

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 21, 2025 -- Minutes

There was a regular **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **January 21, 2025**, at **1:30 p.m.** in the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

A quorum being present, Colleen Barry brought the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

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| Daniel Hoying | LJB, Inc. |
| Tanner Inkrott | ODOT |
| Brad Niemeyer | Allen County |
| Chuck Schierloh | City of Lima |
| Ben Suever | Village of Spencerville |
| Brian Wildermuth | Allen County Regional Transit Authority |

GUEST

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| Macy Halverson | Strand Associates |
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STAFF

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| Colleen Barry | Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission |
| Adam Haunhorst | 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 – January 21, 2025

Motion 01 (01-21-2025) TAC

Mr. Suever moved to approve the January 21, 2025 agenda as presented. Mr. Wildermuth seconded. The motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – December 17, 2024

Motion 02 (01-21-2025) TAC

Mr. Schierloh moved to approve the December 17, 2024, meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Inkrott, the motion carried.

4. RTA UPDATE

Mr. Wildermuth of ACRTA reported on the current status of the ACRTA. Ridership is down in December, but the year was still overall. The biggest difference in ridership numbers involved special services over the summer. This can be explained by a difference in fair entertainment.

The garage project is coming along, however it has slowed due to the winter weather. They were working on the floor yesterday and it may be 2 more weeks before the bus wash is installed. The tank replacements should be completed in the Spring, with concrete work done possibly the last week of March or first week of April.

He updated the committee on the Translate Live system, stating that three people have used it since the project was implemented.

5. TIP UPDATE

Ms. Barry commented that solicitation letters for the next TIP cycle had gone out in July of 2024. She is now working on the first draft of the TIP which is due to ODOT on January 31st. The draft will also be posted on the website for public comment. She provided the committee with a list of projects being funded by MPO dollars. She is specifically looking at projects to be added to the 2028-2029 state fiscal years. The Open House for the TIP will be on April 1st at the RTA building. RTA, ODOT and members from WORPO will be on hand, along with LACRPC staff, to answer questions and take comments. Notices and invitations for that will be going out soon.

Ms. Barry stated that in a recent meeting with ODOT, it was said that we are not spending CMAQ funding as quickly as possible. We are looking at expanding ways we can use those funds, including moving some to engineering focuses.

6. MOTION: RECOMMENDATION TO TCC TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEST CENTRAL OHIO RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER PLANNING SERVICES TO THE WEST CENTRAL OHIO RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Ms Barry informed the committee that Governor DeWine formally designated WORPO on December 18, 2024, and that the agency had received notification shortly before Christmas. The designation came earlier than anticipated. She is asking that the committee recommend to the TCC that we recognize the designation of WORPO and that the executive director of LACRPC be authorized to administer planning services for the new RTPO.

Motion 03 (01-21-2025) TAC

Mr. Suever moved to accept the recommendation and transmit the same to the TCC. Seconded by Mr. Hoying, the motion carried.

7. REPORT ON PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PRESENTATION (1/13/2025)

Ms. Dye informed the committee that Kaye Borchers of Choice One Engineering and Eric Davis of Wessler Engineering were invited to present on Public Infrastructure Funding. In addition to LACRPC staff, the Allen County Health Department and 5 villages took part in the training. Kaye and Eric informed the audience of the various available funding avenues, along with providing valuable tips and advice on grant preparation and timing.

8. OTHER

a. Fatal Crash Report 2024

Mr. Haunhorst presented the Draft Fatal Crash Report to the committee. This is an annual report summarizing the fatal crashes in the county. The agency prefers to release the preliminary report prior to the Superbowl. The report indicates that the county is back to the statistical average of fatal crashes and that all the safety performance measures were met. Mr. Haunhorst asks that the committee accept the draft report so that it may be moved to public comment and transmit that recommendation to the TCC.

Motion 04 (01-21-2025) TAC

Mr. Schierloh moved to accept the recommendation and transmit the same to the TCC. Seconded by Mr. Hoying, the motion carried.

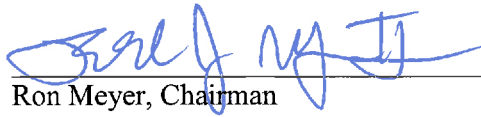
10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 05 (01-21-2025) TAC

Mr. Suever moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Hoying., the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes approved on February 25, 2025.



Ron Meyer, Chairman