051
\$	\$	\$
-	-	-

# **Transit TIP Fiscal Constraint for LACRPC Region**



5307

5310 (Non-ODOT)

5337 5339 (Non-ODOT)

Prior Years
Carry
<b>Forward</b>

\$ 1,336,742

2024	2024	2024
Budget	Estimate	Balance

\$		\$		\$	
1,337,996		1,491,646		1,183,092	
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
\$	-	\$		\$	-
\$	-	\$ 190,066		\$ (190,066)	

2025	2025	2025
Budget	Estimate	Balance

\$ 1 271 446	\$ 205	\$ (61,949)
1,371,446	1,433,395	(01,949)
\$	\$	\$
-	-	-
\$	\$	\$
-	-	-
\$	\$	\$
-	-	-

2026	2026	2026
Budget	Estimate	Balance

\$	\$	\$
1,405,732	3,476,396	(2,070,664)
\$	\$	\$
-	-	-
\$	\$	\$
-	-	-
\$	\$	\$
-	-	-

2027	2027	2027
Budget	Estimate	Balance

\$	\$	\$
1,433,847	1,520,487	(86,640)
\$	\$	\$
-	-	-
\$	\$	\$
-	-	-
\$	\$	\$
-	-	-

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#### MPO POLICY BOARD RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL

Following the completion of the public involvement process, the Transportation Coordinating Committee approved the SFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program through Resolution . A copy of the signed resolution is located below.

# RESOLUTION # ADOPTING THE SFY 2024-2027 LIMA/ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor for Allen County; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Coordinating Committee serves as the policy and decision-making body through which local governments conduct the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, federal and state directives provide for MPOs to develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), in cooperation with state and local officials; regional and local transit operators; port officials; grant recipients under sections of Title 49, U.S.C., and other affected transportation and regional planning and implementing agencies; and

WHEREAS the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission SFY 2024-2027 TIP records the transportation improvement projects, their scopes of work, funding sources, and funding amounts that will be implemented in the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission transportation program over the next four years; and

WHEREAS, the projects recorded in the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission SFY 2024-2027 TIP are consistent with the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission SFY 2024-2027 TIP is fiscally constrained; and

WHEREAS, the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission SFY 2024-2027 TIP was developed and reviewed consistent with Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission, Keeping the Public Engaged, has been reviewed and accepted by the Technical Advisory Committee and local community officials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. This Committee adopts the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission SFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.
- 2. This Committee approves submission of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission SFY 2024-2027 TIP to the Ohio Department of Transportation, for inclusion (by reference) in the Ohio 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.
- 3. The Public Involvement Process will be followed to address all changes to the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission SFY 2024-2027 TIP.

BY ACTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Name Tara Rupurus Bale

**Executive Director** 

Chairperson

**Transportation Coordination Committee** 

4-20-2023

Date

# RESOLUTION: OF SELF-CERTIFICATION OF METROPOLOTAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, The Lima- Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Allen County, by the Governor of the State of Ohio, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in cooperation with local elected officials for the Urbanized Area, and evidenced in the Agreement of Cooperation, between ODOT and LACRPC; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal regulations published as 23 CFR 450 requires LACRPC, as the MPO for the Allen County Urbanized Area, to annually self-certify through its Board of Directors (Transportation Coordination Committee) that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with the following requirements;

- I. 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
- II. In non-attainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (D) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 75041 7506(c) and (d) and 40 CFR part 93;
- III. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- IV. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- V. Section 110(b) of the MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
- VI. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of the equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- VII. The provisions of the Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- VIII. The Older American Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination based on age in the programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- IX. Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- X. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Transportation Coordination Committee of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission certifies that the Metropolitan Planning Organization's metropolitan planning process complies with the metropolitan planning requirements as set forth above.

BY ACTION OF the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission Transportation Coordinating Committee.

Beth Seibert, Chairperson

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Transportation Coordinating Committee

Executive Director

# Appendix A AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DOCUMENTATION

Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the 1997 ozone NAAQS

# Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

01/13/2023

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#### Acknowledgements

This *Transportation Conformity Report* for the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was prepared by the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission. Individuals from the following agencies were involved with Transportation Conformity Determination Report. They include:

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#### **Executive Summary**

As part of its transportation planning process, Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission, a US EPA designated 1997 Ozone Standard "Orphan" area, completed the transportation conformity process for the 2024 – 2027 TIP. In accordance to US DOT guidance 1997 Ozone Standard "Orphan" area, the conformity determination is based on a qualitative conformity demonstration.

Clean Air Act (CAA) section 176(c) (42 U.S.C. 7506(c)) requires that federally funded or approved highway and transit activities are consistent with ("conform to") the purpose of the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Conformity to the purpose of the SIP means that transportation activities will not cause or contribute to new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the relevant NAAQS or any interim milestones. 42 U.S.C. 7506(c)(1). EPA's transportation conformity rules establish the criteria and procedures for determining whether metropolitan transportation plans, transportation improvement programs (TIPs), and federally supported highway and transit projects conform to the SIP. 40 CFR

Parts 51.390 and 93. On February 16, 2018, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *South Coast Air Quality Mgmt. District v. EPA* ("South Coast II," 882 F.3d 1138) held that transportation conformity determinations must be made in areas that were either nonattainment or maintenance for the 1997 ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) and attainment for the

2008 ozone NAAQS when the 1997 ozone NAAQS was revoked. These conformity determinations are required in these areas after February 16, 2019. The **Allen County, Ohio** was **Maintenance** at the time of the 1997 ozone NAAQS revocation on April 6, 2015 and was also designated attainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS on May 21, 2012. Therefore, per the *South Coast II* decision, this conformity determination is being made for the 1997 ozone NAAQS on the MTP and TIP. This conformity determination was completed consistent with CAA requirements, existing associated regulations at 40 CFR Parts 51.390 and 93,

and the South Coast II decision, according to EPA's Transportation Conformity Guidance for the South Coast II Court Decision issued on November 29, 2018.

On February 16, 2018, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *South Coast Air Quality Mgmt. District v. EPA* ("South Coast II," 882 F.3d 1138) held that transportation conformity determinations must be made in areas that were either nonattainment or maintenance for the 1997 ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) and attainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS when the 1997 ozone NAAQS was revoked. These conformity determinations are required in these areas after February 16, 2019. The **Allen County, Ohio** was **Maintenance** at the time of the 1997 ozone NAAQS revocation on April 6, 2015 and was also designated attainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS on May 21, 2012. Therefore, per the *South Coast II* decision, this conformity determination is being made for the 1997 ozone NAAQS on the

MTP and TIP.

This report documents that the 2024-2027 TIP conformity determination was completed consistent with CAA Section 176(c) requirements, existing associated regulations at 40 CFR Parts 51.390 and 93, and the *South Coast II* decision, according to EPA's *Transportation Conformity Guidance for the South Coast II Court Decision* issued on November 29, 2018.

#### 1.0 Transportation Conformity Process

Transportation conformity is required under CAA Section 176(c) to ensure that Federally-supported transportation activities are consistent with the purpose of a State implementation plan (SIP) and improve air quality. Conformity is used by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for funding and approvals that are given to highway and transit activities that will not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing air quality, or delay timely attainment of the air quality standard or any interim milestone.

The US EPA designated Allen County Ohio as Maintenance Area pursuant to the 1997 8-Hour National Ambient Air Standard (NAAQS) effective July 20, 2013. The US EPA subsequently revoked the 1997 8-Hour NAAQS on April 6, 2015. These US EPA actions initially determined that the LACRPC Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program were no longer required to demonstrate "transportation conformity" to Ohio EPA's State Implementation Plan (SIP) describing how Allen County would continue to meet – maintain – the 1997 8-Hour NAAQS.

On February 16, 2018 the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued a decision, in the *South Coast Air Quality Management District v. EPA* case. <sup>[2]</sup> This case challenged portions of US EPA's 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS revocation. The Court ruling upheld US EPA's 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS revocation, but stated that transportation conformity continues to apply to 1997 Ozone Standard Maintenance Areas, such as Allen County. These areas are also now being referenced as 1997 Ozone Standard "Orphan" Areas.

Responding to the Court ruling, US EPA and US DOT issued guidance directing Orphan 1997 Ozone Areas to make qualitative air quality Transportation Plan and TIP conformity determinations pursuant to the transportation conformity criteria embodied in 40 CFR 93.109. The LACRPC is accordingly making a 2040 Transportation Plan and FY 2024-2027 TIP qualitative transportation air quality conformity determination, as follows:

- Latest Planning Assumptions. [3] The LACRPC maintains current travel demand model socio-economic variables and both highway/transit networks used to develop the MPOs' Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs. The LACRPC and ODOT have reviewed and agreed that the following model network years are on file for AQ analysis: 2018, 2020, 2030 and 2040. The LACRPC has updated the socio-economic variables in each of the 395 traffic analysis zones using the ACS 2020 5-year estimates. The MPO contends that all projects in the current FY 2024-2027 TIP have been modeled and are exempt. The model has been most recently utilized in several alternative analyses including modifications to the US 30 corridor (9-2019) and the Thayer Road corridor (1-2020).
- Latest Emission Model. The MPO is served by a newly updated travel demand model, that combined with the latest planning assumptions, is used to generate emissions in Allen County. The new travel demand model was validated in 2017. The 2018, 2020, 2030 and 2040 roadway networks/operating conditions were established for the MTP conformity analysis, and reflect the phased implementation of the 2040 Transportation Plan. The conformity analysis used for the TIP and the 2040 Transportation Plan employed the US EPA's MOVES3 emissions software. Should a future quantitative emission analyses be needed, the MPOs and ODOT will submit to its use.

The Lima/Allen County regional Planning Commission is a 2008 and 2015 ozone

<sup>[1]</sup> https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/gbcty.html

<sup>[2]</sup> https://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPDF.cgi?Dockey=P100VQME.pdf

<sup>[3] 40</sup> CFR 93.110.

#### 2.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The TIP is a comprehensive and financially constrained listing of regional transportation projects and services that are scheduled for some phase of implementation within the four-year TIP period. The projects identified in the TIP were selected through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning effort between Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission, the State of Ohio, and local entities, and are in alignment with the goals of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission metropolitan transportation plan called the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. The projects have funding commitments from a variety of federal, state and local sources. The program of projects maintains a balance of local and regional needs and includes projects from all modes of transportation including highways, public transportation, bicycles and pedestrians. The development of the TIP is the responsibility of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission, which is the designated MPO for Allen county. The TIP is developed on a biennial basis in conjunction with the development of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Once the TIP is adopted by the [MPO Policy Board Name] , it is then submitted to ODOT and U.S. DOT for approval and inclusion by reference into Ohio's STIP.

#### 3.0 Transportation Conformity Determination: General Process

Per the court's decision in *South Coast II*, beginning February 16, 2019, a transportation conformity determination for the 1997 ozone NAAQS will be needed in 1997 ozone NAAQS nonattainment and maintenance areas identified by EPA¹ for certain transportation activities, including updated or amended metropolitan MTPs and TIPs. Once US DOT makes its 1997 ozone NAAQS conformity determination, conformity will be required no less frequently than every four years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The areas identified can be found in EPA's "Transportation Conformity Guidance for the South Coast II Court Decision, EPA-420-B-18-050, available on the web at: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation/policy-and-technical-guidance-state-and-local-transportation">www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation/policy-and-technical-guidance-state-and-local-transportation</a>.

#### 4.0 Transportation Conformity Requirements

#### 5.1 Overview

On November 29, 2018, EPA issued Transportation Conformity Guidance for the South Coast II Court Decision<sup>2</sup> (EPA-420-B-18-050, November 2018) that addresses how transportation conformity determinations can be made in areas that were nonattainment or maintenance for the 1997 ozone NAAQS when the 1997 ozone NAAQS was revoked, but were designated attainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS in EPA's original designations for this NAAQS (May 21, 2012).

For the 1997 ozone NAAQS areas, transportation conformity for MTPs and TIPs for the 1997 ozone NAAQS can be demonstrated without a regional emissions analysis, per 40 CFR 93.109(c). As no regional emission analysis is required for this conformity determination, there is no requirement to use the latest emissions model, or budget or interim emissions tests.

Therefore, transportation conformity for the 1997 ozone NAAQS for can be demonstrated by showing the remaining requirements:

- Latest planning assumptions (93.110)
- Consultation (93.112)
- o Transportation Control Measures (93.113)
- Fiscal constraint (93.108)

#### **5.2 Latest Planning Assumptions**

In the 1997 ozone NAAQS areas, the use of latest planning assumptions requirement applies to assumptions about transportation control measures (TCMs) in an approved SIP. The Ohio SIP does not include any TCMs (see Section 5.4).

#### **5.3 Consultation Requirements**

The consultation requirements in 40 CFR 93.112 were addressed both for interagency consultation and public consultation.

Interagency consultation was conducted, consistent with the Ohio Conformity SIP, with ODOT and the LACRPC, FHWA, FTA, and EPA.

ODOT and the LACRPC requested Ohio's Transportation Conformity Interagency Consultation Partners review the relevant information and provide written concurrence and/or comments so that the documentation herein meets the requirements for advancing qualitative 1997 Ozone Standard "Orphan" Area Transportation Plan and FY 2021-2024 TIP conformity determinations.

Public consultation was conducted consistent with planning rule requirements in 23 CFR 450.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Available from https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-11/documents/420b18050.pdf

The LACRPC has developed an extensive public involvement process. The MPO began to develop the DRAFT FY 2021-2024 TIP late fall of 2019. The MPO began the formal public involvement process of the TIP in February 2020. To support full transparency the MPO released thru both electronic and print media a DRAFT TIP that integrated information relevant to air quality and the conformity analysis/determination - across a broad distribution list of MPO and ACRTA stakeholders. Thereafter, the MPO conducted a public review of its FY 2021-2024 TIP inclusive of the 1997 Ozone Standard "Orphan" area conformity determination information. The MPO and ODOT scheduled a joint Open House to review the TIP and Conformity Analysis on April 2, 2020. The formal public involvement period closed on April 10, 2020; MPO Policy Board approval on the FY 2021-2024 TIP & Conformity Determination Resolution is dated April 23, 2020.

#### **5.4 Timely Implementation of TCMs**

The Ohio SIP does not include any TCMs.

#### 5.5 Fiscal Constraint

Transportation conformity requirements in 40 CFR 93.108 state that transportation plans and TIPs must be fiscally constrained consistent with DOT's metropolitan planning regulations at 23 CFR part 450. 2024-2027 TIP are fiscally constrained, as demonstrated in Chapter 9 of the 2024-2027 TIP.

#### **Conclusion**

The conformity determination process completed for the 2024-2027 TIP demonstrates that these planning documents meet the Clean Air Act and Transportation Conformity rule requirements for the 1997 ozone NAAQS.

# **Appendix:**

A1.0 2024-2027 TIP Approval and conformity determinations:



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> In Reply Refer To: HDA-OH

ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE ONLY Jack Marchbanks, Ph.D. Director Ohio Department of Transportation 1980 West Broad Street Columbus, OH 43223

#### Dear Director Marchbanks:

This is in response to your communication dated July 29, 2022, regarding the request for a new USDOT conformity determination for the Lima, OH (Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission LACRPC) air quality area. This conformity action is responding to the February 16, 2018, South Coast vs EPA Court case and US DOT's guidance that "orphaned" 1997 Ozone standard areas reestablish Transportation Plan conformity. We have completed our review of the conformity documentation to support the current 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and was approved by resolution on July 28, 2022, by the General Policy Board. The conformity documentation includes analyses to demonstrate conformity for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area.

Based on our review, in consultation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), we find that the LACRPC MTP update conforms to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of the EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93). The effective date of this determination is the last signature date below.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Carmen Stemen, FHWA Transportation Specialist, at carmen.stemen@dot.gov or 614-280-6848.

Sincerely,

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Kelley Brookins Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration

Date: August 25, 2022

For Laura S. Leffler Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Mike DeWine, Governor Jack Marchbanks, Ph.D., Director

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July 29, 2022

Mr. Andy Johns Planning, Environment and Realty Team Leader Federal Highway Administration Ohio Division Office 200 North High Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Air Quality Conformity Determination for current LACRPC SFY 2040 MTP

Dear Mr. Johns:

The Transportation Coordinating Committee of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC), serving as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Lima Ohio urbanized area has completed conformity determination for the current 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

LACRPC seeks a new 1997 ozone transportation conformity determination. This conformity action is responding to the February 16, 2018 South Coast vs EPA Court case and US DOT's guidance that "orphaned" 1997 Ozone standard areas reestablish Transportation Plan conformity.

Interagency consultation for the air quality conformity process on LACRPC's current 2040 MTP, was completed via email, through coordination with the United States EPA, Ohio-EPA, Ohio-FHWA, FTA Region V, ODOT Central Office Statewide Planning section, and LACRPC. The LACRPC Transportation Coordinating Committee adopted the air quality conformity determination on July 28, 2022. A copy of the resolution is attached.

Please initiate the federal review of these documents leading to new US DOT conformity determinations for the current LACRPC 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Jordan Whisler

Statewide Planning Manager

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#### Ohio MPO 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Programs 1997 Ozone Standard "Orphan" Areas Conformity Analysis Summary

#### Overview:

Seven Ohio MPOs located within US EPA designated 1997 Ozone Standard "Orphan" Areas are developing new 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). One of the MPOs, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG), is also concurrently developing a 2045 Transportation Plan Update.

As a 1997 Ozone Standard "orphan areas" and consistent with US EPA's November 29, 2018 guidance resulting from the South Coast II Court Case, the MPOs will advance qualitative Transportation Plan and new 2021 – 2024 TIP transportation conformity determinations.

#### Affected MPO/Air Quality Areas:

AQ Area		New Conformity Determination	
1997 Ozone Standard Geography	МРО	Transportation Plan Update	2024-2027 TIP
Lucas & Wood Cos., OH	Toledo / TMACOG	No	Yes
Allen County, OH	Lima / LACRPC	YES DEVELOPING 2045 LRTP UPDATE	Yes
Clark, Greene, Miami, & Montgomery Cos., OH	Dayton / MVRPC	No	Yes
Springfield / CCS-TCC	Springfield / CCS-TCC	No	Yes
Mahoning & Trumbull Cos., OH	Youngstown / Eastgate	No	Yes
Belmont Co., OH Marshall & Ohio Cos., WV	Wheeling / Bel-O-Mar	No	Yes
Washington Co., OH Wood Co., WV	Parkersburg / WWW	No	Yes

#### **Qualitative Conformity Determination Criteria – 40 CFR 93.109:**

- Latest planning assumptions Each MPO maintains current travel demand model socioeconomic variables and highway/transit networks used to develop the MPOs' Transportation Plans.
- Latest emission model Should a future quantitative emission analyses be needed, the MPOs and ODOT will use US EPA's MOVES 3

- TCMs The Ohio SIP does not include any TCMs
- Conformity process schedule
  - Each MPOs will conduct a public review of its 2024 2027 TIP and 1997 Ozone Standard "Orphan" area conformity determination information consistent with its adopted Public Involvement Process. The MPO TIP public involvement processes will be coordinated with ODOT's STIP public involvement period, as recorded below.

МРО	ODOT STIP Public Involvement Period	MPO TIP Public Involvement Period	MPO Policy Board TIP Approval & Conformity Determination Resolution Date
Toledo / TMACOG		03/10/23 - 04/10/23	04/19/23
Lima / LACRPC		03/09/23 - 03/31/23	04/20/23
Dayton / MVRPC	March 10 2022	03/21/23 - 04/19/23	05/04/23
Springfield / SCC-TCC	March 10, 2023	03/20/23 - 04/03/23	05/12/23
Youngstown / Eastgate	– April 10, 2023	03/20/23 - 04/07/23	04/21/23
Wheeling / Bel-O-Mar		03/27/23 - 04/10/23	04/27/23
Parkersburg / WWW		03/14/23 - 04/14/23	05/19/23

- MPO Conformity Tests
  - o 1997 Standard Ozone "Orphan Area" qualitative conformity determination

#### **Outcomes:**

- ODOT and the MPOs listed above request Ohio's Transportation Conformity Interagency
  Consultation Partners review the information above and provide written
  concurrence/comments that the documentation herein meets the requirements for advancing
  qualitative 1997 Ozone Standard "Orphan" Area Transportation Plan and 2024 2027 TIP
  conformity determinations.
- Andy Johns- Ohio-FHWA
- Robert Griffith, Ohio-FHWA
- Kelley Brookins, Ohio-FTA
- Nathaniel Brugler, ODOT Office of Statewide Planning & Research
- Anthony Hill, ODOT Office of Statewide Planning & Research
- Jordan Whisler, ODOT Office of Statewide Planning and Research

### Appendix B

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE DOCUMENTATION SEE TABLES IN CHAPTER 4

### Appendix C

TITLE VI AND ADA COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION SEE LINK IN CHAPTER 5

### Appendix D

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DOCUMENTATION SEE LINK IN CHAPTER 6