

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES**

**VIA Zoom Conference/Video Call  
(<https://02web.zoom.us/j/87647642836>)**

**November 5, 2020  
9:00 AM**

**Members/Voting Alternates**

John Agenbroad, City of Springboro  
Tom Arnold, ODOT D.8  
Pete Bales, City of Beavercreek  
Becky Benná, Five Rivers MetroParks  
Katelyn Berbach, City of Tipp City  
Dale Berry, Washington Township  
Janet Bly, Miami Conservancy District  
Donald Burchett, City of Moraine  
Nancy Byrge, City of Huber Heights  
Carolyn Destefani, Sugarcreek Township  
Judy Dodge, Montgomery County  
Mark Donaghy, Greater Dayton RTA  
Jade Downey, Miami County Public Transit  
Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township  
Joseph Graves, Troy Area Chamber of Commerce  
Forrest Greenwood, City of Bellbrook  
Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineers Office  
Walt Hibner, Vectren  
Kathryn Hinds, City of Piqua  
Brian Housh, Village of Yellow Springs  
Paul Huelskamp, Miami County Engineer  
Matt Joseph, City of Dayton  
Sonja Keaton, City of Brookville  
Paul Keller, City of Fairborn  
Tony Klepacz, City of Kettering  
Sara Lommatzsch, City of Riverside  
Mary McDonald, City of Trotwood  
John Morris, Miami Township, Montgomery County  
Chris Mucher, Miami Township, Greene County  
Robin Oda, City of Troy  
Harold Robinson, City of West Carrollton  
Steve Ross, Bath Township  
Bill Serr, City of Centerville  
Woody Stroud, Greene County Transit  
Beth van Haaren, Bethel Township  
Susan Wachtel, Central State University  
Deborah Wallace, Beavercreek Township

Ben Wiltheiss, ODOT D.7  
Mindi Wynne, Perry Township

**Other Alternates/Guests**

Elmer Dudas, City of Springboro  
Nathan Fischer, Woolpert  
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood  
Chad Henry, Choice One Engineering  
Mary Hoy, ODOT D.7  
Dan Hoying, LJB  
Kyle Lentz, Ohio Attorney General  
Quincy Pope, City of Trotwood  
Gary Shoup, Montgomery County Engineer Office  
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy  
Jeff Wallace, Barge Design  
Justin Yoh, ODOT D.7

**Staff Present**

Serena Anderson  
Paul Arnold  
Brenda Bailey  
Elizabeth Baxter  
Carlton Eley  
Darrin Hall  
Laura Henry  
Aaron Homan  
Tawana Keels  
Martin Kim  
Matt Lindsay  
Teresa Lombardelli  
Mike Lucas  
Brian Martin  
Ami Parikh  
Ana Ramirez  
Stacy Schweikhart  
Milo Simpson

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors met on November 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom Video Conference (<https://02web.zoom.us/j/87647642836>). All members and news media were notified of the meeting pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson Mucher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Lombardelli did a roll call by jurisdiction. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **II. APPROVAL OF October 1, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

Ms. Godsey made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2020 Board meeting. Ms. Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON ACTION ITEMS**

None

## **IV. RPO (REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION) ACTION ITEM**

### **A. Recommended Approval of the Greater Miami Valley Region Transportation Coordination Plan**

Ms. Baxter gave a presentation on the Greater Miami Valley Region Transportation Coordination Plan. Ms. Baxter explained that MVRPC has been leading the MPO's Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan since 2008. In partnership with ODOT, MVRPC is the Regional Coordinating Agency for Region 2 and is labeled as the Greater Region Mobility Initiative (GRMI). The effort started in 2018 and serves an 8 county area.

Ms. Baxter stated that over the last eight months MVRPC staff has worked to revise the GRMI Plan based on feedback from ODOT Office of Transit and GRMI stakeholders. The plan revisions are as follows:

1. Transition of Logan County from Region 2 into Region 6, the Greater Columbus area. Eight counties remain in the GRMI region.
2. Creation of sub-regions to clarify FTA Section 5310 funding administered through ODOT and MVRPC counties.
3. Revision to the goals and strategies into a regional and county level to allow for various stages of participation.
4. Identified roles and responsibilities of ODOT, MVRPC as the Regional Coordinating Agency, and the GRMI Council.
5. Language added to include plan adoption by the ODOT Section 5310 funded counties.

### **Regional Level Goals**

1. Enhance Regional Coordination.
2. Increase awareness/knowledge of available transportation options.

### **County Level Goals**

1. Expand current transportation services in county to meet public need.
2. Seek additional funding opportunities.
3. Increase awareness of available transportation options (based on Mobility Management work).

Ms. Baxter stated that there was a resolution on page 21 and the staff asks that it is forwarded to the Board of Directors.

Ms. McDonald made the motion to approve the Greater Miami Valley Regional Transportation Coordination Plan.

Ms. Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **V. MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Recommended Approval of FTA 5310 Program of Projects**

Ms. Anderson gave a presentation on the FTA 5310 Program Allocation for Human Services Transportation.

Ms. Anderson provided the following updates:

- Plan to shift 5310 Project Solicitation cycle to Spring 2020, this impacts one non-vehicle award
- Greene CATS requested \$45,000 of 5310 Mobility Management Program funding for Mobility Managers and operational costs
- Funding period January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021
- Includes cost of salary, benefits, travel, training, supplies, support services and administration
- Funding request period to Program of Projects (POP)
- Request approved by HSTC Council
- Priority 1 Funding
- Greene CATS Mobility Manager position has been funded since 2015.

Ms. Dodge made the motion to approve of FTA 5310 Program of Projects.

Mr. Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Arnold referred to the amendment to the SFY 2021-2024 TIP and the numerous project changes made by MVRPC and ODOT. He referred to the packet showing the tables broken down by county, as well as the statewide line item project tables. Mr. Arnold noted that staff recommends adoption of this TIP amendment and referred to a resolution on page 39 of the mailout.

Ms. Wallace made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the amendment to the MVRPC'S SFY 2021- SFY 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Ms. Byrge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **C. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Supporting the FAST Act Safety Performance Management Target**

Ms. Ramirez presented the FAST Act Safety Performance Management Targets.

Ms. Ramirez explained that Exhibit 1 summarizes the safety measures and targets including the impact that a 2% annual reduction goal would have in the MVRPC area. The 2% reduction for CY2021 maintains the rate adopted in CY2020 due to Governor DeWine's focus on safety and associated increases in funding.

Mr. Serr made the motion to approve the resolution supporting the FAST Act Safety Performance Management Targets.

Mr. Klepacz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. I-75 Distracted Driving Corridor**

Mary Hoy and Justin Yoh with ODOT District 7 presented on distracted driving and Safety Corridors. They reviewed the causes of the rise in crashes and what was being done in those areas designated as Safety Corridors.

- Crashes are rising, despite safer technology
  - Since 2013 Ohio has experienced five years of rising traffic crashes and deaths.
- Distractions behind the wheel are on the rise
  - Rapid adoption of smartphones gives us the ability to access the internet, social media and videos while driving presenting an increasing danger to Ohioans.
  - Mobile and smartphones are more dangerous. They take a driver's eyes off the road and mind off driving, which slows reaction time to potential hazards.
- Technology is addictive
  - Notifications release feel good chemicals, technology today is designed to hook and maintain people's attention through push notifications and app design.
  - People underestimate that the use of a cell phones significantly increases your risk of causing a crash.
- Designated Safety Corridors
  - ODOT installed signs for high enforcement area and the dangers of distracted driving.
  - OSHP increased education and enforcement.
- Proven results
  - District 4 Corridor results during a two-year deployment – April 2018 through April 2020.
    - 30% reduction in traffic crashes
    - 31% reduction in injury crashes
    - 2 years prior: 571 crashes with 127 serious injuries
    - 2 years during: 399 crashes with 88 serious injuries
- Distracted corridor signing scheme
  - Entering Distracted Driving Safety Corridor.
  - Safety Corridor next 11 miles: Zero Tolerance.
  - Leaving Safety Corridor.
  - Safety Corridor, Strict Enforcement – Speeding and Distracted Driving.
  - ? Days since last serious crash "It Can Wait".
- The map showing the placement of these signs was reviewed

The floor was then opened for questions.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Martin thanked ODOT for their presentation.

Mr. Martin thanked everyone for their efforts and for the recognition that he and MVRPC received from the Dayton Business Journal as Diversity Champions. Mr. Martin stated he was surprised with the beautiful hardware. (Mr. Martin shared a picture of the awards on the screen).

Mr. Martin reviewed the November ED Update.

- 2020 Census Update
- Tornado Recovery Dashboards
- MiamiValleyRoads.org
- MVRPC Sustainability Roundtable will resume via Zoom
- Agency Job Postings
  - Accounting Specialist
  - Planner II
  - Disaster Recovery Planner
  - Production Specialist
  - In the future an Administrative Assistant
- Grants & Funding Resources
- Upcoming MVRPC Meetings

Mr. Martin noted the agency continues to be busy and that we continue to bring on quality staff. Two of the presentations were by staff members that were hired right before and during the pandemic.

Mr. Martin welcomed and gave a brief bio for the new Co-op Aaron Homan. Aaron will be working with Stacy Schweikhart's team for Matt Lindsay in GIS and Water Quality.

Mr. Martin stated that the CY2021 full meeting scheduled is in the packet. The Agency will continue having meetings via Zoom through 2021 as guided by state and local COVID-19 gathering restrictions.

Mr. Martin opened the floor for questions. No one had any questions Mr. Martin thanked everyone for their attendance today.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Mucher called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Joseph made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Godsey seconded the motion. Chairperson Mucher called the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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**Brian O. Martin, AICP**  
Executive Director

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**Sara Lommatzsch**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_