

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

January 23, 2025

A regular Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission was held on **Thursday, January 23, 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 3:04 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

Brad Baxter	Bath Township
Kevin Cox	Perry Township
Mitch Kingsley	Village of Bluffton
Jamie Mehaffie	City of Delphos
Beth Seibert	Allen County
Sharetta Smith	City of Lima
Brian Wildermuth	ACRTA

STAFF

Colleen Barry	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Cody Doyle	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 23, 2025

Motion 01 (01-23-2025) TCC

Mr. Cox moved that the Agenda for January 23, 2025, be approved. Seconded by Ms. Seibert; the motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF TCC MINUTES – December 19, 2024

Motion 02 (01-23-2025) TCC

Mr. Baxter moved that the TCC minutes of December 19, 2024 be approved. Seconded by Ms. Seibert; the motion carried.

4. RTA UPDATE

Mr. Wildermuth reported to the committee that ridership was down for 2024, but that it was still a very good year for ACRTA. The Special Services numbers were lower than the previous year, but that can be explained due to the different numbers for fair attendance and concert offerings.

The majority of the upgrades to the garage should be done by the end of the month. When the new tanks get installed, there will be a disruption in service for about a month, but then there will be two additional tanks.

ACRTA had a meeting with the Newcomers Coalition to show them the Translate Live system and several members took rides to show how to use the bus system.

5. TIP Update

Ms. Barry informed the committee that the first draft of the TIP was due next week, and provided a packet of current 2026-2029 projects. The focus of the TIP is to find new projects for the 2028-2029 cycles. The next draft of the TIP will be in March. The draft will be on our website for public comment. On April 1st there will be an Open House to present the 2026-2029 TIP at the ACRTA building from 2-6 p.m.

6. RESOLUTION: 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 stated that Governor DeWine had designated the West Central Ohio Rural Transportation Planning Organization early in December, with notification coming to LACRPC right before Christmas. It was not expected until the Spring of 2025. She is requesting that the committee accept the resolution recognizing the designation and authorizing LACRPC to administer the planning services and act as the fiscal and administrative agent for WORPO.

Motion 03 (01-23-2025) TCC

Mr. Baxter moved that the resolution be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Kingsley; the motion carried.

7. REPORT ON PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PRESENTATION

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

MOTION: ACCEPT THE FATAL CRASH REPORT 2024 AS A DRAFT AND MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Haunhorst stated that the Draft 2024 Fatal Crash Report has been completed and was available to go to public comment. The Fatal Crash Report is done as part of the Safety Grant and the data is usually disseminated around the Superbowl as it is a high-profile event. The County met all safety performance measures and it was noted that numbers are back to the statistical norm between seven and nine fatalities. Dropping below those numbers would be a significant difference.

Our crash data goes back to 2008, looking at fatal and serious injury crashes. Serious injury crash information is also analyzed by the agency, but not listed in the report, as it may hint at roadway issues that need to be addressed. Crashes due to intoxication count towards the county fatality number. It is difficult to look at distracted driving data as it is unreliable to get the information from phone providers or apps.

Mr. Haunhorst asks that the committee accept the draft and move it to public comment.

Motion 04 (01-23-2025) TCC

Ms. Smith moved that the Fatal Crash Report 2024 be accepted as a draft and moved to public comment. Seconded by Mr. Baxter; the motion carried.


9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 05 (01-23-2025) TCC

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes approved on February 27, 2025.


Chair Jamie Mehaffie