



# LIMA/ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## WELCOME

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

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## REMEMBERING TOM TEBBEN

LACRPC joins with the Limaland Community in mourning the recent loss of Tom Tebben whose longtime contributions continue to shape the fabric of the Lima community. Tom began his career at Ford Motor Company in 1973, steadily climbing the ladder of leadership responsibilities over three decades until his retirement in 2006 after which he took the entrepreneurial leap by establishing Improvement Ink, LLC. Tom served as the 4th Ward Councilor for Lima City Council for an impressive 15 years to further show his dedication to the community. His contributions significantly benefited the council's effective operation and the overall welfare of Lima's residents.



Tom's commitment to community service continued with his involvement with the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission where he served on multiple committees and as Chairman of the Administrative Affairs Committee beginning in 2010. Tom's enduring legacy as a mentor, community leader, and cornerstone of Lima will forever resonate within the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him and his memory will be an everlasting source of inspiration for his loved ones and the Lima community.

## WEST OHIO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (WORPO) UPDATE:

Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) play a crucial role in coordinating and facilitating transportation planning efforts within specific geographic regions. Their primary purpose is to ensure that transportation infrastructure and services are developed and managed in a coordinated and efficient manner, addressing the unique needs and challenges of their respective regions. RTPOs bring together various stakeholders, including local governments, transportation agencies, community groups, and the private sector, to collaboratively identify transportation priorities, set goals, and develop comprehensive plans. By fostering this regional perspective, RTPOs help improve transportation connectivity, safety, and accessibility while reducing congestion and environmental impacts.

LACRPC has successfully engaged Choice One Engineering of Sidney, Ohio to begin the development and coordination of the West Ohio Rural Planning Organization (WORPO) and its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Choice One Engineering has begun meeting with county commissioners and engineers.

### **COUNTIES IN WORPO:**

Auglaize  
Hancock  
Hardin  
Mercer  
Putnam  
Van Wert  
Wyandot



# UPDATED FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS

The Allen County Commissioners, with the assistance of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission, The Allen County Prosecutor, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) have completed an update of the “Flood Damage Reduction Regulations & Floodplain Management Regulations”. This update was brought about by a compliance check conducted by ODNR’s division of water resources. The newly updated regulations match the federal minimum standards and will allow everyone within the unincorporated areas of Allen County to be eligible to receive flood insurance. The new regulations were approved on July 27, 2023, and went into effect on August 27, 2023.

**FOLLOW THIS QR CODE TO OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW  
THE NEWLY UPDATED FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS!**



## PEDAL POWER: CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES CREATES A HEALTHIER, MORE BIKE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY



The City of Delphos has seen the recent installation of multiple bike racks. These efforts spearheaded and funded by Creating Healthy Communities of the Allen County Health Department, assist in creating more bike-friendly communities and represent a commitment to fostering a healthier, more sustainable way of life.

Bike racks encourage and promote cycling as an eco-friendly mode of transportation and contribute to improved public health and well-being. By making it easier for individuals to choose cycling over driving, we reduce our carbon footprint, alleviate traffic congestion, and promote a cleaner environment. Additionally, a bike-friendly community fosters a stronger sense of community and engagement, with residents enjoying the freedom to explore their town on two wheels, promoting physical activity and mental well-being. Adam Haunhorst's collaboration with Creating Healthy Communities and the Allen County Health Department serves as a shining example of how small initiatives can have a profound impact on the overall health and vitality of a community.

### PROCESSED BY LACRPC

### 3RD QTR

### YTD

Lot Split	16	75
Replat	0	4
Floodplain Development Permit	1 new	5 new 1 renewed

# DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER KICKOFF EVENT

The Safe Community Coalition held its Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Kick-Off Event at the Allen County Fair. Coalition members were joined by members of the statewide MADD chapter and members of Ohio SADD to remind the public of the importance of driving sober and the consequences of driving intoxicated. Laura Cruea, MADD Volunteer Chair and lead to the newly formed MADD OH Advisory Board, was present and shared victim impact regarding how drunk driving has affected her life through the loss of her son Joey Seger in September of 2010.

Throughout the entirety of the Allen County Fair, a display of 247 red MADD ribbons was at the west entrance of the grandstands. These ribbons signified every life lost on Allen County roadways in the last two decades (2002-2022).



## CARFIT IS COMING TO ALLEN COUNTY!

Helping Mature Drivers Find Their Safest Fit

AOTA

The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.



AARP

Driver Safety

To register email [mramage@psa3.org](mailto:mramage@psa3.org)  
Registration is preferred, but not required.

**WHERE:** Senior Citizens Services  
3400 W. Elm Street, Lima OH 45807

**WHEN:** October 6, 2023, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

FREE  
EVENT  
OPEN TO  
THE PUBLIC!

CarFit is an educational program that offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles "fit" them. The program also provides information and materials on community-specific resources that could enhance their safety as drivers and/or increase their mobility in the community.

**This checklist is not a test and no driver information is shared with anyone other than the driver.**

### Why become a CarFit Volunteer?

Training as a technician/coordinator will allow you to volunteer at your convenience for CarFit events held in Allen and our surrounding counties. Having a large pool of volunteers available in our area will allow for successful events to be conducted in various locations throughout the year without overstressing a small volunteer pool.

## 25th Annual Safe Community Awards

Thank you for taking the time to share your nominations for the 25th Annual Safe Community Awards. Each year the Lima/Allen County Safe Community Coalition gathers to honor those working to create a safer and healthier community through outreach, enforcement, rehabilitation, education, and emergency services.

All nominees should be residents of or work in Allen County.

Please have nominations submitted by October 6th.

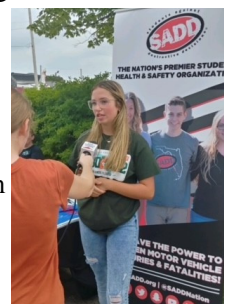
Lima-Allen County Safe Community Coalition



### CONGRATULATIONS TEAGAN!

Teagan Helmig, a junior at Lima Central Catholic, has been chosen from a nationwide pool of highly qualified applicants to serve on the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) National Student Leadership Council for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Student Leadership Council advises the SADD National Board of Directors on policies, programs, and plans for the implementation of state and national strategies focused on traffic safety. Teagan will provide strategic support to the organization on health and safety priorities and will serve as a national and regional representative of the SADD network. She will serve on the Student Leadership Council's Traffic Safety Committee and prioritize a focus on teen safe driving. She began her term on August 1, 2023.



Above: Teagan Helmig during a press conference regarding her appointment.

You may also visit [www.lacrpc.com](http://www.lacrpc.com) and submit your nominations using the "25th Annual Safe Community Awards Nominations link provided in the "Recently at RPC..." Section.

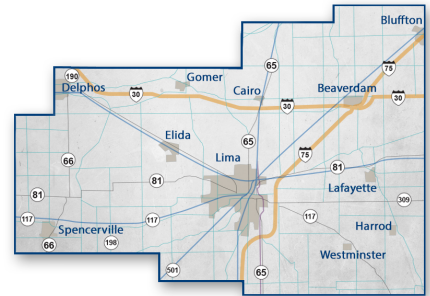


# RECENTLY COMPLETED AT LACRPC

## AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT!

LACRPC is pleased to present the 2022 Traffic Crash Summary Report for Allen County, Ohio for public comment. This report reflects motor vehicle crashes for the calendar year 2022 and intends to provide the reader with a clear summary of the year's activity. In addition, it will attempt to draw some parallels between the county's crashes and statewide trends to provide our members with sufficient information to make informed decisions regarding traffic improvements. The 2022 Allen County Traffic Crash Report will be available for comment until October 26 2023. Please forward any questions or concerns to [sbasinger@lacrpc.com](mailto:sbasinger@lacrpc.com)

### 2022 Allen County Traffic Crash Summary Report



## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE



### Welcome Rebecca!

LACRPC would like to welcome Rebecca Phillips as the new Finance Director. Rebecca joins us after 12 years at the University of Northwestern Ohio as the Assistant Director of Financial Aid. Rebecca graduated from Temple Christian after which she went on to earn a BA in Business Administration from The Ohio State University followed by an MBA from Franklin University. Rebecca resides in Allen East with her husband Mark, of General Dynamics, and their three children.

Rebecca has always enjoyed learning and working in a fast-paced environment. She looks forward to becoming more familiar with the community through her role with the RPC.

# Remember to drive with caution this harvest season!



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the specified times in the Conference Room of the Planning Commission located at 130 W. North Street, Lima, Ohio 45801. Meetings are open and the public is invited to attend.

### OCTOBER

### NOVEMBER

### DECEMBER

CMTE	DATE	TIME	CMTE	DATE	TIME	CMTE	DATE	TIME
DCC	Tue, Oct. 10th	3:00 pm	DCC	Tue, Nov. 7th	3:00 pm	DCC	Tue, Dec. 5th	3:00 pm
CDC	Thu, Oct. 19th	3:30 pm	CDC	Thu, Nov. 9th	3:30 pm	DCC	Tue, Dec. 19th	3:00 pm
CAC	Tue, Oct. 24th	10:00 am	TAC	Tue, Nov. 14th	1:30 pm	CDC	Thu, Dec. 21st	3:30 pm
TAC	Tue, Oct. 24th	1:30 pm	AAC	Wed, Nov. 15th	4:00 pm	TAC	Tue, Dec. 19th	1:30 pm
DCC	Tue, Oct. 24th	3:00 pm	TCC	Thu, Nov. 16th	3:00 pm	AAC	Wed, Dec 20th	4:00 pm
AAC	Wed, Oct. 25th	4:00 pm	EC	Thu, Nov. 16th	4:00 pm	TCC	Thu, Dec. 21st	3:00 pm
TCC	Thu, Oct. 26th	3:00 pm	DCC	Tue, Nov. 21st	3:00 pm	EC	Thu, Dec. 21st	4:00 pm
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