

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 18, 2021 – via Teleconference
MINUTES**

MVRPC
10 N. Ludlow Street, Ste. 700, Dayton, OH

February 18, 2021
9:30 AM

Members/Alternates

Tom Arnold, ODOT D7
Sarah Baker, Miami County Public Transit
Pete Bales, Bath Township
Kathy Bartlett, City of Riverside
Russell Bergman, City of Huber Heights
Steve Bergstresser, City of Kettering
Joe Brzozowski, City of Dayton Alisha
Burcham, City of Moraine
Barry Conway, City of Franklin
Rob Cron, City of Vandalia
Merle Cyphers, Harrison Township
Chad Dixon, City of Springboro
Stephanie Goff, Greene County Engineer
Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineer
Dave Haber, Preble County
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood
Jessica Hansen, City of Bellbrook
Amy Havenar, City of Piqua
Paul Huelskamp, Miami County Engineer
Stephanie Kellum, City of Trotwood
Jesse Lightle, Washington Township
Max McConnell, Beaver Creek Township
Rich Norton, City of West Carrollton
Don O'Connor, Miami Conservancy District
Brandon Policicchio, Greater Dayton RTA
Carrie Scarff, Five Rivers MetroParks
John Sliemers, City of Kettering
Nick Smith, City of Beaver Creek
Doug Spitler, City of Oakwood
Denise Swinger, Village of Yellow Springs
Pat Turnbull, City of Centerville
Ben Wilthesis, ODOT 7
John Zelinski, City of Dayton

Guests

Scott Green, Strand Associates
Mike Hafner, TEC Engineering
Jay Hamilton, Mead & Hunt
Chad Henry, Choice One
Bob Hotaling, MetroNet, Inc.
Rob James, Fishbeck
Veena Madineni, LJB, Inc.
Pat Plews, Woolpert
Chris Stewart, Dayton Daily News
John Vance, West Carrollton
Jeff Wallace, Barge Design

Staff Present

Serena Anderson
Paul Arnold
Brenda Bailey
Laura Henry
Tawana Keels
Matt Lindsay
Mike Lucas
Brian Martin
Ana Ramirez
Stacy Schweikhart
Milo Simpson
Melissa Swain

I. INTRODUCTION

Chairperson, Stephanie Goff, Greene County Engineer, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Roll call was taken.

II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineer, made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Barry Conway, City of Franklin, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment Period on Action Items

None

IV. MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommended Adoption of Amendment to MVRPC's SFY 2021-SFY 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Amendment #8

Mr. Paul Arnold, MVRPC, referred to the eighth amendment to the SFY 2021-2024 TIP and the numerous project changes made by MVRPC, ODOT, GDRTA, Greene CATS, and Miami County Transit. He referenced the packet showing the tables broken down by county, as well as the statewide line item project tables. Mr. Arnold stated the MVRPC staff recommends forwarding the Resolution to the Board of Directors for adoption.

Mr. Don O'Connor, Miami Conservancy District, made a motion to recommend forwarding the Resolution to the Board of Directors for adoption. Mr. Pete Bales, Bath Township, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Recommended for MVRPC Regionally Controlled STP, CMAQ and TA funds

Mr. Paul Arnold, MVRPC, reviewed the recommended project list for STP, CMAQ, and TA funds. Mr. Arnold referred to the tables on pages 29-33 listing the recommended projects by fund type and projects that MVRPC is unable to fund.

To follow the statewide CMAQ Policy, recommended CMAQ projects must be submitted to the statewide CMAQ Committee and a final decision for those projects should be available by December 2021.

Mr. Arnold stated that staff recommends approving the recommended list of CY2020 STP, CMAQ, and TA projects and referred to a resolution on page 35 of the Mailout.

Mr. Nick Smith, City of Beavercreek, made a motion to recommend TAC approve the list for the CY2020 STP, CMAQ and TA projects and refer to the Board for adoption. Ms. Jessica Hansen, City of Bellbrook, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Rideshare Program, Air Quality Awareness Program and Safety Campaign Update

Ms. Laura Henry, MVRPC, provided an update on the MVRPC's Rideshare Program, Air Quality Awareness Program, and Safety Campaign. The MVRPC receives funding from ODOT for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program and the goal of the CMAQ is to reduce emissions. Also, the Rideshare and Air Quality Awareness Programs are funded by the CMAQ.

- **Rideshare Program**

The Rideshare Program provides resources for commuter solutions that are not single occupancy vehicles. The Rideshare Program is available and free for anyone who lives, works, or attends a college in the following counties: Montgomery, Greene, Miami, Preble, Darke, and Clinton. Ms. Henry informed the member jurisdictions on how to register a commuter for the program and displayed how the Dashboard provides different options for transportation. In addition, MVRPC added links to Center for Disaster Control resources for guidance on commuting safely. Due to the pandemic, vanpooling program participation decreased. Therefore, MVRPC returned the available subsidy funds back to support other CMAQ projects in the Region.

- **The Air Quality Awareness Program**

The Air Quality Awareness Program provides information about the air quality in the Region, along with activating air quality alerts to notify residents when air quality is expected to be poor. When the air quality is forecasted to be poor, the program encourages actions that reduce air pollution like biking or walking for short trips, refueling your vehicles in the evening hours, or not idling.

- **Safety Campaign**

MVRPC analyzed crash data to improve transportation safety and informs about the planning process. These are first steps toward understanding road safety conditions in the Region. Ms. Ana Ramirez, MVRPC, and her team compile the data to find the most prevalent safety concerns. From this data, advertising campaigns are created to address the most prevalent. The current messages are encouraging the use of seatbelts, discouraging distracted driving, and encouraging pedestrians and cyclists to wear brightly colored, reflective clothing to increase their visibility to motorists.

- **Outreach**

Ms. Henry described the strategies used by MVRPC for outreach such as presentations and resources, media and advertising, social media, event outreach, and customer service. MVRPC presents programs such as sustainable transportation options, options to reduce air pollution, and safety messages to businesses, schools and organizations. COVID have not impacted the presentation, they have simply moved online. In addition to providing resources to promote these programs, MVRPC purchased media advertising to reach a broader audience. MVRPC promotes its message on social media to communicate with followers and non-followers using boosted Facebook posts to share events, resources, construction projects, funding information, Census updates, and available grants, along with sharing posts from our partner organizations. To contact or follow MVRPC, the links are located in this packet on page 49.

The event outreach has been available for the last year, but there are plans to get back out in the community soon. MVRPC's customer service staff will direct people to the correct resources and will help those who do not have internet access. If your group would like a presentation at your next meeting or material to distribute, please contact Ms. Henry at 937-531-6542 or Lhenry@mvrpc.org or visit our website at www.mvrpc.org.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Brian O. Martin, MVRPC, greeted the group and reviewed the ED Update:

- **2021 MVRPC Climate Change Seminar to Focus on Climate Justice**

Mr. Martin encouraged the members to sign up for the 2021 MVRPC Climate Change Seminar to Focus on Climate Justice, which is scheduled on Wednesday, February 24, 2021. For the full agenda and information on how to register, please visit <https://www.mvrpc.org/events/miami-valley-climate-seminar-climate-justice>.

- **Regional Equity Initiative Manger Assists Members with Equity Planning**

- The City of Huber Heights has a new group called the Culture and Diversity Citizen Action Commission. Mr. Carlton Eley, MVRPC, attended their meeting and shared some background and resources relevant to their interest in a community needs assessment.

If you have resolutions passed or committees being formed on Equity, Diversity or Inclusion, please let MVRPC know, so that we can have a calendar of all the meetings and provide support as you may need it.

- **COVID-19 Vaccination Resources**

- Mr. Martin stated that MVRPC is making this State and Federal Information available to our members on the website.

Mr. Martin reviewed the rest of the ED Updates and Upcoming MVRPC Meetings.

Mr. Martin thanked the staff for continuing the work of the Agency. Mr. Martin welcomed the new Commissioner Dave Haber, Preble County, who was on the call today. Also, he welcomed all new delegate to our process.....one and all.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Stephanie Goff, Greene County Engineer, thanked all of our speakers (Mr. Paul Arnold, Ms. Laura Henry and Mr. Brian O. Martin).

Chairperson Goff informed the group of ODOT having 11 of their trucks hit across the State of Ohio, within the last two weeks. One was the fatality of the person, who hit one of the ODOT's trucks in the Cleveland area. Ms. Goff reminded to give the trucks space to do their work.

Mr. Paul Gruner, Montgomery Engineer, informed the group of them having a truck hit, which was due to someone not paying attention to the truck. Chairperson Goff thanked Mr. Gruner for his update. She told the group they know people are in hurry and frustrated, but they just need space to do their work.

Chairperson Goff reminded the group of Ms. Teresa Lombardelli, MVRPC, being out for an extended period. If anyone wants to send Ms. Lombardelli a card or give her a call, Mr. Martin provided her information via Chat.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

Chairperson Goff called the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.