

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

November 21, 2024

A regular Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission was held on **Thursday, November 21, 2024**, at **3:00 p.m.** in the Commission office at 130 W. North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Mr. Mehaffie, brought the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Brad Baxter	Bath Township
Kevin Cox	Perry Township
Steve Ewing	Auglaize Township
Tanner Inkrott	ODOT District One
Doug Karhoff	Allen County
Mitch Kingsley	Village of Bluffton
Ian Kohli	City of Lima
Jamie Mehaffie	City of Delphos
Beth Seibert	Allen County
Brian Wildermuth	ACRTA

STAFF

Colleen Barry	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Cody Doyle	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Liwen Kang	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Tonya Dye	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – November 21, 2024**

Motion 65 (11-21-24) TCC

Ms. Seibert moved that the Agenda for November 21, 2024, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Ewing; the motion carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – October 24, 2024**

Motion 66 (11-21-24) TCC

Mr. Baxter moved that the TCC minutes of October 24, 2024 be approved. Seconded by Mr. Ewing; the motion carried.

4. **RTA UPDATE**

Mr. Wildermuth presented the update from RTA. Ridership is up from last month and year to date over last year. The garage renovation is still coming along. The project should finish in March due to the outside temperatures, although concrete should be able to be poured inside the building. On November 6th, they did the rededication of the plaque.

5. FUNCTIONAL CLASS UPDATE

Mr. Doyle informed the committee that the 2023 Urbanized Area has been updated by ODOT and the 10-year updates are being requested. Mr. Haunhorst went to training on how to update ODOT with the suggested changes. There will be meetings with the appropriate parties soon to see if we can add to the functional class. The deadline is December 2025 to add submissions, so the process is just at the beginning stages.

6. SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION UPDATES (BREESSE ROAD; LINCOLN HIGHWAY)

Mr. Doyle spoke about two requests made to investigate the lowering of speed limits on Breese Road and on Lincoln Highway. Mr. Doyle related the process that the agency undertook for the study. ODOT has given permission to lower the speed limit to 35 mph on Breese Road. The area near Love's Truck Stop on Lincoln Highway in Delphos met the criteria to lower the speed from 55 to 50 mph.

7. MOTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT TAC RECOMMENDATION AND MOVE THE DRAFT AMANDA TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FORWARD TO PUBLIC COMMENT PHASE

Mr. Doyle presented the Draft Amanda Township Comprehensive Plan to the Committee. The Township asked for an update on this plan as they have several residents interested in applying for a heritage agricultural easement by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. These applications are very competitive and having an updated comprehensive plan adds significant weight to the applications. The ODA applications start in January, so the new comprehensive plan would need to be in place by then. There have not been many changes since the last plan, with the updates being primarily in demographic and census information and additional public participation results. It was noted that approximately 850 postcards utilizing a QR code survey were sent, with about a 10% response rate. It is being asked that the TCC accept the recommendation from the TAC and move the draft to public comment.

Motion 67 (11-21-24) TCC

Mr. Kohli moved that the TAC Recommendation should be accepted and that the Draft Amanda Township Comprehensive Plan be moved forward for Public Comment. Seconded by Mr. Ewing; the motion carried.

8. TIP STATUS UPDATE

Ms. Barry stated that she is working on the 2026-2029 TIP and is about halfway through the document. She will meet with ODOT on December 10th to look at the fiscal constraint measures. They will also be talking with ODOT regarding the Public Participation/Open House, anticipated in March 2025.

9. RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE FY 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – REALLOCATION OF PID 112573 (ALL-CABLE RD) FROM SFY 2026 TO SFY 2027

Ms. Barry asked for an Amendment to the FY2024-2027 TIP to reallocate PID 112573 (ALL-Cable Road). In conversations with the City of Lima engineer, it was determined that some adjustments were being made within the project, including watching the impact of new commercial development in the area, the Safe Streets 4 All Grant, and a Railway grant. The changes warrant moving the project from 2026 to 2027. It is therefore being asked of the committee to accept the recommendation of the TAC and authorize the

agency to amend the FY 2024-2027 TIP and reallocate the PID 112573 (ALL-Cable Road) from SFY 2026 to SFY 2027.

Motion 68 (11-21-24) TCC

Mr. Cox moved that the TAC Recommendation should be accepted and that Authorization be given to amend the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Reallocation of PID 112573 (All-Cable Rd) from SFY 2026 to SFY 2027. Seconded by Mr. Ewing; the motion carried.

10. RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ADDITION OF MPO CMAQ FUNDS IN THE TOTAL OF \$76,000 TO PID 118800 ALL HARROD IMPROVEMENTS IN FY 2025

Ms. Barry stated that upon reviewing the scope of PID 118800, ODOT found additional eligibility for CMAQ funds in the amount of \$76,000. The change would raise their match, but more money would be available for MPO projects as well. The TCC is being asked to accept the TAC recommendation and authorize for the addition of MPO CMAQ funds in the total of \$76,000 to PID 118800 ALL Harrod Improvements in FY 2025.

Motion 69 (11-21-24) TCC

Mr. Baxter moved that the TAC Recommendation should be accepted and that Authorization be given for the Addition of MPO CMAQ Funds in the Total of \$76,000 to PID 118800 ALL Harrod Improvements in FY 2025. Seconded by Ms. Seibert; the motion carried.

11. OTHER

Mr. Doyle related to the committee that one of the first projects for WORPO had been completed in a speed study. The project was for Ottawa Township in Putnam County and involved a very densely populated single family home area where a few streets were divided from the rest by jurisdictional lines. Part of the area was zoned for 35 mph, while a couple of streets that were similar in composition were marked at 55. A speed study was done and the other streets met the criteria to have the speed limits lowered from 55 to 35. This project was funded through the RTPO.


12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 70 (11-21-24) TCC

Mr. Ewing moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Cox; the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Minutes approved on December 19, 2024.


Chair Jamie Mehaffie