

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 4, 2015
MINUTES**

Members/Voting Alternates

Doug Barry, Miami Township-Mont.Co.
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
Sherry Callahan, Municipality of Carlisle
Richard Church, City of Miamisburg
Elmer Dudas, City of Springboro
Frank Ecklar, Greater Dayton RTA
Dolores Gillis, City of Tipp City
Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township
James Gorman, City of Clayton
Carol Graff, Beaver Creek Township
Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineer
Arthur Haddad, Troy Chamber of Commerce
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood
Jerome Hirt, Bethel Township
Mary Johnson, Jefferson Township
Matthew Joseph, City of Dayton
Dan Kirkpatrick, City of Fairborn
Sonny Lewis, City of Franklin
Sara Lommatzsch, City of Riverside
Michael Lucking, City of Trotwood
Julia Maxton, South Metro Chamber
Chris Mucher, Miami Township- Greene Co.
Paul Murphy, Sinclair Community College

John O'Brien, Miami County
Amy Schrimpf, Dayton Development Coalition
Arlene Setzer, City of Vandalia
Robert Stallman, DPL Energy Resources
Woodrow Stroud, Greene County Transit
William Vogt, City of Piqua
Deborah Wallace, City of Beavercreek
Karen Wintrow, Village of Yellow Springs
Steve Woolf, Clay Township

Other Alternates/Guests

Scott Brown, ODOT D-8
Mike Eddy, LJB
Andy Johns, FHWA
Richard Splawinski, Mont. Co. Engineer's
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy
Joe Vogel, AECOM
Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Ben Wiltheiss, ODOT D-7

Staff Present

Paul Arnold
Ann Burns
Tim Gilliland
Martin Kim
Laura Loges
Brian Martin
Ami Parikh
Omar Peters
Ana Ramirez

I. INTRODUCTION

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

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 7, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON ACTION ITEMS

None

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 the need to a TIP Amendment. He referred to the one project table for Greene County for US68. Mr. Arnold stated that staff does recommend adoption of this TIP amendment, and referred to a resolution on page 8. Ms. Wallace made a motion for adoption. Mr. Joseph seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Culture Works Strategic Plan

Mr. Hankins introduced Ms. Collier, President & CEO of Culture Works. He noted the importance of the arts in our region and how it contributes to economic development as well as provides appeal to others looking to relocate to our area.

Ms. Martine Collier from Culture Works provided a presentation on Culture Works 20/20, their newly developed strategic plan. Ms. Collier referred to a recent publication called "Guide to Arts & Culture in the Dayton Region". She stated that this has been a very useful resource to area realtors and employers to draw people to the area. Ms. Collier reviewed the process used for development of the plan, noting that the steering committee co-chairs were Larry Klaben, President & CEO of Morris Furniture and Deborah Lieberman, Montgomery Co. Commissioner.

Ms. Collier shared the vision of the plan as well as a list of 6 goals developed as part of the plan.

- Economic Development
- Education
- Diversity
- Resources
- Capacity Building
- Implementation

She explained how there was positive participation by focus groups who reviewed a study of funding models. The group recognized the need for alternative funding, which included examples of a cigarette tax and a district tax. Ms. Collier explained that the best method for Dayton is not yet certain, but this plan is designed as a 10 year road map to help determine specifics down the road. Ms. Collier encouraged members to review more details of the plan at www.cultureconnects2020.org, and contact her if anyone is interested in serving on a sub-committee.

B. 2015 Update of the Congestion Management Process

Ms. Parikh presented an overview of the Congestion Management Process Technical Report which was completed by MVRPC in May 2015. The report was produced to update the progress of the Region's congestion management strategies and integrate it into MVRPC's transportation planning processes. She mentioned that the 2015 CMP report was redesigned to include a number of new features including corridor level performance measurements, development of a regional report card, peer city comparison of congestion performance measures and development of a toolbox of congestion management strategies in accordance with performance measurement and reporting requirements of the MAP-21 legislation.

Ms. Parikh presented several examples of performance measures used by MVRPC to measure recurring and non-recurring congestion in the Region including level of service, corridor travel time reliability, mobility, safety and accessibility measures, as well as identification of congested corridors in the Region. She explained that MVRPC follows a multimodal approach to addressing congestion in the Region through completion of the Regional Bikeway Plan, Freight Movement Study, keeping track of transit routes and ridership as well as incorporating various sustainability/livability initiatives in its transportation planning process such as RIDESHARE, regional land use plan and travel demand management.

Ms. Parikh reported that MVRPC's most direct roadway congestion mitigation measures are multimodal capital transportation projects and improvements that increase capacity, safety or efficiency of the road network. These are incorporated into MVRPC's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Ms. Parikh noted that the 2015 Congestion Management Process Technical Report as well as the Congestion Management Process Brochure is available in pdf format on MVRPC's website at <http://www.mvrpc.org/transportation/long-range-planning-lrtp/congestion-management-process>.

C. Miami Valley Bike Counting Program Assessment

Mr. Peters presented information on a new MVRPC program to begin collecting bicycle counts. He explained that it's important to begin collecting bicycling counts so that bicycle usage across the Region can be measured and tracked. Bicycle counts will help support decision making regarding prioritization of funds for new bicycle infrastructure, and MVRPC will become a one-stop repository for bicycle count information. Mr. Peters stated that the Region's trail management agencies have permanent automatic counters that collect trail counts on the bikeway. Annually, MVRPC will collaborate with those agencies to compile their data. Additionally, he explained that MVRPC has purchased two automatic counters that collect bicycle-only counts. MVRPC will temporarily install those counters on on-road bike lanes and the sections of bikeway for 7-days and conduct short-term count studies. Finally, Mr. Peters explained that MVRPC members can borrow the bicycle-only counter to perform short-term studies in their own jurisdictions. Members can get more information about borrowing the counter at <http://www.mvrpc.org/transportation/long-range-planning-lrtp/miami-valley-traffic-count-program> or contact Mr. Peters at opeters@mvrpc.org

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin referred to a handout that provided his report for June. He provided an update on the 2015 TRAC solicitation process and schedule, noting the deadline to submit a TRAC application is Tuesday, June 30, 2015. Mr. Martin explained that the purpose of this process is to establish a prioritized list of projects which will be submitted as the Region's requests for TRAC funding and he provided the website address where all necessary documents for a project application are available for download. Mr. Martin reported that May was cycling month, and during all summer months there will be an increase in bicycles and pedestrians. The users of the LINK Bikeshare program are steadily increasing. He shared two Public Service announcements that MVRPC has recently produced and released promoting bicycle safety.

Mr. Martin announced that On Friday, May 22, MVRPC launched our redesigned and reorganized website featuring our new logo and colors. The updated site, available at www.mvrpc.org is up and running, and staff is very pleased with it. He encouraged members to visit the website and become familiar with the new look. Mr. Martin provided a staffing update, noting the hiring of several new employees as well as two summer interns. He also reported that at this morning's Executive Committee meeting, the committee approved a new 3 year contract for his position.

The report also included a list of upcoming meetings.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Janis Vargo, Chairperson

Date