

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 17, 2024 -- Minutes

There was a regular **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **December 17, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Ron Meyer as Chair brought the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Mark Droll	Allen County
Dan Kaseman	Citizen
Greg Kessen	Perry Township
Ron Meyer	Allen County
Chuck Schierloh	City of Lima
Ben Suever	Village of Spencerville
Leann Unverferth	Area Agency on Aging
Brian Wildermuth	Allen County Regional Transit Authority

STAFF

Colleen Barry	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Liwen Kang	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Rebecca Phillips	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Tonya Dye	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – December 17, 2024

Motion 63 (12-17-2024) TAC

Mr. Suever moved to approve the December 17, 2024 agenda as presented. Mr. Droll seconded. The motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – November 19, 2024

Motion 64 (12-17-2024) TAC

Mr. Droll moved to approve the November 19, 2024, meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Suever, the motion carried.

4. RTA UPDATE

Mr. Wildermuth of ACRTA reported on the current status of the ACRTA. Ridership is down 2400 rides and down 1600 year to date from last year. However, he feels they are still on pace to be over on ridership numbers. The garage project is coming along, however it has slowed due to the winter weather. It is looking like January or February. The tank replacements should be completed in the Spring.

He also stated that the staff have begun training on the Translate Live system. They are waiting on the QR codes and a couple more training dates to be completed with implementation towards the start of January. The system will allow users to scan a QR code with their phone, choose a language, and provide translation services between them and the dispatchers.

He reported on the Opta annual meeting that took place in November. He met with the FTA and ODOT representatives about the sidewalk and signalization project. Depending upon approvals it may need to be pushed to 2026/2028 rather than 2025/2027.

5. MOTION: RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT AMANDA TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS FINAL

Ms. Barry commented that there have been no comments made on the Amanda Township Comprehensive Plan Draft and that the next step is to recommend to the TCC to accept the draft as Final. It could then be presented to Amanda Township for adoption.

Motion 65 (12-17-2024) TAC

Mr. Schierloh moved to accept the Amanda Township Comprehensive Plan as final and and convey that recommendation to the TCC. Seconded by Mr. Droll, the motion carried.

6. SELECTION OF PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE AT STATE ROUTE 65 AND BLUELICK ROAD IN ALLEN COUNTY (ALL-65-10.55) ODOT PROJECT ID (PID): 120533

Ms Barry informed the committee about ODOT project 120533 at State Route 65 and Bluelick Road. A roundabout design has been determined and construction is scheduled for 2027. The project is completely ODOT funded and driven, and was not submitted by the MPO. It is using state and federal safety funding dollars. This was just an information announcement.

7. RESOLUTION: MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO TCC TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF MPO CMAQ FUNDS IN THE TOTAL OF \$280,000 TO THE 2024-2027 TIP TO PID 112573 ALL-CABLE RD IN FY 2027

Ms. Barry reported that more CMAQ funding was found for the second phase of this project in the amount of \$280,000. There was a change in scope on the project, with Cable Road going from 5 lanes to 4, rather than 5 lanes to 3 as originally planned. There is a new business coming into Elida Road that may create additional congestion in the area and the change in scope for Cable Road is being planned to help alleviate that additional traffic congestion. This is also the reason for the original change from FY 2026 to FY 2027 for this project.

Motion 66 (12-17-2024) TAC

Mr. Kaseman moved to accept the recommendation to Authorize the Addition of MPO CMAQ funds in the total of \$280,000 to the 2024-2027 TIP to PID 112573 ALL-Cable RD in FY 2027 and to convey the same to the TCC. Seconded by Mr. Suever, the motion carried.

8. OTHER

There was no other business brought forth.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 67 (12-17-24) TAC

Mr. Kessen moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Ms. Unverferth, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Meeting minutes approved on January 21, 2025.

Ron Meyer, Chairman