

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 21, 2021 – VIA Teleconference
MINUTES**

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

**January 21, 2021
9:30 AM**

Members/Alternates

Pete Bales, Bath Township
Kathy Bartlett, City of Riverside
Russell Bergman, City of Huber Heights
Joe Brzozowski, City of Dayton
Alisha Burcham, City of Moraine
Dan Casson, Municipality of Carlisle
Ken Collier, Green County Transit
Barry Conway, City of Franklin
Rob Cron, City of Vandalia
Chad Dixon, City of Springboro
Jade Downey, Miami County Public Transit
Stephanie Goff, Greene County Engineer
Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineer
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood
Jessica Hansen, City of Bellbrook
Jason Hartshorn, Perry Township
Amy Havenar, City of Piqua
Paul Huelskamp, Miami County Engineer
Stephanie Kellum, City of Trotwood
Jack Kuntz, City of Clayton
Glena Madden, Village of New Lebanon
Max McConnell, Beavercreek Township
Don O'Connor, Miami Conservancy District
Jillian Rhoades, City of Troy
William Singer, City of Englewood
John Sliemers, City of Kettering
Keith Smith, ODOT D8
Nick Smith, City of Beavercreek
Jim Snedeker, City of Brookville
Christopher Snyder, Miami Township – Mont. Co.
Doug Spitler, City of Oakwood
Pat Turnbull, City of Centerville
Mike Wanamaker, Washington Township
Ben Wilthesis, ODOT 7
John Zelinski, City of Dayton

Guests

Nathan Fischer, Woolpert
Vanessa Glolfelter, Montgomery County TID
Scott Green, Concerned Citizen
Mike Hafner, TEC Engineering
Jay Hamilton, Mead & Hunt
Chad Henry, Choice One
Dan Hoying, LJB
Rob James, Fishbeck
John Vance, West Carrollton
Jeff Wallace, Barge Design

Staff Present

Serena Anderson
Paul Arnold
Brenda Bailey
Brad Daniel
Andrew Dibert
Carlton Eley
Laura Henry
Tawana Keels
Aaron Lee
Matt Lindsay
Teresa Lombardelli
Mike Lucas
Brian Martin
Stacy Schweikhart
Milo Simpson
Melissa Swain

I. INTRODUCTION

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

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineer, made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Paul Huelskamp, Miami County Engineer, 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 #7

Mr. Paul Arnold, MVRPC, referred to the amendment to the SFY 2021-2024 TIP and the numerous project changes made by MVRPC, ODOT and GDRTA. 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. Christopher Snyder, Miami Township – Montgomery County, made a motion to recommend forwarding the Resolution to the Board of Directors for adoption. Mr. Don O'Connor, Miami Conservancy District, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Recommended Approval of FY2022 Transportation and Government Services Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC Projects)

Mr. Brad Daniel, MVRPC, referred to the request of approval for the FY2022 Transportation and Government Services Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC Projects). He referenced the packet showing the list of projects requesting funding for the Transportation and Government Services.

Mr. Patrick Turnbull, City of Centerville, and Ms. Stephanie Goff, Greene County Engineer, discussed corrections needing to be made to the exhibit 1, in regards to Flight Line (East Dayton Rails to Trails) being a bikeway and I-675/Wilmington Pike Interchange Project being roadway.

Mr. Daniel stated the MVRPC staff recommends TAC approve the list of categorized of Transportation and Government Services projects and forwarding the Resolution to the Board of Directors for adoption, with the edits that need to be made to the document.

Mr. Nick Smith, City of Beavercreek, made a motion to recommend forwarding the Resolution to the Board of Directors for adoption. Ms. Amy Havenar, City of Piqua, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Recommended Approval of MVRPC's Title VI Program

Mr. Carlton Eley, MVRPC, introduced and reviewed updates to MVRPC's Title VI Program Plan and Procedures Description. He walked the TAC through the program plan and discussed modifications, including recent edits following ODOT's review of the program plan. Federal Transportation Funds (grant funding) passes through ODOT to MVRPC. Changes to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations requires approval by the MVRPC Board prior to submitting the final Title VI Program Plan and Procedures to FTA.

MVRPC has established policies and procedures to comply with the Title VI requirements for receiving and spending Federal and State Transportation Funding. On behalf of MVRPC, Mr. Eley recommended forwarding the Resolution for approving the program plan to the Board for adoption.

Mr. Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood, made a motion to recommend forwarding the Resolution to the Board of Directors for adoption. Ms. Jessica Hansen, City of Bellbrook, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Long Term Disaster Recovery Update

Ms. Stacy Schweikhart, MVRPC, provided an update in regards to the Long Term Disaster Recovery. The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) is the designated leader of the Long Term Community Disaster Recovery Network and helping the communities impacted by the devastating 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes, and creating a plan for recovery and resiliency. Because the tornadoes crossed over three counties and so many jurisdictions, within those counties, a Region prospective on recovery was needed and this was part of the role for MVRPC.

Each month, the MVRPC convenes the leaders from the impacted communities and Ms. Schweikhart meets regularly with the non-profit and faith-based organizations that are providing services and outreach to those individuals impacted by the tornadoes to ensure that recovery assistance is well-coordinated.

During the 2020 year, the MVRPC and the Dayton Foundation formed a Disaster Recovery Leadership Board (a list of members was included in the Mailout packet), which meets quarterly to think strategically; craft a vision and align resources to figure out where they need to do some advocacy or fund raising or other partnership collaboration type efforts to support the recovery going on in all of those communities.

As of December 2020, there is a total of \$34.7 million in Federal Investments to date and \$37.5 million dollars with pending awards.

- \$14 million in FEMA Public Assistance;
- \$12.5 million in HUD CDBG-DR Program Funds;
- \$8.2 million in EDA Economic Recovery Projects and
- \$2.8 million in EDA Economic Recovery Projects pending awards

The Long Term Recovery Operations Group is comprised of leaders from community, nonprofit and faith-based organizations committed to helping those impacted by the tornadoes piece their lives back together. Sinclair Community has loaned out Ms. Laura Mercer to manage and run the Individual Recovery Team. Ms. Schweikhart displayed pictures of the extraordinary work that is underway on houses impacted by the tornadoes.

Ms. Schweikhart gave an update on the Disaster Recovery Dashboards. Mr. Martin Kim, MVRPC talked about the work that he and his team has been doing here at MVRPC in regards to the Disaster Recovery Dashboards and Ms. Schweikhart wanted to go over with the group why these are so important. She shared the link (<https://arcg.is/qSqDj>) to the Dashboards via Chat.

She discussed the Individual Recovery Dashboard, which is the data that is provided by the case managers (Red Cross and Catholic Social Services) for the status of individual survivor recovery. The overall survivor recovery rate across all three counties is 77.46%.

This is an amazing project done by the MVRPC Staff (Mr. Martin Kim, Mr. Tom Harner and Mr. Milo Simpson). The Property Recovery Dashboard is the data provided by the impacted jurisdictions. Ms. Schweikhart gave a huge thanks to those jurisdictions that actually went out and put eyes on every property that was on the Auditor's list of having disaster damage and to let us know where things were.

RETREET is a national organization that is supported nationally by Home Depot Foundation and Keep America Beautiful and they focus on repairing the tree canopy damaged as a result of the storm. In October, the CEO of RETREET visited us from Texas

and met with the leaders of the impacted jurisdictions in Beavercreek, Dayton, Trotwood and Harrison Township to talk about RETREET coming to our community likely this fall. RETREET will work with the impacted communities on a process that they have refined to help those residents that would like new trees on their properties.

The Individual Recovery Group led by Ms. Laura Mercer, Sinclair Community College was built to be in existence for two to three years to help the survivors get back on their feet and to go through the bulk of the repair and rebuild work. They have done a great job in helping the survivors recover and they are wrapping up in October 2021.

The Pathways Project is a unique project that grew up from the conversations for the repair and rebuild to help the needs of our survivors. They worked with the impacted jurisdictions, the VOAD Teams and the local resources to do a project empowering survivors to become qualified to own a home for the first time. They will have the opportunity to purchase a home in the disaster impacted communities where they were renters at the time of the storm. A unique stack of funding made this possible.

In 2021, we will be launching a Regional Resiliency Planning Effort. All of our emergency management-county level emergency management agencies have an Emergency Management and Disaster Response Plan. We will be working on documenting the lessons learned from this series of tornadoes for the entire Region by creating a tool kit and best practices that all jurisdictions in our Region build in resiliency before another disaster strikes.

Mr. Brian O. Martin, MVRPC thanked Ms. Schweikhart and her team for their hard work. He informed the group of the Dashboards being an amazing tool and we want to strive for 100% participation. If your community was hit or affected by the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes and you do not see data on the Dashboards, Mr. Martin informed the group that it is because you have not responded and we would love to have the data on those dwellings and business sites that were affected in our Dashboards.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Brian O. Martin, MVRPC stated that while dealing with COVID by coming in the office two to three days and home the other two to three days, he informed the group that their staff is really working hard.

Mr. Martin reviewed the ED Update:

- **Calendar Year 2020 Accomplishments**

- Mr. Martin strives for a top ten list and this year he has nineteen, because he could not cut those last nine as they were so important in regards to what we are doing for our membership.
- Mr. Martin told the group that it was an unusual year for us with not only dealing with COVID, but with our staff turnovers due to retirements or some folks we hired just did not work out.
- The Disaster Recovery Planner is the remaining position that we need to fill. We just hired Mr. Milo Simpson, who was one of our interns that helped develop those Dashboards and we just hired him as a Planner I.
- Also, we were able to bring on new members with the Foundation, Central State and Centerville-Washington Park through our equity and disaster recovery work. Those three members found reasons to join MVRPC and we are glad to have them.

- **MiamiValleyRoads.org**
 - MVRPC created miamivalleyroads.org to provide all of the latest updates on construction projects that could impact your commute throughout the Region.
- **MVRPC Title VI Program**
 - The Title VI document is a best practice. If you need to fill out one of these or create a Title VI document, Mr. Martin suggested the group could use the one from MVRPC.

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.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Stephanie Goff, Greene County Engineer told Mr. Brian O. Martin, MVRPC that she knows it has been an interesting year for him too and she appreciates everything that he and his staff has done.

Mr. Martin thanked Chairperson Goff.

Chairperson Goff thanked all of our speakers (Mr. Paul Arnold, Mr. Brad Daniels, Mr. Carlton Eley, Ms. Stacy Schweikhart and Mr. Brian O. Martin). Also, she thanked Ms. Teresa Lombardelli for the work she does behind the scenes for us and Mr. Mike Lucas for the work he does behind the scenes in regards to the PowerPoint.

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

Chairperson Goff called the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.