

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 5, 2015
MINUTES**

Members/Voting Alternates

Robert Baird, City of Bellbrook
Richard Barnhart, City of West Carrollton
Doug Barry, Miami Township
John Beals, City of Centerville
Michael Beamish, City of Troy
Janet Bly, Miami Conservancy District
John Bruns, City of Union
Sherry Callahan, Municipality of Carlisle
Randy Chevally, ODOT D-7
Richard Church, City of Miamisburg
Chris Day, Preble County
Judy Dodge, Montgomery County
Mark Donaghy, Greater Dayton RTA
Andrew Fluegemann, ODOT District 8
Tom Franz, City of Englewood
Michael Gebhart, City of Fairborn
Bob Glaser, Greene County
Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township
James Gorman, City of Clayton
Carol Graff, Beaver Creek Township
Arthur Haddad, Troy Chamber of Commerce
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood
Jerome Hirt Sr., Bethel Township
Matthew Joseph, City of Dayton
Sonny Lewis, City of Franklin
Jesse Lightle, Washington Township
Sara Lommatzsch, City of Riverside
Michael Lucking, City of Trotwood
Chris Mucher, Miami Township
John O'Brien, Miami County
Gerald Peters, Perry Township
Amy Schrimpf, Dayton Development Coalition

Greg Shackelford, City of Vandalia
Mehdi Sharzi, Vectren Energy
Richard Splawinski, Mont. Co. Engineer's
Robert Stallman, DPL Energy Resources
Steve Stanley, Montgomery County TID
Woodrow Stroud, Greene County Transit
Janis Vargo, City of Huber Heights
William Vogt, City of Piqua
Karen Wintrow, Village of Yellow Springs
John Wright, City of Brookville

Other Alternates/Guests

Judy Blankenship, City of Huber Heights
Mike Eddy, LJB
Tim Eggleston, Tipp City
Richard Henry, LWV
Tom Koogler, Greene County
Matt Parrill – ODOT D-7
Greg Rogers, Miami Township
Eric Smith, City of Englewood
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy
Fred Vogel, ODOT
Jerry Wray, ODOT

Staff Present

Paul Arnold
Ann Burns
Tim Gilliland
Martin Kim
Matt Lindsay
Brian Martin
Ana Ramirez

I. INTRODUCTION

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

II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 5, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Graff made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Hankins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment Period on Action Items

None

IV. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

A. Election of Officers

1. Report of the Nominating Committee

Mr. Beamish referred to a memo on page 4 of the mailout reporting that the Nominating Committee met to review and evaluate the applications received for all three positions. As a result, the following slate of candidates is unanimously recommended by the Nominating Committee to the Board of Directors for approval:

Jan Vargo	Chair
Carol Graff	1st Vice Chair
John O'Brien	2 nd Vice Chair

Chair Vargo called for any additional nominations from the floor. There were none. Mr. Hirt moved to close the nominations. Mr. Joseph seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Election of Officers

Mr. Hirt moved to accept the slate of candidates as presented. Mr. Joseph seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) ACTION ITEMS

A. 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 17 of the mailout. Mr. Gorman made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Hankins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Adoption of the CY2014 STP, CMAQ and TA Projects

Mr. Arnold referred to a memo on page 18 of the mailout as well as project tables that list the recommended STP, CMAQ and TA projects for funding with MVRPC's regionally controlled funds. He explained that the CMAQ projects recommended for funding will subsequently be submitted to the Statewide CMAQ Committee for final consideration. He also noted that there was also a list of projects that are not able to be funded at this time. Mr. Arnold explained that after the list of projects is approved, the project sponsors will be asked to meet with MVRPC and ODOT staff to determine a detailed project scope and schedule. The approved projects will then be incorporated into the MVRPC TIP. Mr. Arnold referred to a resolution on page 27 of the mailout. Mr. Church made a motion to approve. Mr. Beamish seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

A. Remarks from ODOT Director Jerry Wray

Mr. Wray provided an update on various activities at ODOT. He explained that as part of their budget bill, they are in the process of requesting permission to take over the NEPA process from FHWA. Texas and California have taken over the process in their states and it is showing a significant savings in both time and money. Mr. Wray expressed the importance of public transit and how ODOT has made some commitments to make this a viable service and achieve some long term stability. He also reported on a Pilot program which allows ODOT to choose 1 project and hire a design team and contractors through the traditional quality based selection, which can also save time and money. Mr. Wray reported on the overall funding at the state and federal levels. At this point, the budget is more federally driven than state driven, which is a change from past years. Mr. Wray noted that the State of Ohio is moving ahead in project planning with the assumption that the money will be there, even if under a budget extension. He explained the importance of having projects on the shelf and ready to move ahead. Mr. Wray stated that due to adjustments made internally, the state has been able to enjoy a robust program. He stated that he remains optimistic, but realizes change will need to be made in the near future. If there are no significant changes in Federal funding within the next 2 years, ODOT will become a maintenance organization.

Mr. Martin noted that the changes in the statewide CMAQ process are now going much better. Mr. Wray stated that this was a challenging program and MVRPC has been a great leader in this process.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin provided an update on federal transportation funding, as well as his recent trip to Washington DC for the NARC Annual Conference where he had the opportunity to meet with several members of the delegation regarding this important issue. He reported that he would be traveling to DC again in May for the Annual Community Leaders Fly-In where he expects to hear more discussion on the transportation budget. Mr. Martin reported that MVRPC staff has been working on the creation of a Darke-Preble Rural Transportation Planning Organization. (RTPO). This is along the same line as the recent mentoring for the formation of the Logan Union Champaign RTPO. He reported that so far, the concept has received positive feedback from ODOT and this grant opportunity would provide planning services for these two counties to develop regional transportation plans. Mr. Martin stated he would provide more information as this concept progresses.

Mr. Martin announced that Greater Ohio Policy Center will be holding a Summit on Innovation & Sustainable Growth in Ohio's Cities and Regions on June 9 & 10 at the Westin in Columbus. More information is available at www.greaterohio.wix.com. His report also provided a list of upcoming MVRPC meetings.

Mr. Beals asked if there was any help or suggestions for the issue that Mr. Glaser referred to earlier during the Executive Committee meeting regarding the Greene US35 project. Mr. Martin explained that applying for TRAC Funds and setting aside their local portion would be positive steps for the project. The agency's State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan repayment policy is a financial tool that was developed for large projects undertaken by local jurisdictions in the region. It has local match requirements and to date no entity has pursued this program.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vogt made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Janis Vargo, Chairperson

Date