

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 2, 2015
MINUTES**

Members/Voting Alternates

Michael Beamish, City of Troy
Rebecca Benna, Five Rivers Metro Parks
Dale Berry, Washington Township
Judy Blankenship, City of Huber Heights
Janet Bly, Miami Conservancy District
Steve Boeder, Municipality of Germantown
John Bruns, City of Union
Steven Byington, City of Oakwood
Richard Church, City of Miamisburg
Judy Dodge, Montgomery County
Mark Donaghy, Greater Dayton RTA
Elmer Dudas, City of Springboro
Andrew Fluegemann, ODOT District 8
Dolores Gillis, City of Tipp City
Bob Glaser, Greene County
Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township
Carol Graff, Beaver Creek Township
Arthur Haddad, Troy Chamber of Commerce
Jerome Hirt Sr., Bethel Township
Dan Kirkpatrick, City of Fairborn
Tony Klepacz, City of Kettering
Sara Lommatzsch, City of Riverside
Chris Mucher, Miami Township, Greene Co.
Paul Murphy, Sinclair College
Betsy Parr, Municipality of Carlisle
Gerald Peters, Perry Township
Greg Rogers, Miami Township, Montgomery Co.
Amy Schrimpf, Dayton Development Coalition
Arlene Setzer, City of Vandalia
Mehdi Sharzi, Vectren Energy

Regan Snider, Miami County Transit
Woodrow Stroud, Greene County Transit
Deborah Wallace, City of Beavercreek
Karen Wintrow, Village of Yellow Springs

Other Alternates/Guests

Lonnie Cain, ODOT
Mike Eddy, LJB
Tim Eggleston, Tipp City
Richard Henry, LWV
Andy Johns, FHWA
Tom Koogler, Greene County
Mary Lou Pence, City of Centerville
Andy Thompson, FHWA
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy
Fred Vogel, ODOT
Joe Vogel, AECOM
Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff

Staff Present

Paul Arnold
Ann Burns
Kjirsten Frank-Hoppe
Tim Gilliland
Martin Kim
Laura Loges
Brian Martin
Omar Peters
Ana Ramirez
Bob Steinbach

I. INTRODUCTION

Vice-Chair Graff called the meeting to order. Self-introductions were made. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 5, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Wallace made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Hankins 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 SFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Arnold referred to a memo on page 5 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 areawide projects. Mr. Arnold stated that staff as well as TAC does recommend adoption of this TIP amendment, and referred to a resolution on page 13 of the mailout. Mr. Church made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Hirt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Recommended Approval of Section 5310 Program of Projects FY2013 and 2014 Allocations.

Mr. Steinbach presented background information on the Section 5310 Program. He explained how it provides enhanced mobility for seniors and people with disabilities. Mr. Steinbach reviewed the type of projects/vehicles that are eligible for this funding as well as new requirements for the program. He explained the regional roles that MVRPC and GDRTA play in the program and how the program will be implemented. A public involvement meeting was held on March 3rd, and the public comment period ran through March 16. Only one comment was received, and it was not directly related to the program. Mr. Steinbach referred to the list of recommended projects on page 20 of the mailout as well as a resolution to approve the projects on page 25. Ms. Wintrow made a motion to recommend approval. Mr. Hankins seconded the motion. The motion passed, with one abstention.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Regional Safety Analysis Update

Mr. Peters presented crash data information from 2011 – 2013. He explained that the regional safety analysis is conducted every three years to identify trends and high-crash locations within Montgomery, Greene, Miami and Northern Warren counties. Mr. Peters reviewed various charts and graphs illustrating crash overview; alcohol involvement; region vs. Ohio vs. US; crash types and contributing causes. He also shared statistics on crashes involving youths, bikes and pedestrians. Mr. Peters shared information on locations identified as high-crash segments and high-crash intersections where improvements can potentially be made. He described several sources of funding that jurisdictions can apply to for assistance in making road safety improvements. Mr. Peters closed by explaining that this analysis will be repeated every three years, and that jurisdictions can use MVRPC as a resource for conducting specific preliminary analyses.

B. Bike Plan Update Progress Report

Ms. Frank-Hoppe provided an update on the Comprehensive Local Regional Bikeway Plan, which was adopted in 2008. She reviewed a new concept that's sweeping the cycling world; Level of Traffic Stress analysis; that is being introduced to the region through this update. Most riders are looking for low stress experiences. Neighborhood streets and trails provide this desirable experience (LTS 1-2), but many people are prevented from making longer trips because they feel unsafe handling busy or high speed roadway connections between neighborhoods or crossing high traffic intersections, which rate at LTS 3 & 4.

There is a recorded presentation and more description of this analysis method on our Bike Plan Update webpage. Ms. Frank-Hoppe provided a list of projects that have been accomplished as part of the bikeway plan, as well as bike-related projects that are currently in TIP, including Safe Routes to School (SRTS). She reported that a series of input workshops and open houses were held in Xenia, Dayton, Springboro and Troy. Ms. Frank-Hoppe shared the feedback and suggestions that were received at these meetings.

Ms. Frank-Hoppe explained that in partnership with MetroParks, MVRPC also hosted an online survey and had a great response from that as well, sharing a few of the results. MVRPC is currently in the middle of the Update process, and further information about the Update and the Bikeway Advisory Committee Meetings are available on our website www.mvrpc.org/bike-plan-update.

Ms. Wintrow announced the date for this year's Cycling Summit is Friday, May 29th at the Fort Piqua Plaza hotel. There is a full day of activities planned and the keynote speaker is Mayor Bill Peduto from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. More information is available on their website, www.cyclingsummit.com.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin referred to his report, first announcing a reminder about the MVRPC Spring Dinner on April 22 at the Dayton Marriott, and the deadline for registration is Friday, April 10th.

Mr. Martin provided an update recent transportation funding proposals. On March 27, US DOT Secretary Fox introduced the Generation Renewal, Opportunity and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America Act. (GROW AMERICA Act). He explained that this bill reflects President Obama's vision for a six year, \$478 billion transportation reauthorization bill. Mr. Martin also reported that Governor Kasich recently signed HB53, Ohio's \$7 Billion Biennial Transportation Bill. The report also included a list of upcoming MVRPC meetings.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lommatzsch made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wintrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Carol Graff, Vice-Chairperson

Date