

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015
MINUTES**

Richard Barnhart, City of West Carrollton
Doug Barry, Miami Township Mont. Co.
Michael Beamish, City of Troy
Rebecca Benna, Five Rivers Metro Parks
Dale Berry, Washington Township
Janet Bly, Miami Conservancy District
Steve Boeder, Municipality of Germantown
John Bruns, City of Union
Sherry Callahan, Municipality of Carlisle
Richard Church, City of Miamisburg
Mark Donaghy, GDRTA
Elmer Dudas, City of Springboro
Andrew Fluegemann, ODOT District 8
Michael Gebhart, City of Fairborn
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
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood
Jerome Hirt, Bethel Township
Gregory Horn, City of Centerville
Mary Johnson, Jefferson Township
Matthew Joseph, City of Dayton
Tony Klepacz, City of Kettering
Tom Kretz, Beavercreek Township
Sara Lommatzsch, City of Riverside
Julia Maxton, South Metro Chamber
Paul Murphy, Sinclair Community College
John O'Brien, Miami County
Gerald Peters, Perry Township
Amy Schrimpf, Dayton Development Coalition
David Seagraves, City of Brookville
Greg Shackelford, City of Vandalia

Regan Snider, Miami County Transit
Richard Splawinski, Mont. Co. Engineer's Office
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
Karen Wintrow, Village of Yellow Springs

Other Alternates/Guests

Judy Blankenship, City of Huber Heights
Gary Burkholder, City of Brookville
Richard Henry, LWV
Brian Huxtable, RAPCA
Tom Koogler, Greene County
Traci Stivers, Franklin Twp.
Denise Swinger, Yellow Springs
Fred Vogel, ODOT
Joe Vogel, AECOM
Chad Whilding, City of Beavercreek
Ben Wiltheiss, ODOT D-7

Staff Present

Paul Arnold
Ann Burns
Brad Daniel
Tim Gilliland
Laura Henry
Martin Kim
Brian Martin
Ami Parikh
Ana Ramirez
Rob Uhlhorn

I. INTRODUCTION

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

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 6, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Haddad 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 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 21 of the mailout. Ms. Wallace made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of MAP-21 Funds Availability Report and Project Solicitation Request.

Mr. Arnold referred to a memo on page 22 of the mailout. He explained that MVRPC funding policies require the staff to provide an annual information report showing the status of regionally controlled STP, CMAQ and TA funds as part of the solicitation process. He noted that there are no current CMAQ funds shown since that has switched to a statewide program, and this solicitation is now bi-annual and will take place next year. Mr. Arnold reviewed the table on page 23 which provided the fund balances for STP and TA federal programs. Based on this report, staff as well as TAC recommends authorization to begin the solicitation process for new STP and TA projects. Mr. Church made a motion to approve. Mr. Joseph seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of updates to STP-CMAQ-TA Policies and Procedures

Mr. Arnold referred to a memo on page 24 of the mailout defining some minor changes that were made to the draft STP-CMAQ-TA Policies and Procedures. The two biggest changes are the return of the simple STP resurfacing program and the suspension of the CMAQ project solicitation until next fall. Staff anticipates the solicitation period will be September 9 to October 8th. Mr. Arnold stated that staff as well as TAC recommends approval of the resolution on page 45. Mr. Donaghy made a motion to approve. Mr. Seagraves seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Adoption of SFY2015 Transportation Work Program Completion Report

Mr. Daniel referred to a memo on page 46 of the mailout explaining that this completion report is done annually and it summarizes the highlights of the MPO's efforts for the preceding fiscal year. The report is included for review in the mailout beginning on page 47. He stated that both staff and TAC recommend approval of the resolution on page 62. Upon Board adoption, the report will be submitted to ODOT. Mr. Hankins made a motion to recommend approval. Ms. Wintrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Recommended Approval of Resolution Reaffirming the goals and Objectives of the Long Range Transportation Plan

Ms. Ramirez provided an overview of the 2016 Long Range Transportation Plan explaining that a major update occurs every 4 years. She reviewed a flow chart that provided an overview of the update process.

Ms. Ramirez explained the four transportation goals which included:

- Regional Stewardship
- Vibrant Communities
- Vigorous Economy
- Sustainable Solutions

She also reviewed the sources used for the 2040 socioeconomic data, population trends and employment trends. Ms. Ramirez reviewed a chart which provided the final socio-economic data broken down for each county. She shared a summary of the Public Meeting that was held on August 12th here at MVRPC. Ms. Ramirez provided the schedule for the LRTP Workgroup meetings scheduled for September 8-10, also here at MVRPC, and encouraged members to attend. Additional information is available at plan2040.mvrpc.org. Staff requests approval of the resolution on page 67. Mr. Joseph questioned the possibility of incorporating the 2010 census since it does show an increase. Ms. Ramirez explained current census population estimates program data was used which does show an overall decrease in Montgomery County, but at a lower rate. Mr. Whilding asked if the chart includes college enrollment. Ms. Ramirez noted there were no plans to include this data, but this information could be researched and provided at a later date. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve. Ms. Graff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. RAPCA Idle-Free Campaign

Mr. Huxtable reported that RAPCA was awarded a \$5,000 mini-grant from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund to create an Idle Reduction Campaign in partnership with MVRPC. The purpose of the campaign is to encourage people to turn off their vehicles when not driving to reduce air pollution. He explained that the first target area is schools in the Region and then grow to libraries, daycare centers, hospitals, parks and municipalities. Ms. Henry explained that RAPCA and MVRPC met to develop a tool kit to help schools and others in the area kick off their own Idle Free Campaign. This tool kit includes an outdoor sign for the campus that promotes the Idle Free zone reminding those waiting outside to "Turn the Key and Be Idle Free". It also includes brochures and sample letters to draft to their bus drivers, parents and others visiting the campus. Ms. Henry encouraged anyone interested in a toolkit to contact Brian Huxtable at bhuxtable@rapca.org. Ms. Maxton noted that the Chamber holds safety council meeting which could provide a good cross-section of schools.

B. Water Quality Projects: Open Space and Unsewered Communities

Mr. Lindsay was not able to attend the meeting, so this presentation was delayed to a later date.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Martin reported that MVRPC has recently subscribed to Grant finder which is helpful when researching grant announcements from various Federal, State and foundation sources from around the country. He also provided a list of some recently available grant opportunities. Mr. Martin referred to a list of MVRPC projects that received \$20.2M in funding. He also announced that MVRPC was recently awarded Bronze Level Bicycle-Friendly Business Award from League of American Bicyclist and also announced that the Bike Plan Open House was conducted last night and went very well. Mr. Martin reported that regional planning, under the Going Places Initiative, is continuing with Jefferson Township, Harrison Township and Dayton Public Schools utilizing staff's services. He reported that a meeting was held on August 21st to discuss the two TRAC projects, MOT-US35 and GRE-US35.

The meeting was well attended, there was good discussion, and the next meeting is scheduled for September 18th. These meeting will prepare us for the TRAC hearing in Columbus on October 13th. Mr. Glaser noted that the TRAC rankings were recently released, and GRE-35 was ranked above MOT-35. He shared another recent accident that occurred on US35 in Greene Co. where a school bus was hit by a semi-truck, which fortunately, was empty at the time. Ms. Graff noted that the population projections on page 66 of the mailout projects that population and employment will significantly increase in Greene County, which only means more congestion for the 35 corridor and is more concerning each year. Mr. Martin stated that the MVRPC PES process has been around for about 12 years, and it does reward for project readiness and the MOT-US35 seems to be farther along than Greene. The environmental documents are progressing, and scores for both projects are being reviewed closely. Mr. Whilding also shared concerns about this dangerous section of US35 in Greene County which serves as access to a large soccer complex and hundreds of visitors every year. Mr. Martin stated that there has recently been more interest, new leadership is becoming involved and there is significant focus on this project. Ms. Lommatzsh shared these concerns, noting that the congestion actually begins back at Smithville and Woodman interchanges.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Janis Vargo, Chairperson

Date