

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 5, 2017
MINUTES**

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Quincy Pope, City of Trotwood
Amy Schrimpf, Dayton Development Coalition
Arlene Setzer, City of Vandalia
Janell Smith, City of Huber Heights
Regan Snider, Miami County Transit
Woody Stroud, Greene Co. Transit

Terri Studebaker, Village of Pleasant Hill
Ronald Thuma, Monroe Township
William Vogt, City of Piqua
Deborah Wallace, City of Beavercreek
Roland Winburn, Harrison Township
Karen Wintrow, Village of Yellow Springs

Other Alternates/Guests

Scott Brown, ODOT
Joe Dura, Montgomery Co. Engineer's
Tim Eggleston, City of Tipp City
Nathan Fischer, Woolpert
Richard Henry, LWV
Dan Hoying, LJB, Inc.
Steve Mary, Stantec
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy
Laura Toole, FHWA
Ben Wiltheiss, ODOT D-7

Staff Present

Paul Arnold
Ann Burns
Bradley Daniel
Kjirsten Frank Hoppe
Tim Gilliland
Alex Growel
Martin Kim
Kim Lahman
Laura Loges
Brian Martin
Ami Parikh
Ana Ramirez
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 SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

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

III. Public Comment Period on Action Items

None

IV. MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Section 5310 Program of Projects FY2017 Allocations

Ms. Hoppe referred to a memo on page 5 of the mailout explaining that section 5310 primarily funds capital projects, specifically vehicles, to be operated by nonprofit or transit agencies to provide supplemental transportation to seniors and individuals with disabilities. Ms. Hoppe reported that FY2017 funding available was \$741,428 and reviewed the application guidelines.

She also explained the competitive selection process. Staff is recommending all five (5) applications received, for ten (10) vehicles, be approved for funding. A public meeting was held on August 22, and a summary of comments are available on the MVRPC website. Ms. Hoppe stated that staff as well as TAC recommends approval of the resolution on page 11 of the mailout. Ms. Wintrow made a motion to approve. Mr. Joseph seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Adoption of Resolution Endorsing Revisions to the National Highway System.

Ms. Ramirez reported that on August 11, 2017 FHWA approved the revised National Highway System for Ohio per the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). Between 2014 and 2016, MVRPC worked with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and our local jurisdictions to update the functional classification of roads and the National Highway System. She explained that ODOT has requested a resolution from each MPO to acknowledge the changes and the coordination efforts between the State and the MPOs. Ms. Ramirez stated that both staff and TAC recommend approval of the resolution on page 14 to endorse changes to the National Highway System.

Mr. Beals asked what the benefit was for a road to be included on the NHS. Mr. Martin clarified that the first priority are the interstates and the intermodal connectors. The funding for the interstates is 90%/10% and all other routes the funding is 80%/20%. Mr. Bruns asked what changes have been made from the last version of the NHS map. Ms. Ramirez reviewed a few additions in Montgomery County, and a section of N. Fairfield Road in Greene County.

Mr. Glaser questioned why Trebein Road was not included. Ms. Ramirez explained that Trebein is classified as a collector road and therefore does not qualify. Mr. Glaser also asked for clarification why US 35 is not listed as a transportation route, such as I-70 and I-75, and if it relates to truck traffic, this has changed in recent years. Mr. Martin stated that US 35 was not part of the National Freight Network. Mr. Glaser asked what could be done to include it in the National Freight Network. Mr. Martin stated he had a conversation with ODOT officials regarding this at this year's freight conference and they understand the need for US 35 to be included. Mr. Glaser requested a future discussion with Mr. Martin on this subject. Ms. Wallace suggested in the future, it might be helpful to see the old maps, as well the revised version, to better compare the changes.

Mr. Gorman made a motion for approval. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of MVRPC TRAC Rankings for CY2017

Mr. Daniel referred to a memo on page 15 of the mailout providing background on the TRAC solicitation process. He also referred to the two projects listed on page 16 and provided additional details on the projects. Mr. Daniel stated that both staff and TAC recommend approval of the resolution on page 17 to approve the CY2017 TRAC rankings.

Mr. Glaser questioned why preliminary engineering was not included as part of the US35 and Valley/Trebein Interchange project. Mr. Daniel explained that the project has requested \$3.25M for detailed design and Right-of-Way, which is required to be completed prior to preliminary engineering. Mr. Glaser expressed concern about adding an additional lane prior to the preliminary engineering being completed, and the importance of moving this intersection up in the queue for future construction projects. Mr. Martin recognized the importance of the project, stating that Mr. Glaser's comments will be a good argument for the TRAC hearing next week. Chair Graff encouraged good representation at the TRAC hearing next week. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve. Mr. Beals seconded the motion. The motion passed, with one vote opposed.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Update on FY2019 Dayton Development Coalition's Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) Process

Mr. Daniel referred to a memo on page 19 explaining that MVRPC is the lead agency to review Transportation and Government Services projects. He further explained that the purpose of this process is to establish a list of projects that benefit the Miami Valley to be submitted as funding requests. Mr. Daniel reviewed the proposed timeline of dates on page 19, noting that the deadline to submit applications on November 10, 2017. The application forms are available on the Dayton Development Coalitions website, as well as a link on MVRPC's website.

B. Transportation Performance Management Overview

Ms. Parikh presented an overview of the transportation performance management (TPM) process and summarized how MVRPC is working to meet the requirements of this federal process. She mentioned that federal performance management requirements come from MAP-21 and the FAST Act which required State DOTs, transit agencies, and MPOs to establish performance and outcome-based programs in several national priority areas. These frameworks have trickled down in a series of rules being promulgated by U.S. DOT. These rules specify performance measures against which performance targets are established by State DOTs and MPOs.

Ms. Parikh walked through each functional area (safety, pavements and bridges, congestion, freight, and CMAQ-traffic congestion and emission reductions) and listed all the performance measures that MVRPC is required to establish targets for. She mentioned that the deadline for establishing safety performance targets is February 27, 2018 for all Ohio MPOs. She described the process followed by ODOT to establish a 1% annual reduction goal for all five safety performance measures. With highway performance measures, MPOs have a choice of supporting statewide targets or setting their own targets. Ms. Parikh mentioned that MVRPC has decided to support Ohio's 1% annual reduction goal for the five safety measures. She showed a table describing the impact for each safety performance measure using the 1% annual reduction goals in the MVRPC area. Finally, she described FHWA requirements with respect to establishing a "significant progress" determination for each State DOT based on their safety performance measured against targets.

FHWA will not assess MPO performance directly; MPOs would need to coordinate and report their safety performance to their respective State DOTs.

Ms. Wallace asked who is responsible for measuring the truck travel time reliability. Ms. Parikh explained that the data is released by FHWA, and the effective date is May 20th. The actual calculations have not yet started, but when they are completed, the MPO's will use that data and make the calculations for their region. Ms. Wallace noted the importance of accurate counts, thereby increasing the freight counts on US35. Ms. Parikh stated that ODOT is taking the counts on all US and state routes. Ms. Ramirez added that the freight performance management measure applies only to the interstate system. Ms. Wallace asked for further clarification on who the local agency is that submits these counts, and how to work on moving US35 to a national freight system. Ms. Ramirez stated that the freight reliability data comes from a national database that has been made available by FHWA that relies on cell phone and GIS data, primarily from the actual vehicles. Mr. Martin added that ODOT is conducting counts annually, and the planner at ODOT feels they have a fairly strong argument to try to get US35 added to the system.

Ms. Toole noted that from a federal perspective, the Board's role in transportation performance management is to adopt resolutions of support for the MPO's targets. Ms. Parikh stated that a resolution to support the safety targets will be presented at the next Board meeting.

C. Going Place Implementation Tools Progress Update: Equity Profile

Mr. Kim explained that today, he will be reviewing Tool D, Regional Assets and Economic Analyses tool. This tool is about providing insights on where the Region stands on a variety of different subject areas. Staff has been emphasizing this tool because the knowledge we gain from it provides a good foundation for future planning, coordination, and project development efforts. He reported that so far, staff published six regional profiles and they are all available on our website. Mr. Kim explained that the most recent regional profile that we completed is the Equity Profile. He stated that staff was fortunate to partner with the nationally recognized Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at the Ohio State University, an interdisciplinary research center in the domains of regional equity, access to opportunity, and racial justice.

Mr. Kim explained that equity means that all people, regardless of where they live, have access to the resources and opportunities that improve their quality of life such as housing, transportation, jobs, and education. Equity is about people and place. He reviewed a variety of reasons why equity matters, as well as some statistics showing where our region stands. Mr. Kim reviewed a chart illustrating how our Region's equity landscape has changed over the decades. Between 1980 and 2010, the geographic areas of opportunity, both high and low, spread out as the population did. However not all areas or people have received the same level of benefits during growth periods over the last three decades. As a result, our Region's equity gap has widened with access to opportunity becoming more polarized. Since 1980, the percent of people with moderate access to opportunities shrunk by 9%. Mr. Kim reviewed additional charts and graphs to share information on access to opportunity by race, household type and poverty status. He explained how inequity affects the Miami Valley's ability to keep and attract people and jobs.

In order to address inequity in our region, all of us will need to make sure that we:

- Invest in all of the Miami Valley's people and communities.
- Promote policies and investments that address the consequences of inequity.
- Use tools and resources that break down remaining barriers to opportunity.

Mr. Kim explained how regional equity and transportation have long gone hand-in-hand, and the choices we make about future transportation and development projects can help expand opportunity in our region.

Mr. Fullenkamp asked how equity consideration impacts infrastructure decisions. Mr. Kim stated there is no answer to that right now, and that is the next path that needs to be explored. This equity profile can illustrate where we stand as a region, but does not necessarily tell us what path to take to address the issues. Mr. Kim explained that the next step is to bring the community leaders together to collaborate on what can be done to find the best way to address this.

Mr. Thuma noted the importance of reporting some of the accomplishments and what has been produced from these studies, to show that the work is worthwhile. Mr. Martin agreed that these studies have provided a great resource of data and information that can be used for the next steps.

D. CY2018 Meeting Calendar

Chair Graff referred to the meeting calendar on page 20 of the mailout, encouraging others to add these meetings to their calendar.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin reported that there would be a presentation from Gerry Chadwich and Walt Hibner of Dayton Rotary, at the November meeting on the Gem City Bike Plan. He also reported that the December 7th Board meeting will be held at the Dayton Metro Library. This will give members an opportunity to tour the new facility, and Tim Kambitsch will be giving a presentation. Mr. Martin referred to a handout that provided his October report. He noted that MVRPC recently received two awards; one for the Best Practice GIS Award and one for the Equity Profile. His report also provided information on Grant & funding opportunities as well as a list of upcoming meetings.

Ms. Toole from FHWA noted that she is replacing Andy Johns as the liaison for MVRPC and looks forward to working with staff as well as the Board of Directors. Mr. Titterington wanted to thank MVRPC staff on their help and efforts on several recent projects with the City of Troy, including the Complete Streets Policy. Ms. Wintrow also thanked staff for their support on a recent workshop that was held in Yellow Springs.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Thuma made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wintrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Carol Graff
Chairperson

Date