

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 7, 2017
MINUTES**

Members/Voting Alternates

Doug Barry, Miami Township
John Beals, City of Centerville
Michael Beamish, City of Troy
Rebecca Benná, Five Rivers Metro Parks
Katelyn Berbach, City of Tipp City
Janet Bly, Miami Conservancy District
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
Julie Duffy, Municipality of Carlisle
Bob Glaser, Greene County
James Gorman, City of Clayton
Carol Graff, Beavercreek Township
Arthur Haddad, Troy Chamber of Commerce
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood
Jerome Hirt, Bethel Township
Matthew Joseph, City of Dayton
Dan Kirkpatrick, City of Fairborn
Tony Klepacz, City of Kettering
Sara Lommatzsch, City of Riverside
Dale Louderback, City of Xenia
Julia Maxton, South Metro Chamber
Chris Mucher, Miami Township
John O'Brien, Miami County
Gerald Peters, Perry Township
Amy Schrimpf, Dayton Development Coalition
Greg Shackelford, City of Vandalia
Gary Shoup, Montgomery Co. Engineer's Office
Woodrow Stroud, Greene County 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
Leonard Wirz, Village of Pleasant Hill
Joyce Young, Washington Township

Other Alternates/Guests

Keith Arend, ATC Group Services
Kaye Borchers, Choice One Engineering
Scott Brown, ODOT
Tim Eggleston, City of Tipp City
Nathan Fischer, Woolpert
Richard Henry, LWV
Dan Hoying, LJB, Inc.
Carrie Scarff, Five Rivers MetroParks
Fred Vogel, ODOT
Jeff Wallace, TransSystems
Ben Wilttheiss, ODOT D-7

Staff Present

Paul Arnold
Ann Burns
Bradley Daniel
Tim Gilliland
Martin Kim
Kim Lahman
Laura Loges
Brian Martin
Ana Ramirez
Kathryn Youra-Polk

I. INTRODUCTION

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

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 1, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

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

III. Public Comment Period on Action Items

None

IV. MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) ACTION ITEMS

A. Adoption of Amendment to MVRPC's SFY2018-2021 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, as well as the statewide line item projects. Mr. Arnold stated that staff as well as TAC recommend adoption of this TIP amendment, and referred to a resolution on page 28 of the mailout. Mr. Donaghy made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of FAST Act Funds Availability Report and Project Solicitation Request.

Mr. Arnold referred to a memo on page 29 of the mailout. He explained that MVRPC funding policies require the staff to provide an annual information report showing the status of regionally controlled STP, CMAQ and TA funds as part of the solicitation process. He noted that there are no current CMAQ funds shown since that has switched to a statewide program. Mr. Arnold reviewed the table on page 30, which provided the fund balances for STP and TA federal programs. Based on this report, staff recommends authorization to begin the solicitation process for new STP and TA projects. Chair Graff noted the importance of having projects ready to go so that these funds may be used in the appropriate funding years that they are available. Ms. Wallace made a motion to approve. Mr. Beals seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Arnold noted solicitation letters will be distributed on Monday, and the deadline to submit applications is October 11, 2017.

C. Approval of Updates to STP-CMAQ-TA Policies and Procedures

Mr. Arnold referred to a memo on page 31 of the mailout defining some minor changes that were made to the draft STP-CMAQ-TA Policies and Procedures. He reviewed the three significant changes shown on page 35.

- Funds will be limited to \$3M STP to be programmed in a single year
- The statewide CMAQ solicitation will be suspended until next year
- The STP resurfacing funds will be available for simple resurfacing projects

Mr. Arnold stated that staff as well as TAC recommends approval of the resolution on page 61. Mr. Vogt made a motion to approve. Ms. Young seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Adoption of SFY2017 Transportation Work Program Completion Report

Ms. Youra Polk referred to a memo on page 62 of the mailout explaining that this completion report is completed annually and it summarizes the highlights of the MPO's efforts for the preceding fiscal year.

The report is included for review in the mailout beginning on page 61. She stated that staff as well as TAC recommends adoption of the resolution on page 79. Upon Board adoption, the report will be submitted to ODOT. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to recommend approval. Ms. Wintrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. CY2017 TRAC Applications Submitted within the MVRPC Region

Mr. Daniel referred to page 80 of the mailout, noting that the TRAC solicitation period was from July 3 through July 31. He reported that staff received two project applications:

- US35 and Valley/Trebein Interchange - \$2.5 million
- US35 Widening in Mont. Co. – \$11.62 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. The final scores and rankings will be presented for adoption at the October 5th Board meeting, and then presented at the TRAC Public Hearing on October 12th at ODOT central office. Chair Graff encouraged members to mark their calendars and attend this October 12 TRAC hearing, noting that it is helpful if our projects are well represented. Ms. Lommatzsch stated that this project has been discussed since the 1990's, but keeps getting pushed back due to lack of funding. This project is much needed and very appreciated.

B. Dayton Riverfront Plan

Mr. Martin introduced Ms. Carrie Scarff from Five Rivers MetroParks to provide an update on the Dayton Riverfront Plan.

Ms. Scarff reviewed the parameter of the plan, explaining how it is important for the region and what it will achieve. There is also the Great Miami Riverway Plan underway, being coordinated by the Miami Conservancy District. She shared a list of agencies who are currently partnering with this project, as well as a list of goals they hope to accomplish with the plan. She reviewed the project budget and the breakdown between several funding partners. Ms. Scarff stated that they have recently selected Sasaki, a top planning firm out of Boston, as the planning consultant for the project. She reviewed a list of 10 locations that present strong opportunities along the corridor that will be receiving site plans as a part of the project. She noted that the last group of eight riverfront sites will create a 7-mile continuous corridor from Wegerzyn Gardens MetroParks into downtown Dayton. This corridor will be a tremendous asset to market as a recreation destination for the Miami Valley region. Ms. Scarff reviewed several photos illustrating concepts from other regions that they seek to achieve in the Dayton plan. She emphasized how the river can be used to unite the city. Ms. Scarff explained plans to reduce flood risks by laying the levies back and creating easier transitions from the urban grid to the river, which also provides opportunity for recreational activities on the levies. She defined the following corridors and then explained the opportunities to create outdoor recreation areas:

- North Corridor – Stillwater River
- East Corridor – Mad River
- South Corridor - Great Miami River
- West Corridor – Wolf Creek

Ms. Scarff also noted the opportunity for collaboration between Sinclair, University of Dayton and Chaminade-Julienne and the need to send a message of how powerful and exciting this region is so that they will remain in the Miami Valley region after they complete their education.

She also reviewed a downtown open space area recently made available by the I-75 re-alignment and the opportunities this area provides to bring the community together.

Ms. Scarff reviewed the schedule for the Dayton Riverfront Plan, which kicked off in June, and will be completed in April, 2018. She encouraged members to review details of the plan at <https://daytonriverfrontplan.org/> as well as complete the survey provided on that website.

Mr. Wirz asked about plans for maintenance as well as pollution control. Ms. Scarff explained that water quality issues are very much a part of the master plan. The maintenance of the rivers is an ongoing discussion and there are some agreements in place with other agencies to contribute with the clean up after any flooding. Ms. Wallace commended Five Rivers MetroParks on this plan, and feels this plan will be very positive for the region. Mr. Vogt noted the importance of providing a balance and a clean environment for the wildlife. Mr. Joseph stated that there has been a variety of wildlife recently return to this area. Ms. Scarff agreed that there is an increase in beaver population as well as otters, black crown heron and a very diverse bird population.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin referred to a handout that provided his September report. He reported that MVRPC recently published the Miami Valley Equity Regional Profile, which was developed in partnership with the Kirwin Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at OSU. A print version of the report is available on our website. Mr. Martin reported that the Federal Certification Review was held on August 29th and 30th. The review was very well attended, and the federal reviewers were highly complementary of our board's involvement and our outstanding partnerships in the planning process. He announced that staff will be conducting two Draft 2050 Regional Socio-Economic Workshops on September 13 and September 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at MVRPC offices. Mr. Martin noted that Kjirsten Frank Hoppe was the MVRPC Staff member featured this month, and also introduced Kim Lahman, the recently hired Director of Sustainable Solutions and Transportation Alternatives. His report also provided information on Grant & funding opportunities as well as a list of upcoming meetings.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Haddad made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hirt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Carol Graff
Chairperson

Date