

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

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

**September 3, 2020
9:00 AM**

Members/Voting Alternates

Tom Arnold, ODOT D8
Becky Benná, Five Rivers MetroParks
Arnie Biondo, Centerville-Washington Park District
Robert Beeler, DP&L
Dale Berry, Washington Township
Janet Bly, Miami Conservancy District
John Bruns, City of Union
Donald Burchett, City of Moraine
Nancy Byrge, City of Huber Heights
Michelle Collins, City of Miamisburg
Rebekah Dean, City of Xenia
Carolyn Destefani, Sugarcreek Township
Mark Donaghy, Greater Dayton RTA
Joanna Garcia, City of Beavercreek
Michael Gebhart, City of Fairborn
Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township
Joseph Graves, Troy Area Chamber of Commerce
Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineers Office
Walt Hibner, Vectren
Kathryn Hinds, City of Piqua
Brian Housh, Village of Yellow Springs
Matt Joseph, City of Dayton
Tony Klepacz, City of Kettering
Tom Koogler, Greene County
Morakinyu A.O. Kuti, Central State University
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
Amy Schrimpf, Dayton Development Coalition
Bill Serr, City of Centerville
Greg Simmons, Miami County
Steve Stanley, Montgomery County TID
Woody Stroud, Greene County Transit

Beth van Haaren, Bethel Township
Debborah Wallace, Beavercreek Township
Ben Wiltheiss, ODOT D7

Other Alternates/Guests

John Applegate, City of Union
Nathan Fischer, Woolpert
Chad Henry, Choice One Engineering
Walt Hibner, Vectren
Dan Hoying, LJB
Kyle Lentz, Ohio Attorney General
Nick Meyer, Centerville-Washington Park District
Quincy Pope, City of Trotwood
Gary Shoup, Montgomery County Engineer Office
Chris Schmiesing, City of Piqua
Stephen Spinosa ODOT D8
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy
Jeff Wallace, Barge Design

Staff Present

Paul Arnold
Brenda Bailey
Brad Daniel
Carlton Eley
Darrin Hall
Laura Henry
Tawana Keels
Martin Kim
Teresa Lombardelli
Mike Lucas
Brian Martin
Ana Ramirez
Stacy Schweikhart
Milo Simpson

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors met on September 3, 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 9:03 a.m. Ms. Lombardelli did a roll call by jurisdiction. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. APPROVAL OF August 6, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The following Amended minutes from the August 6th meeting were presented to the Board for approval.

• IV. RPC (REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION) ACTION ITEMS

A. **Approval of Resolution: Ensuring Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in all MVRPC Staff, Committee, and Board of Directors Actions and Addressing Racism as a Public Health Emergency.**

Mr. Martin reviewed the memo and resolution which is modeled after many that have been adopted or are being considered by several MVRPC members: Dayton, Montgomery Co., Piqua, Trotwood, Yellow Springs, University of Dayton, Sinclair College, Greater Dayton Chamber of Commerce, and others. Mr. Martin also noted that this resolution is in reaction to the many public protests that have been held throughout the Miami Valley and Nation this summer. He feels the Board of Directors and agency should go on record as being opposed to racism in every form and in support of the work of MVRPC's Institute for Equitable and Livable Communities which is to increase access to opportunity for all residents. He noted that many of the recommendations are currently required to follow federal Title VI requirements. The text that refers to systemic racism as a public health emergency follows the research findings of many public health departments in Ohio and abroad that say due to the health impacts from racism that many of our residents have had to endure for generations.

Greene County Commissioner Tom Koogler made a motion to table the Resolution indefinitely. Mr. Keller seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion.

Mr. Stroud stated that once the motion was made to table the resolution indefinitely and the motion was seconded, all discussion should have stopped.

Mr. Serr stated that he would be in favor of modifying the motion to table resolution for 30 days.

Mr. Koogler stated that he withdraws his motion to table indefinitely and makes a motion to table the resolution for 60 days. Ms. Godsey seconded the motion.

Chairperson Mucher, called for a vote to table the resolution for 60 days, in favor by sign of "I", opposed to tabling the motion, by same sign. Chairperson Mucher announced that the motion to table the resolution was denied.

Mr. Keller requested a roll call vote.

Ms. Lombardelli took the roll, the motion to table the resolution for 60 days passed by majority vote of 20 "Yes" to table and 14 voting "No" against tabling the motion.

- Judy Dodge, Montgomery County and John Morris, Miami Township, Montgomery County, were added to the members in attendance for the August 6th meeting.*
- Bill Serr, City of Centerville made a suggestion to table the resolution for 30 days.*

Mr. Bruns made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the August 6, 2020 Board meeting. Mr. Stroud 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)

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 stated that staff recommends adoption of this TIP amendment and referred to a resolution on page 19 of the mailout.

Mr. Klepacz made a motion to recommend adoption of the amendment to the SFY2021-2024 TIP. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Arnold referred to the memo on page 21 of the mailout regarding FAST Act Funds availability report and project solicitation request. Mr. Arnold stated that the attached table shows the status of regionally controlled federal transportation funds over the next six-year period. The report shows that staff anticipates a short-range fund balance of \$14.1 million (\$12.6M STP and \$1.5M TA funds) which is slightly more than a full years allocation for the region.

Mr. Arnold stated that based upon the attached financial report, staff request MVRPC Board authorization to solicit member jurisdictions for new projects.

Ms. Destefani made a motion to authorize MVRPC staff to solicit member jurisdictions for new projects. Ms. Lommatzsch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Arnold referred to the memo on page 25 of the mailout requesting that the Board approve the updated policies and procedures for the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds.

Mr. Arnold stated that Ohio's large MPO's no longer have direct control over CMAQ funds. A Statewide CMAQ Committee is in place and it has been determined that a CMAQ project solicitation will take place on a biennial bases. As such, the CMAQ project solicitation will be included this year. Additionally, it has been determined that due to the lack of available funding in earlier fiscal years, the STP Resurfacing Program set aside will be suspended for the current solicitation round.

Mr. Arnold stated that staff recommends approval of the updated MVRPC policies and procedures for the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds.

Ms. McDonald made a motion to approve the resolution for updates to the STP-CMAQ-TA policies and procedures. Ms. Hinds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Recommended Approval of MVRPC TRAC Projects for CY2020

Mr. Daniel requested approval of MVRPC TRAC Projects for CY2020. Mr. Daniel referenced the Memo on page 55 of the mailout, stating that in order to provide the TRAC project priority list, the MVRPC Board adopted its *Policies and Procedures for Considering Major New Capacity Projects* (available at www.mvrpc.org) and MVRPC staff has completed its review of the single CY2020 TRAC Project submitted this year in accordance with the Policy.

Mr. Daniel mentioned since this is an existing TRAC project, MVRPC staff is forwarding this project to the MVRPC TAC and Board of Directors as a priority project for support prior to submittal to the TRAC.

Mr. Daniel stated that at the regularly scheduled TRAC meeting on August 27, 2020, it was voted to suspend the TRAC program for the remainder of the year. Although they have suspended the program for the year, MVRPC staff would like to close out our books and ask that the Board of Directors approve the list of priority projects on page 57 of the mailout.

Mr. Daniel asked for approval of the resolution on page 59 of the mailout, *Approving the MVRPC Priorities for Major New Capacity Project for CY2020*.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the resolution for TRAC projects for CY2020. Ms. Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Recommended Adoption of SFY2020 Transportation Work Program Completion Report

Ms. Ramirez stated that every year at this time, the Board is requested to adopt the completion Report that summarizes the highlights of the MPO's transportation planning efforts for the preceding fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). The report and resolution are then forwarded to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Ms. Ramirez stated that the staff of MVRPC recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution and SFY2020 Transportation Work Program Completion Report.

Mr. Joseph made a motion to approve the resolution to accept the SFY2020 Transportation Work Program and Completion report. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin greeted the Board.

Mr. Martin asked that everyone to mute their microphone and watch a brief video. After the video, Mr. Martin stated that on August 19th, that he was joined by Board Chairperson, Chris Mucher, Teresa and Stacy at the 9/11 Memorial in Beavercreek to surprise Board member Woodrow (Woody) Stroud with the Regional Steward Award. Mr. Martin asked that everyone join him in congratulating Mr. Stroud (Woody).

Mr. Martin reviewed the September ED's Update:

- Mr. Martin stated that everyone should have received their annual report. Mr. Martin stated that the document was very well written, that 2019 was a year of resilience in the Miami Valley Region. Mr. Martin thanked the staff led by Stacy Schweikhart for a great job.
- Mr. Martin announced the launch of D-Hive Initiative as part of the Miami Valley Geo-Spark as part of our Open GIS Data Hub site. MVRPC continues to add resources.
- Mr. Martin announced that the Dayton Business Journal's Diversity Award applications are due tomorrow. The awards recognize individuals and organizations in the Dayton region for their work to promote diversity, social justice and equality. Mr. Martin offered MVRPC's resources to assist with the application.
- Mr. Martin reminded everyone of the Grants and Funding resources as well as resources related to funding opportunities especially regarding COVID-19.

- Mr. Martin stated that during the Executive Committee meeting, Debborah Wallace suggested that MVRPC share the COVID-19 policy that they approved with the entire Board.
- Mr. Martin stated that he was excited with the work Stacy Schweikhart, Elizabeth Baxter and Serena Anderson did on updating the GRMI. Mr. Martin stated after the public involvement process, each county adopted the plan. The GRMI focuses on transit coordination for seniors and those with disabilities.
- Mr. Martin explained that he was in his tie and suit because this morning he and Carlton were able to present for the first time at the Dayton Business Committee, which is a group of leaders in our region. Mr. Martin stated that they are very supportive of the Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities and several have already made donations to the Dayton Foundation in support of the Institute.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Mucher called the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Sara Lommatzsch
2nd Vice Chairperson

Date