

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 16, 2017
MINUTES**

Ed Amrhein, Beavercreek Township
Paul Arnold, MVRPC
Russell Bergman, City of Huber Heights
Cameron Bolden, Village of Yellow Springs
Kaye Borchers, Choice One Engineering
Scott Boyer, ODOT District 7
James Brinegar, City of Centerville
Kent Bryan, CT Consultants
Joe Brzozowski, City of Dayton
Gary Burkholder, City of Brookville
Ann Burns, MVRPC
Michael Busse, Village of Covington
Dan Casson, Municipality of Carlisle
Barry Conway, City of Franklin
Joseph Cottrill, CT Consultants
Robert Cron, City of Vandalia
Bradley Daniel, MVRPC
John Davies, Washington Township
Chad Dixon, City of Springboro
John Donnelly, City of Tipp City
Mike Eddy, City of Moraine
Andrew Fluegemann, ODOT District 8

Robert Geyer, Greene County Engineer
Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineer
Amy Havenar, City of Piqua
Dan Hoying, LJB, Inc.
Paul Huelskamp, Miami County Engineer
Matthew Lindsay, MVRPC
Laura Loges, MVRPC
Brian Martin, MVRPC
Dominic Miller, City of Xenia
Jeff Moorman, City of Beavercreek
Don O'Connor, City of Fairborn
Brandon Policicchio, Greater Dayton RTA
Ana Ramirez, MVRPC
Christopher Snyder, Miami Township
Keith Steeber, City of Dayton
Denise Swinger, Village of Yellow Springs
Brock Taylor, City of Riverside
Cara Tilford, Sugarcreek Township
Emily Wheeler, City of Riverside
Ben Wiltheiss, ODOT District 7
Denise Winemiller, City of Union

I. INTRODUCTION

Chair Huelskamp called the meeting to order. Self-introductions were made.

II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 16, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Spitler made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Geyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment Period on Action Items

None

IV. RPC (REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION) ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommended Approval of Updates to the Facility Planning Area Boundaries

Mr. Lindsay presented information about boundary updates for six Facility Planning Areas. MVRPC is the designated water quality planning agency for five counties. Under this designation MVRPC performs water quality planning work on behalf of Ohio EPA, including maintenance of the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (AWQMP). He explained that central to the AWQMP are the Designated Management Agencies (DMA) and the Facility Planning Areas (FPA) for which the DMAs are responsible for detailed planning.

Mr. Lindsay stated there are two sets of FPA boundary updates for consideration. The first updates the boundaries between the Beavercreek, Sugarcreek and Eastern Regional FPA along the Indian Ripple Road Corridor in Greene County. The changes were worked out between Greene County Sanitary Engineering and Montgomery County Environmental Services (the DMAs for the affected FPAs). The second set alters the boundaries of the Dayton, Tri-Cities, and Union FPA in the area including and surrounding the Dayton International Airport. These changes were negotiated between the two cities and Tri-Cities Wastewater Authority, the DMAs for these three FPAs. Mr. Lindsay reported that the Areawide Facility Planning Subcommittee met on January 24 and reviewed both proposed updates, and approved both by consensus. The AFPSC did suggest further updates to the Union FPA be incorporated into the update, which was done and reflected in the proposal presented. Mr. Lindsay presented maps showing the updated boundaries based on the proposals, pending approval. Mr. Gruner made a motion to approve. Mr. Amrhein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lindsay informed the committee about an upcoming Roundtable meeting titled "Using Trees to Improve Vacant Lot Management and Control Related Costs". This will be held here at MVRPC on Thursday, March 23 at 9:00, free of charge.

V. MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommended Adoption of Amendment to MVRPC's SFY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Arnold referred to a memo on page 9 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 does recommend adoption of this TIP amendment, and referred to a resolution on page 16 of the mailout. Mr. Conway made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Casson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Recommended Approval of CY2016 STP, CMAQ and TA Projects

Mr. Arnold referred to a memo on page 17 of the mailout as well as project tables for STP, CMAQ and TA projects that are being recommended for funding. He reviewed the 17 STP projects totaling \$19M, 11 CMAQ projects totaling \$15.5M and the 7 TA projects totaling \$2.1M. Mr. Arnold explained that upon Board approval, staff will be sending approval letters to project sponsors. The mailout also provided a table showing the projects that are not receiving funding at this time. Mr. Arnold encouraged project sponsors to work closely with their ODOT district representatives. He also requested that MVRPC be mentioned in any communications or press releases regarding these projects. Also, in an effort to inform the public about what kinds of services MVRPC provides to our member jurisdictions, he suggested that if project sponsors are intending to provide signage at the construction site during the project, that MVRPC's logo be included. Mr. Arnold stated that staff recommends adoption of the resolution on page 28 of the mailout. Mr. Steeber made a motion to approve. Mr. Taylor seconded. The motion carried.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Rideshare Update

Ms. Loges reviewed details of the RIDESHARE program, which is computer matching software program that links an applicant to others who live, work or attend college near them, free-of- charge.

A new logo, tagline and ridematching software will be implemented statewide in June, 2017. She also reviewed how the vanpool program is available on a month-to-month basis for groups of 5 – 15 passengers wanting to vanpool to a worksite destination. Vanpools are eligible to receive \$500 per month in CMAQ subsidy for up to 36 months as an incentive to try vanpooling. Ms. Loges reviewed the Pedal Pals program which also matches commuters who want to bike together to work or school. She also explained how MVRPC works closely with ODOT during major roadway construction projects and conducts extensive outreach alerting motorists to any upcoming reconstruction projects. Ms. Loges shared details of the Drive Less Live More Initiative which encourages residents to use transportation alternatives such as biking, walking, carpooling and transit. MVRPC partners with Five Rivers MetroParks and GDRTA to conduct this program. Staff also coordinates with other agencies such as the Dayton Development Coalition and the Job Center to provide information about the benefits of Rideshare.

B. ODOT Transportation Budget

Mr. Wiltheiss reported how ODOT continues to keep Ohio's economy moving, by spending \$12.5B on over 6,000 projects from 2011 to 2016. The forecast for 2017 & 2018 is to maintain an average of \$2B each year on the capital program, which comes to nearly \$16B of investment in our transportation facilities under the 8 years of the Kasich administration. He reviewed highlights of the FY18/19 budget recently presented by ODOT Director Wray. Mr. Wiltheiss reviewed ODOT's plans for transportation management by focusing more on advanced asset management as well as preservation, safety and performance. There are more plans for preventative maintenance and less for additional infrastructure. Mr. Wiltheiss explained one item included in this budget is the use of variable speed limits. These are currently used in school and work zones, but will now be used more extensively for a smoother and more even traffic flow on urban interstates. Mr. Wiltheiss explained another method to keep traffic and commerce is hard shoulder running. There will be a pilot project on I-670 near Columbus and will use this extra lane during peak hours as well as dynamic message signs to increase capacity without building lanes. He explained Ohio is a leader in innovation & technology with the use of autonomous & connected vehicles, smart highways, sensor technologies and drones. Mr. Wiltheiss shared several projects using transportation technology including a "Smart Corridor" on US33 near East Liberty and two "smart highway" projects using TRC at the I-270 Beltway in Columbus and I-90 in Northeast Ohio. He explained how transportation is key to economic growth and with these investments, Ohio can be among the first to benefit.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin referred to the February Executive Director's report provided on page 29 of the mailout which provided updates on the TRAC funding, the Wolf Creek Trail, Water Quality Planning as well as Grant & Funding Resources and upcoming meetings. He also reported that staff did a great job of being fair and equitable on the new project solicitation for STP, CMAQ and TA projects. Mr. Martin stated that the PDAC solicitation was also recently completed, as well as the new TIP.

Mr. Martin also provided a reminder about the Annual Spring Dinner on April 19th.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Geyer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Conway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.