

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 2015  
MINUTES**

**Members/Voting Alternates**

John Beals, City of Centerville  
Michael Beamish, City of Troy  
Dale Berry, Washington Township  
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  
James Gorman, City of Clayton  
Carol Graff, Beavercreek Township  
Michael Gray, Time Warner Cable  
Arthur Haddad, Troy Chamber of Commerce  
Jerome Hirt Sr., Bethel Township  
Mary Johnson, Jefferson Township  
Dan Kirkpatrick, City of Fairborn  
Tony Klepacz, City of Kettering  
Sara Lommatzsch, City of Riverside  
Julia Maxton, South Metro Chamber  
Chris Mucher, Miami Twp. - Greene Co.  
Gerald Peters, Perry Township  
Quincy Pope, City of Trotwood  
Greg Rogers, Miami Twp. – Montgomery Co.  
Amy Schrimpf, Dayton Development Coalition  
Arlene Setzer, City of Vandalia

Mehdi Sharzi, Vectren Energy  
Richard Splawinski, Mont. Co. Engineer's  
Robert Stallman, DPL Energy Resources  
Woodrow Stroud, Greene County Transit  
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy  
Janis Vargo, City of Huber Heights  
William Vogt, City of Piqua  
Deborah Wallace, City of Beavercreek

**Other Alternates/Guests**

Judy Blankenship, City of Huber Heights  
Lu Dale, City of Huber Heights  
Mike Eddy, LJB  
Mike Eggleston, Tipp City  
Richard Henry, LWV  
Tristan Naverra, Dayton Business Journal  
Kate Patrick, Dayton Daily News  
Fred Vogel, ODOT  
Joe Vogel, AECOM  
Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Ben Wiltheiss, ODOT D-7

**Staff Present**

Paul Arnold  
Ann Burns  
Tim Gilliland  
Martin Kim  
Mike Lucas  
Brian Martin  
Ami Parikh  
Ana Ramirez

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 4, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

None

#### **IV. RPC (REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION) ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Approval of MVRPC Non-Governmental Board Membership for Dayton Area Board of Realtors**

Mr. Martin reported that the Dayton Area Board of Realtors has expressed interest in re-joining MVRPC as a Non-governmental member. Since we currently have a good partnership with them with the use of this meeting facility, and they have been a member in the past, staff feels it will be a good fit. Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve. Mr. Glaser seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

##### **A. Adoption of Amendment to MVRPC's SFY2016-2019 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 36 of the mailout. Ms. Wallace made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **A. Update on TRAC Solicitation**

Mr. Daniel referred to a memo on page 37, reporting that the TRAC solicitation began on May 28<sup>th</sup>, and as of the applicant deadline on June 30<sup>th</sup>, two applications were received. He provided details on the Greene US35 Interchange project, requesting \$32M, as well as the Montgomery US35 Improvements requesting \$29.52M. Mr. Daniel reported that staff will be reviewing these applications and will be holding a project sponsor meeting at the beginning of August; and the project rankings will be presented to the Board at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Staff and the project sponsors will then prepare for the TRAC Public hearing scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> at ODOT Central Office.

Mr. Glaser expressed concern about the proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> lane of traffic through the Montgomery County section of US35, having an impact on the 3 intersections with traffic signals in Greene County. He explained that this sudden change of traffic pattern is making the situation worse with so much truck traffic. Mr. Glaser noted that as land is rezoned, the cost will just continue to increase. He suggested a meeting be scheduled to discuss these issues. Ms. Wallace agreed with Mr. Glaser's concerns, noting the westbound light at Alpha Road is particularly dangerous. Ms. Lommatzsch also noted that she travels thru the area and is frustrated by the 3 traffic signals as she travels through the region to South Carolina. Mr. Martin stated that staff is working on scheduling a meeting with all parties involved, including Brandon Huddleson and Keith Smith. Others can be added or given the option to call in. He noted that Melissa Taylor from ODOT D-8 has expressed an interest in getting involved. TRAC has its own scoring system, and the Chamber has also had involvement and everyone is working together to keep the project moving. Mr. Glaser stated that perhaps this meeting could happen before the TRAC meeting in order to get better organized.

## **B. Progress Report on LINK Bikeshare Program**

Mr. Martin introduced Ms. Laura Estandia, from Bike Miami Valley to provide an update on the LINK Bikeshare program.

Ms. Estandia reported that the LINK Bikeshare program was launched on May 5, 2015. She explained how this program is a low cost transportation option designed for short trips that replace walking or car trips. Ms. Estandia provided statistics for the program explaining the number of trips and memberships for the program. She reviewed a real-time map that illustrates the actual number of bikes being used within the system at any given time as well as additional trip data. Ms. Estandia reported that there are currently 225 bikes in the fleet and provided instruction on how to check out and return a bike, as well as membership information. Mr. Ecklar asked how the bike kiosks were performing. Ms. Estandia explained there have been very few minor issues with the kiosks. Mr. Gruner noted that there are maintenance vans that provide regular checks on the stations as well as the bikes. Ms. Estandia provided information on the Chapter Program that is part of Bike Miami Valley. She explained that staff works with local communities to help promote advocacy efforts in the local jurisdictions. Currently Springfield and Piqua are participants in this program. Ms. Estandia encouraged members to contact her if there is interest in your community to form an advocacy group.

Mr. Mucher asked if you use a bike, and park it at a different station, will it be there when you are done. Ms. Estandia explained that there is some rotation of the bikes, but there would definitely be bikes available at all stations at all times of the day. Ms. Godsey asked if there were any liability issues. Ms. Estandia explained that participants are required to sign a user agreement, but there have been very few issues with theft or damage. Ms. Setzer asked if there has been any cost recovery calculated yet. Ms. Estandia explained that GDRTA supports the maintenance staff and some of the operational costs. Also, membership and usage fees do offset some of the operational costs, and they expect growth in that area.

## **C. Going Places Summary Booklet and Implementation Tools Progress Update**

Mr. Martin first thanked everyone for their support and participation during the Going Places Initiative. Mr. Martin referred to the Going Places Summary booklet that highlights the accomplishments and the plan for moving forward. He explained how staff has been advancing the implementation tools, including development of a business plan to follow the decision making process. Mr. Kim provided detail updates on accomplishments and upcoming projects for implementation tools A-G as outlined in the summary. Mr. Martin reviewed a list of ongoing services that are available from MVRPC which include:

- Facilitate development of Implementation tools
- Provide forums to connect partners around the Region
- Planning consultation and facilitation services
- Best practices research, data analysis and mapping services
- Grant seeking and proposal writing services.

Ms. Johnson thanked the MVRPC staff for all of the help they have recently given Jefferson Township.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Martin stated that the Going Places Summary Booklet Progress Update was covered under the previous agenda item. He reported that MVRPC has recently subscribed to Grant Finder which is a tool that allows subscribers to investigate grant prospects from various Federal, State and foundation sources from around the country. The report included two recent announcements for the Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) and the National Endowment for the Arts OUR TOWN. Mr. Martin also made members aware of a Cryptowall Ransomware Virus Infection at MVRPC so that others will recognize this virus should it happen to other organizations and the importance of daily system back-ups.

Mr. Martin congratulated the City of Beavercreek, GDRTA and Montgomery County for being listed among the healthiest employers in the Miami Valley by the Dayton Business Journal. His report also included a list of upcoming meetings.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Beamish made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hirt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Brian O. Martin, AICP  
Executive Director

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Janis Vargo, Chairperson

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Date