

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 25, 2025 -- Minutes

There was a regular **Transportation Advisory Committee** meeting of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **February 25, 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 1:30 p.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Mark Droll	Allen County
Tanner Inkrott	ODOT
Jed Metzger	Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce
Ron Meyer	Allen County
Kelli Miller	Allen County Regional Transit Authority
Chuck Schierloh	City of Lima
Ben Suever	Village of Spencerville
Leann Unverferth	Area Agency on Aging

GUEST

Macy Halverson	Strand Associates
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STAFF

Colleen Barry	Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission
Adam Haunhorst	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 – February 25, 2025**

Motion 06 (02-25-2025) TAC

Mr. Metzger moved to approve the February 25, 2025 agenda as presented. Mr. Droll seconded. The motion carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES – January 21, 2025**

Motion 07 (02-25-2025) TAC

Mr. Metzger moved to approve the January 21, 2025, meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Suever, the motion carried.

4. **LACRPC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION**

Ms. Phillips introduced herself as the new Executive Director for the agency. She was appointed on Thursday, April 20th, 2025. She looks forward to working with the community and stakeholders in her new role. She also complimented her staff and knows that they will work towards the success of the LACRPC.

5. RTA UPDATE

Ms. Miller, on behalf of Brian Wildermuth, presented the update for ACRTA. Ridership is up 5 riders from last month, but down 500 from this time last year. It is expected that school and medicare rides will be increasing. The garage project is progressing. The bus wash is moving forward and the generator installers are coming to ensure proper connections. When the fuel pumps get installed, they will be down for a month. She also reported on van purchases and the invitation to bid on the maintenance truck. They are exploring other grant funds to cover more van purchases but will need to order the replacements in 2025 for delivery in 2026.

6. MOTION: RECOMMEND TO THE TCC ACCEPTANCE OF THE FATAL CRASH REPORT 2024 AS FINAL

Mr. Haunhorst stated that the draft 2024 Fatal Crash Report had been out for public comment. The overseeing agency regarding fatality reporting asked that we include the 9th fatal crash back into the report, leaving 10 fatalities for the year. The county still met the performance measures. The last page is considered our media sheet and provides a quick visual summary of the entire report. At this time he requests that the committee consider the report final and transmit that recommendation to the TCC.

Motion 08 (02-25-2025) TAC

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

7. MOTION: RECOMMEND TO THE TCC ACCEPTANCE OF THE TITLE VI DRAFT TO MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Haunhorst reported to the committee that the agency had reviewed and updated the Title VI policy. It is required that we review the document every three years and it was time again. At this time, all employees have taken the Title VI training from LTAP within the past year.

It was asked if there were any directives from the state or federal government concerning the current administration's policies on DEI programs. The agency has not received any official guidance from ODOT, but we are monitoring all the news coming from Washington and Columbus and we will make necessary changes as directed.

It is being requested that the Draft of the Title VI report be accepted so that it may move to public comment and the recommendation be transmitted to the TCC.

Motion 09 (02-25-2025) TAC

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

8. MOTION: RECOMMEND TO THE TCC ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2026 UPWP DRAFT TO MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Phillips presented to the committee the Draft of the 2026 UPWP. This represents what the agency has planned for work products from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. In December, the agency received a letter from ODOT detailing the areas it wanted highlighted and the staff has worked to update the plan with those priorities in mind. The plan includes some of our local work products as well as those projects with an MPO focus, along with the estimated time and costs involved.

It is being requested that the draft be approved so that it may move forward to public comment and that recommendation be transmitted to the TCC.

Motion 10 (02-25-2025) TAC

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

9. MOTION: RECOMMEND TO THE TCC ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION TO REALLOCATE SFY 2023/2024 5339 FUNDS TO ACRTA PID 112576 SFY 2025 ACRTA 5339 BUS & BUS FACILITIES

Ms. Barry brought forth a resolution to reallocate funds for an ACRTA PID. This project does not need MPO funding; however, as funds need to be reallocated, it is necessary to seek board approval. This would reallocate \$580,000 to make a total of \$635,000 available.

She asks that the Resolution be approved and that the recommendation be transmitted to the TCC.

Motion 11 (02-25-2025) TAC

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

10. MOTION: RECOMMEND TO THE TCC ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE FY 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – TO REALLOCATE PID 118884 (ALL-CR 142 BREESE RD) FROM SFY 2027 TO SFY 2028 IN THE 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Ms. Barry stated that the County Engineer's office has requested that Breese Road project be moved from 2027 to 2028, which changes the TIP cycle as well. The project will require additional time to complete pre-work elements, and there are also several projects scheduled for 2027. This will free up some allocation for 2027. This project is funded through the MPO. Ms. Barry is requesting that the resolution be accepted and the recommendation be transmitted to the TCC.

Motion 12 (02-25-2025) TAC

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

11. OTHER

a. ODOT: Township Safety Sign Grant Application due June 6, 2025

Ms. Dye gave the Committee information on the ODOT Township Safety Sign Grant that had been sent in an ODOT email. She had also looked at which counties were eligible and passed that onto anyone who was interested.

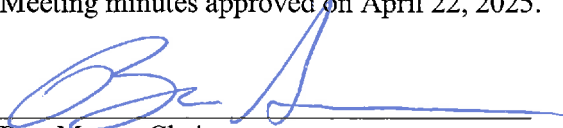
12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 13 (02-25-2025) TAC

Mr. Metzger moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Inkrott, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Meeting minutes approved on April 22, 2025.



Ron Meyer, Chairman