

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

Members/Voting Alternates

Richard Barnhart, City of West Carrollton
Doug Barry, Miami Township–Mont. Co.
Eric Baxter, City of Trotwood
Michael Beamish, City of Troy
Dale Berry, Washington Township
James Brinegar, City of Centerville
John Bruns, City of Union
Sherry Callahan, Municipality of Carlisle
Richard Church, City of Miamisburg
Philip Cox, Monroe Township in Miami County
Mark Donaghy, Greater Dayton RTA
Elmer Dudas, City of Springboro
Andrew Fluegemann, ODOT District 8
Michael Gebhart, City of Fairborn
Dolores Gillis, City of Tipp City
Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township
James Gorman, City of Clayton
Carol Graff, Beavercreek Township
Michael Gray, Time Warner Cable
Arthur Haddad, Troy Chamber of Commerce
Robert Hickey, Wright State University
Jerome Hirt Sr., Bethel Township
Mary Johnson, Jefferson Township
Matthew Joseph, City of Dayton
Tony Klepacz, City of Kettering
Sara Lommatzsch, City of Riverside
Dale Louderback, City of Xenia
Ralph Mantica, Dayton Area Board of Realtors
Chris Mucher, Miami Township–Greene Co.
John O'Brien, Miami County
Matt Parrill, ODOT District 7
Gerald Peters, Perry Township
Chris Schmiesing, City of Piqua
Amy Schrimpf, Dayton Development Coalition
Arlene Setzer, City of Vandalia

Mehdi Sharzi, Vectren
Regan Snider, Miami County Transit
Woodrow Stroud, Greene County Transit
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy
Janis Vargo, City of Huber Heights
Deborah Wallace, City of Beavercreek
Karen Wintrow, Village of Yellow Springs

Other Alternates/Guests

Judy Blankenship, City of Huber Heights
Sheila Crane, HERRealtors/MCLRC
Rex Dickey, Montgomery Co. Engineer's Office
David Patrouch, Guest
Greg Rogers, Miami Township
Fred Vogel, ODOT
Joe Vogel, AECOM
Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff

Staff Present

Paul Arnold
Julie Black
Ann Burns
Brad Daniel
Kjirsten Frank-Hoppe
Tim Gilliland
Tom Harner
Laura Henry
Martin Kim
Matt Lindsey
Laura Loges
Brian Martin
Ami Parikh
Bob Steinbach
Kathryn Youra-Polk
Lynn Zuch

I. INTRODUCTION

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

II. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 1, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Hirt made a motion to approve minutes. Ms. Graff 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 7 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 23 of the mailout. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Parrill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Bike Plan Update 2015

Ms. Frank-Hoppe described the timeline of the bikeway plan update process, and outlined the contents of the Board Packet, including the Executive Summary, Top Projects and Long Range Planning tables and maps, and Future chapter excerpts. The Bike Plan Update 2015 emphasizes projects that put the bike-rider's comfort and safety first, and will encourage more people to bike more often for more reasons. She explained that policies include a focus on active transportation funding, promoting and completing the Nation's Largest Paved Trails Network, creating programs that combine engineering with education, enforcement, and evaluation components (all Es approach), and providing tools to local communities. Ms. Frank-Hoppe reported that 140 people attended the various public meetings that were held for the Bike Plan Update. The full text of the Bike Plan Update, including appendices, is available on our website www.mvrpc.org/bike-plan-update. Staff request approval of the resolution on page 50 of the mailout. Mr. Beamish made a motion to approve. Mr. Joseph seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Vargo congratulated the City of Troy and the City of Dayton for their recent Bike Friendly City designation.

C. Approval of the Public Participation Policy Update

Ms. Henry referred to a memo on page 52 of the mailout explaining that the policy was updated to meet the criteria required for public participation per MAP-21 legislation. She explained that the updates were indicated by italicized, bolded and highlighted in yellow text. A public involvement meeting was conducted regarding the proposed update on Wednesday, October 7th. A summary of the public comments is included. Ms. Henry stated that staff as well as TAC recommends approval of the resolution on page 100. Mr. Donaghy made a motion to approve. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Going Places Implementation Tools Progress Update

Mr. Kim reported that at this time, staff is focusing on two of the tools that were established back in August, 2014 Tool A – "Regional Geographic Information System" and Tool I – "Sustainable Development and Redevelopment". He began by explaining the GIS Regional Needs Assessment. MVRPC conducted a regional GIS needs assessment this past summer on two main topics; the use of GIS and data related issues, such as data types, data dissemination methods, and data sharing efforts. Mr. Kim shared the results of this needs assessment, noting that one of the key findings from the GIS assessment is there are many organizations who would like to use web mapping applications as a way to share data and maps within their organization and to their citizens.

Mr. Kim reported that staff is currently exploring ways to provide a type of GIS application that will serve as a central location for obtaining data from various Federal, State and County agencies.

Mr. Kim reviewed the purpose of "Tool I" – which is supporting our members on their effort to find solutions for sustainable development and redevelopment. He shared that a recent planning initiative between Jefferson Township and MVRPC revealed how useful this tool can be. Mr. Kim defined the role of both MVRPC and Township employees and how this effort was successful in setting the community's future direction, goals and priorities.

Ms. Wintrow asked if MVRPC has enough resources to provide these services to multiple communities. Mr. Kim stated that staff hopes there would be high demands in the future, but do feel confident at this time that they can provide these services. Mr. Martin added that MVRPC has offered these services in hopes of helping our members. Ms. Johnson thanked the staff on what a wonderful job they did on the Jefferson Township Future Land Use Strategic Plan. She stated that due to the clear vision and skills of the MVRPC staff, in coordination with Jefferson Township staff, they can now move forward in developing their community.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin referred to his November report which provided an update on the Federal transportation funding. He stated that the current bill expires in a few weeks, and staff is optimistic. Mr. Martin explained that the MVRPC website has a new page that allows you to find your state and federal representatives and encouraged members to communicate the importance of a new transportation bill. Mr. Martin reported that the TRAC hearing was held on Tuesday October 13th. MVRPC made a presentation on both the MOT US-35 and GRE US-35 projects, which included a video showing actual footage taken from a drone. In addition, there were also interviews from Phil Parker from the Dayton Chamber, Bob Glaser, Greene Co. Commissioner, Ken Curp, Riverside Council and Bill McGlothin, Beavercreek School Superintendent. The project had excellent representation with staff and officials from MVRPC, City of Riverside, City of Dayton and Beavercreek Township. Staff has received very positive feedback, and we hope this will result in some much needed funding for these projects. Ms. Wallace commended the staff on an excellent job. Mr. Parrill also noted that the TRAC members were very impressed.

Mr. Martin congratulated the City of Dayton on Fifth Street being named one of five great streets on the APA Great Places in America list. His report also provided information on recent grant information. Mr. Martin congratulated those members who were re-elected in Tuesday's election. His report also included a list of upcoming meetings. Ms. Wintrow reported that the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy has recently moved their Midwest regional office to Yellow Springs which is a great asset to the bike community. She also suggested they be considered for future membership with MVRPC.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gorman made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Graff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Janis Vargo, Chairperson

Date