

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES**

**via Zoom Conference/Video Call
(<https://02web.zoom.us/j/87647642836>)**

**June 3, 2021
9:00 AM**

Members/Voting Alternates

Tom Arnold, ODOT District 8
John Agenbroad, City of Springboro
Pete Bales, City of Beavercreek
Robert Beeler, AES-Ohio
Becky Benná, Five Rivers MetroParks
Dale Berry, Washington Township
Janet Bly, Miami Conservancy District
John Bruns, City of Union
Donald Burchett, City of Moraine
Nancy Byrge, City of Huber Heights
Judy Dodge, Montgomery County
Julie Duffy, Municipality of Carlisle
Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township
Stephanie Goff, Greene County Engineer
Forrest Greenwood, City of Brookville
Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineer
David Haber, Preble County
Walt Hibner, CenterPoint Energy
Kathryn Hinds, City of Piqua
Brian Housh, Village of Yellow Springs
Matt Joseph, City of Dayton
Sonja Keaton, City of Brookville
Tony Klepacz, City of Kettering
Tom Koogler, Greene County
Sara Lommatzsch, City of Riverside
Mary McDonald, City of Trotwood
Brian S. Morris, Franklin Township
John Morris, Miami Township – Montgomery Co.
Chris Mucher, Miami Township – Greene Co.
Robin I. Oda, City of Troy
Mike Parks, Dayton Foundation
Harold Robinson, City of West Carrollton
Steve Ross, Bath Township
Bob Ruzinsky, Greater Dayton RTA
Bill Serr, City of Centerville
Jeff Sheridan, Village of West Milton
Woodrow Stroud, Greene County Transit
Beth van Haaren, Bethel Township
Deborah Wallace, Beavercreek Township
Johnathan Westendorf, City of Franklin
Ben Wiltheiss, ODOT District 7

Other Alternates/Guests

Tina Castonguay, Central State University
Elmer Dudas, City of Springboro
Vanessa Glotfelter, MCTID
Chad Henry, Choice One Eng.
Kyle Lentz, Ohio Attorney General
Stefan Spinosa, ODOT District 8
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy
Jeff Wallace, Barge Design

Staff Present

Paul Arnold
Savannah Diamond
Carlton Eley
Laura Henry
Tawana Keels
Martin Kim
Aaron Lee
Matt Lindsay
Teresa Lombardelli
Mike Lucas
Brian Martin
James Metz
Ami Parikh
Ana Ramirez
Stacy Schweikhart
Milo Simpson
Melissa Swain
Rob Uhlhorn

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors met on June 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom Video Conference (<https://02web.zoom.us/j/87647642836>). All members and news media were notified of the meeting pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Mucher called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Ms. Lombardelli did a roll call by jurisdiction. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Chairperson Mucher.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 6, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Bruns made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2021 Board meeting. Ms. Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON ACTION ITEMS

None

IV. MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommended Adoption of Amendment #10 to MVRPC's SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Arnold referred to the 10th amendment to the SFY 2021-2024 TIP and the numerous project changes made by MVRPC and ODOT. He referred to the packet showing the tables broken down by county, as well as the statewide line item project tables. Mr. Arnold stated that MVRPC Staff and the Technical Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Amendment #10 to the SFY2021-SFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Klepacz made a motion to adopt the Amendment #10 to MVRPC's SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Godsey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Dayton Region Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Ms. Schweikhart presented an update on the Dayton Region Economic Development Strategy. MVRPC is partnering with the Dayton Development Coalition and the US Economic Development Administration to update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Dayton Region. The planning process encompasses 13 counties, all of MVRPC's member counties plus those in addition served by the DDC. The last CEDS was completed in 2012 and an updated EDA approved CEDS is mandatory for the regional jurisdictions to receive funding for disaster recovery. To date, the EDA has awarded more than \$10 Million for disaster recovery projects throughout the region.

Ms. Schweikhart presented the Economic Development Administration's Investment Priorities, and the CEDS outcomes, key components, planning process, community engagement, and timeline.

Ms. Schweikhart invited the Board of Directors to participate in the CEDS Community Engagement poll. The poll questions and top results are listed:

- What is our region's greatest strength?
 - Geographic location
 - Vibrant affordable communities
- What is our region's strongest opportunity for strategic growth?
 - The logistics and distribution supply chain growth
- What was our region's greatest success over the past 10 years?
 - Strength of the defense sector

- Overall economic diversification in small business and entrepreneurship growth
- What is our region's most significant risk?
 - The ability to attract and retain talent
 - Workforce availability, readiness and diversity
 - Reliance of the defense industry
- What is your aspiration for our region?
 - Overall economic resilience
 - Entrepreneur culture
 - Community of choice for young talent

Ms. Schweikhart encouraged members to visit the website www.daytonregion.com/dayton-region-economic-development-strategy for more information about CEDS, and sign up to receive more information on upcoming feedback opportunities or suggest a group to participate in the CEDS Community Engagement poll.

Ms. Schweikhart opened the floor for questions.

B. Regional Safety Update

Mr. Lee presented on the Regional Safety Analysis 2017-2019 Crash data. The goals of the crash data are to monitor crash trends, locate high crash locations and to make roadway improvements. The data was collected from 2017-2019 crash reports in Montgomery, Miami, Greene, and Northern Warren counties. Mr. Lee provided the link to MVRPC's website for more information on Transportation Safety: <https://www.mvrpc.org/transportation/long-range-planning-lrtp/transportation-safety> .

Mr. Lee opened the floor for questions.

Ms. Godsey asked if a study will be conducted on commercial vehicle safety regarding the age limit of drivers being lowered from 21 to 18 years old. Mr. Koogler inquired if the percentage of commercial miles driven has increased over the past 5 years and if the increase rate of fatalities is lower compared to the increase rate of miles driven.

Ms. Ramirez stated fatal crashes are on the rise and the goal is to reduce fatalities despite increases in Vehicles Miles Travelled.

Mr. Martin announced MVRPC will provide a summary regarding commercial vehicle safety.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Before the Executive Director's report, Chairperson Mucher congratulated Mr. Martin on winning the prestigious Walter Scheiber Leadership Award on behalf of the National Association Regional Council (NARC). This award recognizes significant impacts an executive director has made at the local, state, and national levels.

Chairperson Mucher read the first paragraph of the nomination application Ms. Schweikhart submitted to the National Association Regional Council:

“Mr. Martin is well known in the NARC community having dedicated decades of his career to the leadership of Regional Council. He's a tireless advocate to the importance of planning for transportation, land use, and environmental matters at the regional level. In recent years Mr. Martin has also championed the need for disparities in opportunity, in equity and social justice to be addressed through the same collaborative regional approach.”

Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Mucher and stated how glad he is that our work in the region has been recognized and the Board is a big part of our work last year and this year in terms of equity and inclusion.

Mr. Martin also announced that the Executive Committee performed the annual executive evaluation and after receiving an outstanding review, his contract was extended for three years. Mr. Martin thanked the Executive Committee and appreciates the recognition.

Mr. Martin recognized Ms. Schweikhart and Mr. Lee for being MVRPC's newest AICP certified planners (American Institute of Certified Planners).

Mr. Martin welcomed the new Village Manager of West Milton, Mr. Jeff Sheridan to the Board and is looking forward to having him as an active member of MVRPC.

A. Executive Director's Update

Mr. Martin reviewed the June ED's Update:

- MVRPC and ODOT Explore Creation of RTPO for Darke, Preble and Shelby Counties
- MVRPPC will be represented at the OHIO GFOA Conference
- Miami Valley Cycling Summit featured keynote presentation on Active Transportation Equity
- MVRPC Launches a new PLAN4Health- Miami Valley Initiative
- Miami Valley TREEcovery Campaign seeking donations to support tree canopy restoration
- Miami Valley Roads.org
- Grants and Funding Resources

B. Hybrid Meeting Announcement

*(The Ohio legislature discontinued the allowance of digital/remote meetings for public bodies effective July 1, 2021. **The August 5, 2021 Board meeting will be held fully in person at the Dayton Realtors.**)*

The next Board of Director's meeting is August 5th and will be hybrid with both in-person and Zoom options. The Board of Directors Delegates and Alternates will have the option to meet in person or via Zoom. Breakfast will be provided for the Board members who attend in person. All guests and consultants will continue to attend via Zoom. The public who have comments on action items may attend in person and must RSVP. Social distancing will be required and the mandate for masks will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Martin invited the Board to participate in a survey asking their opinion on if masks should be mandatory. The members responded with "69% No" and "17% Yes".

C. Formation of the Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities Steering Committee (ISC)

Mr. Martin referenced the letter requesting resumes from current Board delegates and alternates that wish to serve on the 2021 Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities Steering Committee (ISC). All resumes will be forwarded to the nomination committee. The nomination committee will submit their recommendations to the Executive Committee at the August 5, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Martin opened the floor for questions. Mr. Koogler thanked Mr. Martin for putting together the Institute Steering Committee and congratulated him on winning the Walter Scheiber Leadership Award.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Chris Mucher called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stroud made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. Chairperson Mucher called the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Sara Lommatzsch
2nd Vice Chairperson

Date: