



LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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WELCOME

This newsletter is intended to provide timely updates on local transportation projects, area (re)development initiatives, as well as transit and paratransit related news, highway safety, and other activities undertaken by the Planning Commission and our partners. The newsletter is supported in part with funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FTA), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), and the Planning Commission member political subdivisions.

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LACRPC COMMITTEE MEETINGS & CLOSING DETAILS:

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

CMTE	DATE	TIME	CMTE	DATE	TIME	CMTE	DATE	TIME
DCC	Tue, July 1st	3:00 pm	DCC	Tue, Aug. 12th	3:00 pm	DCC	Tue, Sept. 9th	3:00 pm
DCC	Tue, July 15th	3:00pm	TAC	Tue, Aug. 26th	1:30pm	TAC	Tue, Sept. 16th	1:30pm
CDC	Thu, July 17th	3:30pm	DCC	Tue, Aug. 26th	3:00pm	DCC	Tue, Sept. 23rd	3:00pm
CAC	Tue, July 22nd	10:00am	AAC	Wed, Aug. 27th	4:00 pm	AAC	Wed, Sept. 17th	4:00 pm
TAC	Tue, July 22nd	1:30pm	TCC	Thu, Aug. 28th	3:00pm	TCC	Thu, Sept. 18th	3:00 pm
AAC	Wed, July 23rd	4:00 pm	EC	Thu, Aug. 28th	4:00pm	EC	Thu, Sept. 18th	4:00 pm
TCC	Thu, July 24th	3:00 pm						
EC	Thu, July 24th	4:00 pm						
DDC	Tue, July 29th	3:00pm						

SUMMER & FALL LACRPC CLOSINGS:

**JULY 4
SEPTEMBER 1
OCTOBER 13**

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If meetings are cancelled or rescheduled, they will be posted at the top of our website on the scrolling ticker.

Check out our NEW member services lists. Let us know how LACRPC or WORPO can provide services for your county, city, village or township!

Visit www.lacrpc.com for a downloadable copy of our member services list.



LACRPC MEMBER SERVICES

As a dues-paying member of Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC), we want to make sure you know the benefits of being a part of your area's metropolitan planning organization (MPO).

LACRPC is specific to Allen County and is one of 17 MPOs in the State of Ohio.

Please look through the list of transportation-related services that we are able to provide. Most are at no extra cost to your township/municipality. Any service that has an additional fee is noted.

Please reach out to let us know if our planning staff is able to assist your community with its transportation-related needs.



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1 TRAFFIC RESEARCH AND DATA

- Conduct speed, safety, or traffic studies.
- Compile data to validate concerns/give peace of mind for concerned citizens.
- Offer solutions/options for transit issues.

2 SURVEYS, REPORTS & PLANS

- Create surveys to gather insight on issues.
- Draft reports to summarize safety data.
- Develop tailored comprehensive plan to use in order to solicit funding opportunities.***

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Teach about the public participation process (PPP) needed with government-funded projects.
- Give assistance in conducting PPP.

4 PLANNING & SAFETY INSIGHT

- Answer frequently asked questions, such as:
- What is the purpose of a roundabout?
- What's a "road diet" and how does it help?
- How to reduce speeding/increase safety?

5 FATAL CRASH REVIEW DATA

- Gather and discuss fatal crash details and offer action steps to combat dangerous driving.
- Explain serious injury and fatal crash reports.

6 TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

- Outline information about public transit.
- Provide options for active transportation.
- Explain choices for those with age, income, or developmental disabilities needs.

7 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Provide public speaking and visual/graphic presentations regarding infrastructure projects and any related topics.
- Demonstrate interactive project dashboard.
- Give tailored messaging to groups: elderly, teens, children, adults w/traffic violations, etc., about safe driving, biking, walking.

8 PROJECT FUNDING ASSISTANCE

- Generate ideas for infrastructure projects.
- Solicit funding from various sources.
- Add project to county planning documents.
- Act as project liaison.

*** Indicates additional fee required



WORPO MEMBER SERVICES

As a dues-paying member of the West Central Ohio Rural Transportation Organization (WORPO), which is managed by staff at the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission, we want to make sure you know the benefits of being a part of your area's regional transportation planning organization.

WORPO is one of eight of its kind in the State of Ohio. The counties that make up WORPO are Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Putnam, Van Wert and Wyandot. In addition, there are 17 metropolitan planning organizations.

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LACRPC STAFF ATTENDS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

On April 29-30, 2025, Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) Senior Planner Colleen Barry and Associate Planner Liwen Kang, Ph.D., attended the Ohio Active Transportation Conference organized by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

The conference was a groundbreaking two-day event dedicated to advancing active transportation initiatives. Held on the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus, the conference brought together a diverse group of experts and advocates.

Featured speakers included Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb, Director of ODOT Pamela Boratyn, and Toole Design Group VP Bill Schulteiss, along with many others. In addition, planners, engineers, and consultants from both the public and private sectors, as well as supporters of active transportation, shared insights into their projects and strategies.

Discussions covered a wide range of topics, including the economic benefits of active transportation, funding and implementation strategies for local multimodal projects, quick-build initiatives, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure planning and design, and non-motorized volume data collection and management. The event provided a great opportunity for attendees to learn, collaborate, and exchange ideas on creating walkable, bikeable, and vibrant communities.





LACRPC & WORPO Present at Ada Rotary Meeting

Senior Planner and RTPO Manager Colleen Barry, along with Public Outreach and Community Program Planner Megan Kinnear, presented to the Ada Rotary on July 8.

The Ada Rotary members requested information about transportation safety and crash data in Hardin County, details about a roundabout project slated for 2026 in Allen County, and the work happening with engineers and commissioners from Hardin County through West Central Ohio Rural Transportation Organization (WORPO).

The presentation also covered details about what WORPO is, what its functions are, what counties are included in it, and how it benefits the region.

Ada Rotary officers and LACRPC staff pictured left to right: Rich Meininger, Colleen Barry, Megan Kinnear, and Ric Johnson



LACRPC Planner Passes AICP Exam

At LACRPC, we are pleased to announce that Associate Planner Liwen Kang, Ph.D., has passed the AICP exam. She has been on staff with LACRPC since April 2024.

AICP, or American Institute of Certified Planners, states on its website: *"The American Institute of Certified Planners provides the only nationwide, independent verification of planners' qualifications. Certified planners pledge to uphold high standards of practice, ethics, and professional conduct and to keep their skills sharp and up to date by continuously pursuing advanced professional education."*

Liwen has additional work experience to complete prior to being able to officially claim the AICP credentials with her name, but should have that completed relatively soon. Liwen brings a lot of expertise and knowledge to our office, and we are honored to have her as part of our planning team.

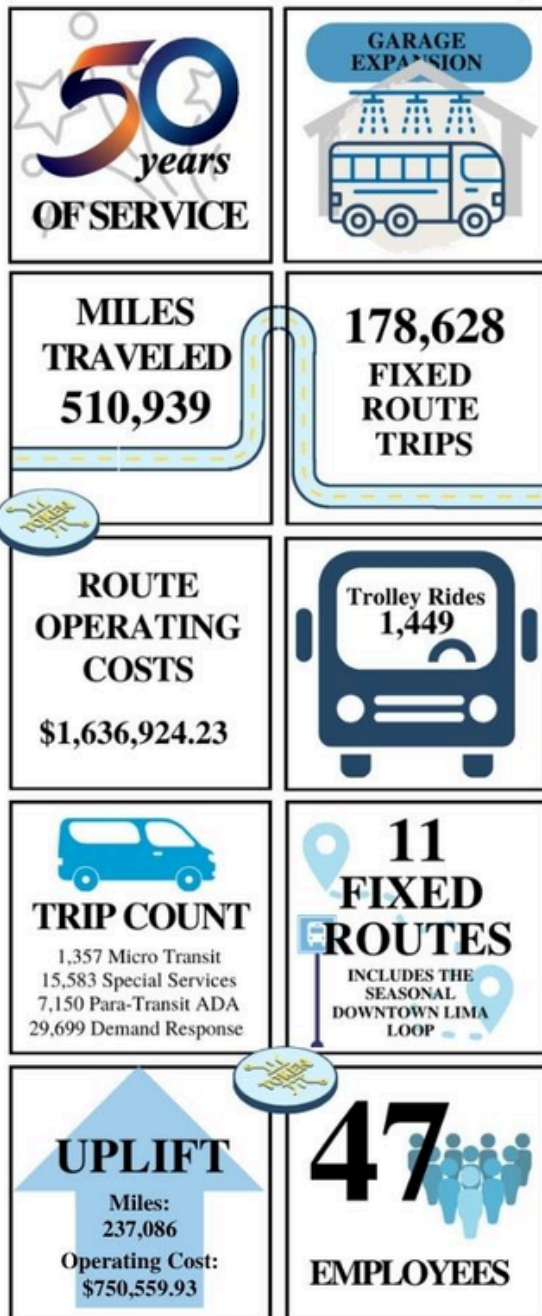




The ACRTA Annual Report is now published! Pick up a copy at either the LACRPC or RTA office.

Here's a peak inside one of the pages of the annual report...

TRANSIT DATA >>>



FINANCIAL DATA >>>

PROFIT & LOSS SUMMARY

Net gain after depreciation = \$ 329,086.55

BALANCE SHEET

Assets = \$ 7,026,771.31
Current liabilities = \$ 526,976.85
Net position = \$ 6,499,794.46

REVENUE SOURCES

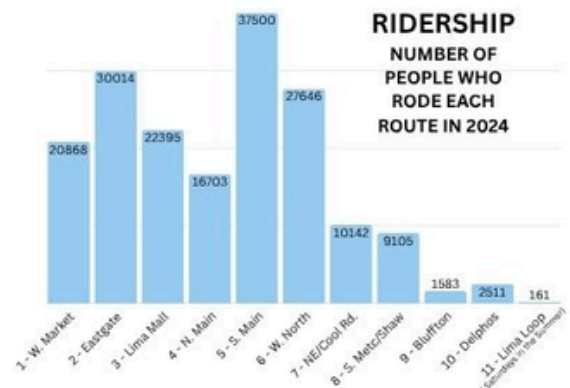
Passenger fares = \$ 166,450.82
Organization paid fares = \$ 738,359.00
Advertising = \$ 83,048.00
Concessions = \$ 40,571.42
-Greyhound, lottery, vending
Other = \$ 512,497.44
-Interest, office lease, etc.
Sales tax = \$ 2,113,359.93
ODOT = \$ 20,276.00
FTA = \$ 2,730,129.00

MONEY APPLIED FOR:

SFY 2026

OTP2 APPLICATION

Fuel Tanks/Pumps = \$ 313,600.00
Concrete Replacement = \$ 246,420.00
Preventative Maintenance = \$ 500,000.00
Operating Assistance = \$ 400,000.00
-General
Operating Assistance = \$ 200,000.00
-Baby on Board



CLICK IT OR TICKET KICKS OFF SEAT BELT SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH WITH STUDENTS



Ohio State Highway Trooper Draven Shaefer teamed up with the Safe Community Coalition on May 13 to host a dynamic “Click It or Ticket” race at the University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH), aimed at promoting seat belt safety among students and the community.

Trooper Shaefer shared personal stories with the college students about having also been a student at UNOH and having two friends who died in vehicle crashes. He explained the importance to stay safe at all times and to make good choices, like the choice to use a seat belt.

The event at UNOH featured eight teams of four participants, with each team member racing around a UNOH campus vehicle with a goal of sitting in every seat, then buckling and unbuckling their seat belts at each stop. Once every team member had made it to every seat, the team with the fastest completion time won prize packs.

The prizes consisted of backpacks filled with various items from UNOH, Lima Memorial Health System, Allen County Regional Transit Authority, Activate Allen County, Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio, and the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Prizes included steel travel mugs, koozies, gift cards, insulated lunch bags, blue tooth speakers, pens, car fresheners, reflective bands, and more.

After the races, students had the chance to use the prize wheel trivia game and play corn hole. Several also had the chance to speak with Trooper Shaefer, who is a UNOH alumnus, about his experiences at college and in law enforcement.





**Big Brothers Big Sisters Safety Event
at Perry High School**



**Prom Safe Driving Presentation at
Shawnee High School - May 1**



Save-A-Life-Tour at Temple Christian School - April 28

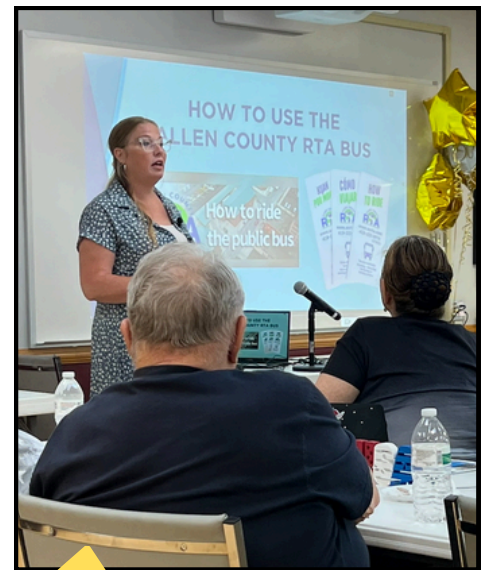




"Quick Click" Races at Allen East High School for "Click It or Ticket" Kickoff - May 13



Summer Partner's Breakfast at Lima Memorial - June 13



Safe Driving Presentation for mature drivers at Delphos Senior Citizen's Center - July 16



PLEASE REQUEST A
PRESENTATION AT
YOUR FACILITY!



Lima/Allen County
REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION



SAFE DRIVING

TIPS FOR MATURE DRIVERS

Megan Kinnear
Lima-Allen County Regional
Planning Commission



2025 Allen County Q1&Q2 Fatal Crash Summary

Allen Co. Crash Fatalities: January - June 2025

Date of crash	Location of crash	Number of Fatalities
1/18/25	City of Lima at Bluelick Rd	1 (driver)
1/23/25	Monroe Twp at Slabtown Rd & Searfoss Rd	1 (driver)
1/25/25	Shawnee Twp at Rt. 501 (Wapak Rd) & Fort Amanda Rd	2 (drivers)

There were 0 fatal crashes during Q2 (April, May & June) in Allen County!

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2025 year-to-date

Lot Split	67
Replat	0
Floodplain Development Permit	1



Kudos!

The Safe Community Coalition members want to recognize and thank the folks at Kiwanis and Advanced Insurance Group in Delphos for helping residents stay safe during the 4th of July weekend.

They provided safe and sober transportation home from the festivities two nights in a row to anyone in need! Your kindness did not go unnoticed. Way to set a great example, Delphos!



Kiwanis **4TH OF JULY**

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY, JULY 3RD
5:00pm-10pm - **KIWANIS FOOD & BEVERAGE TENT**
Visit Kiwanis Big Tent for burgers, brats, and fries
5:00pm-12:30am **SOCIAL/ENTERTAINMENT TENT**
Beverages served until 12:00am
5:00pm-10:30pm - **CHICKETTI FAMILY AMUSEMENT RIDES**
6:00pm-8:00pm - **BEYOND EXPECTATIONS BASEBALL GAME**
Stadium Park Ball Diamond
6:00pm-8:30pm - **KIWANIS DUCK RACES**
Kiwanis Big Tent
Duck Sponsorships Available 614-787-3100
11:00pm-1:00am - **FREE RIDES HOME ADVANCED INSURANCE GROUP**

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH
8:00am-10:00am - **PROBABLE CAUSE BAND**
Delphos Stadium Park Canal
11:30am until **SOLD OUT** - **KIWANIS CHICKEN BBQ**
Shelter House
11:30am-10:30pm - **SOCIAL/ENTERTAINMENT TENT**
Beverages served until 10:00 pm
11:00am-9:45pm - **KIWANIS FOOD & BEVERAGE TENT**
Under the Big Tent
12:00pm-4:00pm - **FREE AMUSEMENT RIDES**
Courtesy of Delphos Kiwanis
12:00pm-2:00pm - **PROBABLE CAUSE BAND**
Social Tent - Open at 11am
5:00pm-10:00pm - **CHICKETTI FAMILY AMUSEMENT RIDES**
9:00pm-11:00pm - **FREE RIDES HOME ADVANCED INSURANCE GROUP**

DEAN MAAG & FRIENDS
July 3, 9pm-12am

PROBABLE CAUSE BAND
July 4, 3:30pm-6:30pm

It's almost our annual Summer "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign kickoff time! Come find us at the Allen County Fairgrounds this August. You'll see signage, safe driving materials, and also a presentation with some guest speakers on the importance of safe and sober driving. Be sure to keep up-to-date on our events by following our posts on the LACRPC Facebook page!



★ JOIN THE FUN AT ★ **THE ALLEN COUNTY FAIR PARADE**

**WALK OR BIKE WITH US!
BRING THE FAMILY & YOUR BIKES**

HELMETS REQUIRED. HELMETS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

**The Bike and Pedestrian Task Force invites
YOU to join us in the fair parade!**



AUGUST 10, 2025

ARRIVE TIME: 1:30 PM

PARADE TIME: 2:00 PM



NORTHLAND PLAZA - SKY ZONE PARKING LOT

PLEASE CONTACT US BY AUGUST 9 TO SIGN UP!



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ALLEN COUNTY OHIO BIKE/PED TASK FORCE

HELMET DISTRIBUTION AT COMMUNITY EVENTS

FREE BICYCLE HELMETS PASSED OUT AT THE LIMA FARMER'S MARKET, LIMA LOCOS BASEBALL, AND SOUTH JACKSON BLOCK PARTY

Activate Allen County and Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) staff handed out free bike helmets and safety gear during "Third Thursday" in downtown Lima on June 19, and also at the Lima Locos Kid's Night on June 24.

The helmets were made available through the "Put a Lid on It" grant from the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

These organizations, along with other community representatives, will be back at it again at the Community Block Party on Saturday, July 19 at 200 S. Jackson St. in Lima.

A bike rodeo is also on the calendar for Sept. 20 as part of the Central Lima Neighborhood Association's block party. That event will be held in the Mercy Health parking lot off North Street, with the time still to be announced.

These events are a great opportunity for the community to support local businesses and grab some essential safety gear while enjoying fun events.

Stay safe, Lima, and be sure to "Put a Lid on It" when riding a bike!





**SATURDAY
19 JULY
11AM-1PM**

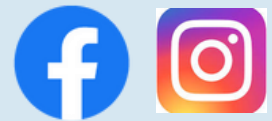
SOUTH JACKSON BLOCK PARTY

Join Activate Allen County to kick off our Summer Block Party featuring community resources, raffle prizes, giveaways, free food & more!

- ✓ FREE FOOD TRUCK
- ✓ INFLATABLES & GAMES
- ✓ DJ & PHOTO BOOTH

**RIDE SMART.
RIDE SAFE.
GET INVOLVED.**

QUESTIONS? CALL US AT 419-228-1836



FIND AND FOLLOW US: ALLEN COUNTY
OHIO BIKE/PED TASK FORCE



COMMUNITY MEETING - ALLEN COUNTY

to assist with the
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy



DATE
JULY 29, 2025



TIME
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM



LOCATION
CAMBRIDGE CENTER
418 N CENTRAL AVE, LIMA, OH 45801

PLEASE RSVP TO LFALCONE@KLEINFELDER.COM

THE ALLEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP WILL HOST A COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND THREATS AFFECTING THE REGION'S ECONOMY, AS WELL AS SUGGESTIONS FOR GOALS, INITIATIVES, AND STEPS TO EXPAND STRENGTHS OR OPPORTUNITIES AND MITIGATE POTENTIAL THREATS, THEREBY DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT ECONOMY.