

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

April 20, 2023

A Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission was held on **Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Beth Seibert brought the meeting to order at 3:01 pm and proceeded with introductions and the roll call.

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Howard Elstro	City of Lima
Ms. Beth Seibert	Allen County
Mr. Tom Tebben	City of Lima
Mr. Kevin Cox	Perry Township
Mr. Doug Post	Amanda Township
Mr. Brad Baxter	Bath Township
Mr. Brian Wildermuth	RTA
Mr. Steve Ewing	Auglaize Township
Adam Francis	ODOT

GUEST

Lawrence Hall, virtual	FHWA
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STAFF

Ms. Shaunna Basinger	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Brandon Casler	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Tara Reynolds-Bales	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Adam Haunhorst	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Colleen Barry	Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. ACCEPTANCE OF TAC MINUTES – April 18, 2023

The committee tabled the acceptance of TAC minutes from April 18, 2023, until the next meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – March 23, 2023

Motion 15 (4-20-23) TCC

Steve Ewing motioned that the TCC minutes of March 23, 2023, be approved. Seconded by Doug Post, the motion carried.

4. RTA UPDATE

Mr. Brian Wildermuth shared an update from the RTA stating they had hosted another Honor Flight, the purchased trolleys are still being branded, ridership is up from last month and this time last year. There has been an increase in demand response and school kid contracts as well as JFS. A hiring event was also held with JFS where two employees were hired. The garage expansion is still underway with the bid going out on April 28th. The mobile app is still being developed. The Downtown Lima loop will begin in July and take place on Saturdays and downtown event days. Another parking lot loop will also run. Seibert questioned if the trolley will be a flag stop or fixed stop to which Wildermuth responded fixed. Post

questioned if RTA still serviced Spencerville to which Wildermuth responded yes and that the majority of those rides are demand responses and is present in the on demand pick-up stats.

[March RTA Report](#)

5. TIP, STIP, LRTP UDATE

Ms. Barry gave an update on the TIP stating that the final document is ready for submission. No major changes have been made since the last draft. Barry presented two resolutions to the committee: 1) MPO Policy Board Resolution of Approval for the TIP and 2) Resolution of self-certification stating that this plan addresses all the issues within the MPO region as far as transportation is concerned and that we are working in cooperation with our long-range plan and partners. The resolution will be added to the end of the TIP for final submission.

Motion 16 (4-20-23) TCC

Steve Ewing motioned to approve the Resolution of Self-Certification for the 2024 TIP Update. Doug Post seconded, motion carried.

Motion 17 (4-20-23) TCC

Tom Tebben motioned to approve the MPO Policy Board Resolution of Approval for the TIP. Kevin Cox seconded, motion carried.

Data is currently being collected for the LRTP with the final project submission date being April 28, 2023. Those wishing to include a new project in the LRTP must contact Tom Mazur as soon as possible.

Mr. Casler went on to share population data with the committee stating that according to the most recent census, by 2050 the United States is supposed to see a rise in population of 17%, Ohio will rise about 6%, and Allen County is projected to see a 20% decrease. He went on to say that this is not just Allen County but that our surrounding counties are also due to see a double-digit decrease. Ms. Seibert went on to say that this is based on data from the last 40-50 years and established trends but that it is not guaranteed especially with the development that Allen County is seeing. She went on to state that if this decrease were to take place and Lima/Allen County were to drop below 100,000 people we would lose our MPO status and therefore many funding options currently available to our area.

Elstro asked who was providing this projection, Ms. Barry responded that it came from the Ohio Department of Development and stated the rationale as being birth rates, in and out migrations, jobs, and trends of the population over the past 40 years.

Mr. Elstro spoke on the fact that this area is very well supplied with natural water and this should not be ignored when thinking about the benefits of this area. Ms. Seibert also spoke on the lower cost of living.

6. UPWP DRAFT UPDATE

Casler spoke on the UWPW stating that the preliminary draft is available for viewing. The RTPO is the newest series addition to the UPWP and an update to the current UPWP must be made to allocate funds and time for the work that has already been completed in regards to the RTPO. Next month will see finalization resolutions regarding the UPWP.

7. FINAL 2022 FATAL CRASH REPORT

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Adam Haunhorst presented the Final 2022 Fatal Crash Report highlighting the decrease in crashes from 2022 to 2023, 4 out of 15 crashes involving alcohol, and 9 out of 15 crashes were not wearing safety equipment at the time of the crash.

Mr. Elstro questioned the aerial map image provided in the summary of Fatal Crash #1. Mr. Haunhorst stated the correct image will be inserted.

Mr. Cox questioned the crash location on 117 by Harding Highway Walmart which he describes as poorly lit with visibility issues during the day. Adam Francis stated that he made a note and will look into it.

Motion 18 (4-20-23) TCC

Kevin Cox motioned to approve the FINAL 2022 Fatal Crash Report with correction. Doug Post seconded, motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 19 (4-20-2023) TCC

Steve Ewing motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tom Tebben; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.