

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2016
MINUTES**

Members/Voting Alternates

John Beals, City of Centerville
Michael Beamish, City of Troy
Katelyn Berbach, City of Tipp City
Dale Berry, Washington Township
Judy Blankenship, City of Huber Heights
Janet Bly, Miami Conservancy District
John Bruns, City of Union
Steven Byington, City of Oakwood
Sherry Callahan, Municipality of Carlisle
Richard Church, City of Miamisburg
Judy Dodge, Montgomery County
Mark Donaghy, Greater Dayton RTA
Elmer Dudas, City of Springboro
James Gorman, City of Clayton
Carol Graff, Beaver Creek Township
Arthur Haddad, Troy Chamber of Commerce
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood
Mary Johnson, Jefferson Township
Dan Kirkpatrick, City of Fairborn
Tony Klepacz, City of Kettering
Sara Lommatzsch, City of Riverside
Jim McGuire, City of Moraine
Gerald Peters, Perry Township
Amy Schrimpf, Dayton Development Coalition
Arlene Setzer, City of Vandalia
Mehdi Sharzi, Vectren Energy
Gary Shoup, Montgomery Co. Engineer's Office
Woodrow Stroud, Greene County Transit
Charles Ronald Vaughn, City of Trotwood
William Vogt, City of Piqua

Deborah Wallace, City of Beavercreek
Karen Wintrow, Village of Yellow Springs

Other Alternates/Guests

Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood
Richard Henry, LWV
Penny Rike, LJB
Keith Smith, ODOT D-8
Fred Stovall, City of Dayton
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy
Joe Vogel, FTC&H
Jeff Wallace, TranSystems
Ben Wiltheiss, ODOT D-7
Leonard Wirz, Village of Pleasant Hill

Staff Present

Paul Arnold
Julie Black
Ann Burns
Brad Daniel
Kjirsten Frank-Hoppe
Tim Gilliland
Tom Harner
Laura Henry
Martin Kim
Laura Loges
Brian Martin
Bob Steinbach
Kathryn Youra Polk
Lynn Zuch

I. INTRODUCTION

Chair Graff called the meeting to order. Self-introductions were made. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Berry made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Vogt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON ACTION ITEMS

None

V. MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) ACTION ITEMS

A. Adoption of Amendment to MVRPC's SFY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Arnold referred to a memo on page 4 of the mailout explaining that numerous modifications to the programming documents for various projects has resulted in the need for a TIP amendment. He referred to the project tables for each county. Mr. Arnold stated that staff as well as TAC recommends adoption of this TIP amendment, and referred to a resolution on page 18 of the mailout. Mr. Church made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Adoption of Resolution Opposing the Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination And Planning Area Reform Rule.

Ms. Ramirez explained that MVRPC recently became aware of a proposed rule change from the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding MPO coordination and planning area reform. Staff was given very little notice of the rule change, and the comment period expires on August 26th. She stated that the proposed rule would require that the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) include at a minimum the entire urbanized area (UZA) and the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20 year forecast period. Ms. Ramirez reviewed several outcomes that could result in this rule change:

- In some cases, the MPA for each MPO could be redrawn such that their boundaries do not overlap;
- The MPO's within the same UZA could merge;
- If the Governor(s) and MPOs determine more than one MPO is warranted, those MPO's would then develop unified planning products (metropolitan plan, TIP and performance targets) for the entire UZA.

Ms. Ramirez explained that staff feels this is not a good idea for our MPO area and this rule would take away local control and reduce input to the planning process. She also noted that Springfield and OKI have taken the same position, and there is already excellent coordination between MPOs in our State. Staff feels our opposition will be more effective if there is a formal resolution passed by the Board, which is in the packet on page 23. Mr. Martin noted that he has spoken to OKI and Clark County TCC and everyone agrees that this proposed rule is not a good idea, and there are numerous letters posted in the docket opposed to this change. He stressed the importance of communicating our opposition to this proposed rule. Mr. Gorman made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Wallace thanked Mr. Martin and the staff for keeping the Board informed on these types of issues.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. CY2016 TRAC Solicitation Update

Mr. Daniel referred to page 25 of the mailout, noting that the TRAC solicitation period was from June 1 through June 30. He reported that staff received 2 project applications:

- Greene US35 Superstreet project - \$5 million
- Montgomery US35 Improvements - \$27.58 million

Mr. Daniel provided details for both of these projects. He explained that the projects will be ranked and staff will be hosting a Project Sponsor meeting in mid -August. The final scores and rankings will be presented for adoption at the October 6th Board meeting, and then presented at the TRAC Public Hearing on October 13th at ODOT central office.

Mr. Beals asked if the proposed MOT US35 project is changing from 4 to 6 lanes. Mr. Daniel confirmed this was correct. Ms. Bly asked about consideration for cyclist and pedestrians at Factory Road. Mr. Smith, from ODOT D-8 explained there were accommodations for them at the center island. Mr. Beals asked if there were 3 at grade intersections to be revised; Valley, Factory and Orchard as part of the Greene US35 project. Mr. Daniel explained that this project does not include Valley, and this Superstreet project is proposed as an interim solution, and later in the future, other intersections, including Valley, will be coordinated. Mr. Smith explained details on another project that does address the Valley St. intersection, which includes a right turn lane from Valley heading south towards WB US35. Ms. Wallace noted that there has been some compromise because of the huge funding requirements, but it was agreed this is the best solution for now. Mr. Martin stated that the Greene US35 project was recently awarded \$5 in ODOT safety funds, and he can also see coalitions forming to address future funding needs. Mr. Beals asked about estimated completion date for this project. Mr. Smith stated it is early 2021.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin welcomed Leonard Wirz from the Village of Pleasant Hill, who are the newest member to join MVRPC. He referred to his August report noting a list of various projects and activities that staff has been involved in this summer. MVRPC received the Medium Metro Award at a recent NARC Annual Conference that he attended in Salt Lake City. He also noted that he made a presentation at the conference promoting the Nation's Largest Paved Trail Network, National Parks and historical sites. His report also provided information on current grant and funding resources as well as list of upcoming meetings.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vogt made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Carol Graff
Chairperson

Date