

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2017
MINUTES**

Members/Voting Alternates

Richard Barnhart, City of West Carrollton
John Beals, City of Centerville
Michael Beamish, City of Troy
Rebecca Benná, Five Rivers Metro Parks
Katelyn Berbach, City of Tipp City
Dale Berry, Washington Township
Janet Bly, Miami Conservancy District
Steve Boeder, Municipality of Germantown
John Bruns, City of Union
Michael Busse, Village of Covington
Richard Church, City of Miamisburg
Georgene Dawson, DPL Inc.
Carolyn Destefani, Sugarcreek Township
Judy Dodge, Montgomery County
Mark Donaghy, Greater Dayton RTA
Elmer Dudas, City of Springboro
Andrew Fluegemann, ODOT District 8
Bob Glaser, Greene County
Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township
James Gorman, City of Clayton
Carol Graff, Beavercreek Township
Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineer
Arthur Haddad, Troy Chamber of Commerce
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood
Dan Kirkpatrick, City of Fairborn
Tony Klepacz, City of Kettering
Sonny Lewis, City of Franklin
Dale Louderback, City of Xenia
Roy Mann, Jefferson Township
Julia Maxton, South Metro Chamber
Pamela McDonald, Charter Communications
Jim McGuire, City of Moraine
Jeffrey Mims, City of Dayton
John O'Brien, Miami County
Karen O'Grady, Dayton Area Board of Realtors
Matt Parrill, ODOT District 7
Gerald Peters, Perry Township
Chris Schmiesing, City of Piqua

David Seagraves, City of Brookville
Arlene Setzer, City of Vandalia
Mehdi Sharzi, Vectren
Janell Smith, City of Huber Heights
Woodrow Stroud, Greene County Transit
Ronald Thuma, Monroe Township
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy
William Vogt, City of Piqua
Debborah Wallace, City of Beavercreek
Leonard Wirz, Village of Pleasant Hill

Other Alternates/Guests

Kaye Borchers, Choice One Engineering
Gary Burkholder, City of Brookville
Tim Eggleston, Tipp City
Laura Estandia, Bike Miami Valley
Richard Henry, LWV
Lindsay Kieres, Woolpert
Quincy Pope, City of Trotwood
Chris Schmiesing, City of Piqua
Stefan Spinosa, ODOT D-8
Terri Studebaker, Village of Pleasant Hill
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy
Fred Vogel, ODOT
Joe Vogel, FTSH
Nick Voisard, American Structurepoint

Staff Present

Paul Arnold
Ann Burns
Brad Daniel
Laura Henry
Kjirsten Frank Hoppe
Tim Gilliland
Martin Kim
Laura Loges
Brian Martin
Bob Steinbach

I. INTRODUCTION

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

II. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON ACTION ITEMS

None

Chair Graff reported that she contacted Woody Stroud, Judy Dodge and Michael Beamish about serving on the Nominating Committee, and they have all agreed to serve. Board members will soon be receiving an email providing instructions on submitting an application for officer positions.

Mr. Lewis asked if Warren County jurisdictions could be included in this. Mr. Martin explained that Warren County could be represented on the Executive Committee, but the 3 officer positions are traditionally held by the 3 MPO counties. Chair Graff noted that since the officer positions are a 2 year term, if you start out as 2nd Vice-chair it is essentially a 6 year commitment.

IV. 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 5 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 24 of the mailout. Mr. Gorman made a motion to recommend adoption. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the Draft SFY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Arnold referred to a memo on page 25 of the mailout explaining that ODOT requires the submittal of a Draft TIP by early February 2017. He reported that staff conducted a public involvement meeting to present the Draft TIP on January 5th at the MVRPC offices. A summary of the public comments is included as an attachment. Mr. Arnold referred to the abbreviation table, explaining that the highway/bikeway tables for each county were provided as well as the transit tables. He noted a new ODOT statewide line item table which includes statewide line item projects. He encouraged members to review the projects for their jurisdictions and notify staff of any changes or corrections. Mr. Arnold stated that both staff and TAC recommend adoption of the resolution on page 132 of the mailout. Ms. Wallace made a motion to approve. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of FY2018 Transportation and Government Services Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) Projects

Mr. Daniel referred to a memo on page 133 of the mailout explaining how MVRPC is working with the Dayton Regional Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) to identify projects that may be eligible for funding. He explained that MVRPC is the lead agency for both Transportation and Government Services Projects.

Mr. Daniel reviewed five Transportation project applications, requesting \$12 million dollars (Exhibit 2), and two Government Services project applications, requesting \$2 million dollars (Exhibit 4). MVRPC staff, the review panel and TAC recommends that these projects be submitted to the Dayton Regional Priority Development and Advocacy Committee.

Chair Graff asked Mr. Daniel to further explain the importance of this solicitation process. Mr. Daniel stated that MVRPC serves as the review panel for the Transportation and Government Services projects. There are 4 other review panels for other project categories. All of these review panels provide the PDAC committee with their recommendations. The final list is presented to our legislative delegates as regional priorities for funding requests. Mr. Beamish made a motion to approve. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Update on the Link Bikeshare Program

Laura Estandia, Executive Director of Bike Miami Valley, presented an update on the Link: Dayton Bike Share program. Ms. Estandia described Link as a program designed for short trips that allows users to replace a walking or driving trip with a bike trip. She talked about user demographics and noted that customer satisfaction with the program ranks high among users. She noted that this system has had more than 57,000 bike checkouts since its launch in May of 2015. Ms. Estandia also discussed the system's expansion by three more stations in August of 2016. Ms. Estandia then walked the committee through the programs of Bike Miami Valley like the Chapter Program and the upcoming 2017 Cycling Summit on May 5th at Wright State University. Registration is currently open for the summit.

Mr. Stroud asked if bikes ever come up missing. Ms. Estandia explained occasionally they are left somewhere other than the designated stations, but are usually recovered. Mr. Glaser inquired about the cost per user for the program. Ms. Estandia explained that the average trip generates about \$2 per trip, but she did not have a definite number for cost per user. Mr. Glaser asked for the total cost of the project divided by the number of users. She explained they have a \$300,000 budget and had approximately 3900 users last year. Mr. Gruner asked if she had worked with the Dayton Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) regarding the impact this type of system has on attracting conventions and other events. Ms. Estandia explained they are working closely with CVB on the International Trails Symposium, as well as other events. Ms. Estandia provided additional information on the Summit, to be held at WSU on May 5th, featuring Aperia Dial, from Columbus as the keynote speaker. Early registration began on February 1st, at cyclingsummit.com. She also promoted an after party event to be held at Wandering Griffin on Presidential Drive in Beavercreek. Mr. Hankins noted that when you look at other cities like Cincinnati and Columbus, these programs are very positive and it is great for our region that we now have a bikeshare program. Mr. Boeder asked if they work with other municipalities to promote events, such as the Pretzel Festival held in Germantown that includes a bike ride. Ms. Estandia said that they do promote these types of events and will be in touch for more details closer to the event.

B. International Trails Symposium Registration Overview

Mr. Martin explained how MVRPC is partnering with Five Rivers Metroparks in promoting the International Trails Symposium, May 7-10, 2017 at the Dayton Convention Center. He shared a video that provided additional information and the website for registration. Mr. Martin stated that nearly 1,000 participants are expected to attend the symposium and this is an excellent opportunity to showcase what the Dayton region has to offer. This video is available for viewing at MVRPC.org.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin referred to a handout that provided his February report. He noted that the new Transportation Secretary was sworn in yesterday, so there is currently some uncertainty with transportation funding, but we still have FASTAct in place from 2015. Staff will continue to monitor any funding changes, and will also learn more at the Washington DC Annual Fly-in scheduled for April. Mr. Martin reported that ODOT will be giving a presentation on the ODOT budget at the March Board meeting as well as the February TAC Meeting. His report provided an update on the Greene US 35 Superstreet Project and the Wolf Creek Trail project. Mr. Martin reported that the next TAC and Board meeting will include Water Quality Planning action items to address two requests to amend the boundaries of facility planning areas (FPA) in our water quality management plan. His report also included Grants & Funding resources as well as a list of upcoming meetings.

Mr. Glaser expressed concern about a recent announcement that 2 area DP&L plants will be closing, and questioned if MVRPC would have any involvement in this. Mr. Martin noted he did see a recent news article regarding this, and referred to our DPL Board Member Georgene Dawson. Ms. Dawson explained that DPL is in the middle of a settlement for an electric security plan. She did clarify that the reason that electric utilities are moving toward distribution companies in Ohio is due to state deregulation done back in 1999. Deregulation created rules that the company had to separate generation from distribution, and become distribution companies, thereby allowing customers to purchase the generation on the free market. Ms. Dawson explained that the company is now evaluating what can and cannot be done with the generating facilities. Mr. Martin asked if there was anything that MVRPC and the member communities should be doing. Ms. Dawson stated that not much can be done at this time, because both state and federal regulations have such changes. Perhaps the best thing is to be knowledgeable and aware of all the changes.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stroud made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hankins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Carol Graff
Chairperson