

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JULY 21, 2016  
MINUTES**

Ed Amrhein, Beaver Creek Township  
Paul Arnold, MVRPC  
Kaye Borchers, Choice One Engineering  
Scott Boyer, ODOT District 7  
James Brinegar, City of Centerville  
Kent Bryan, CT Consultants  
Ann Burns, MVRPC  
Austin Capell, City of Springboro  
Mark Carpenter, City of Riverside  
Dan Casson, Municipality of Carlisle  
Barry Conway, City of Franklin  
Robert Cron, City of Vandalia  
Bradley Daniel, MVRPC  
Chad Dixon, City of Springboro  
John Donnelly, City of Tipp City  
Andrew Fluegemann, ODOT District 8  
Robert Geyer, Greene County Engineer  
Paul Gruner, Montgomery Co. Engineer  
Mike Hammes, City of Moraine

Amy Havenar, City of Piqua  
Dan Hoying, LJB, Inc.  
Paul Huelskamp, Miami County Engineer  
Brian Martin, MVRPC  
Dominic Miller, City of Xenia  
Mitch Miller, City of Riverside  
Don O'Connor, City of Fairborn  
Annie Rahall, TEC Engineering  
Ana Ramirez, MVRPC  
Penny Rike, LJB, Inc.  
John Sliemers, City of Kettering  
Keith Steeber, City of Dayton  
Bob Steinbach, MVRPC  
Frederick Stovall, City of Dayton  
Brock Thor, City of Riverside  
Rob Uhlhorn, MVRPC  
Larry Weissman, Montgomery County  
John Williamson, City of Brookville

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Chair Huelskamp called the meeting to order. Self-introductions were made.

**II. APPROVAL OF MAY 19, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Amrhein made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Donnelly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Public Comment Period on Action Items**

None

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

**A. Recommended Adoption of Amendment to MVRPC's SFY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Arnold referred to a memo on page 4 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 statewide line item projects.

Mr. Arnold stated that staff does recommend adoption of this TIP amendment, and referred to a resolution on page 18 of the mailout. Mr. Geyer made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Hammes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Opposing the Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform Rule.**

Ms. Ramirez explained that MVRPC recently became aware of a proposed rule change from the US Department of Transportation regarding MPO coordination and planning area reform. Staff was given very little notice of the rule change, and the comment period expires on August 26<sup>th</sup>. She stated that the proposed rule would require that the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) include at a minimum the entire urbanized area (UZA) and the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20 year forecast period. Ms. Ramirez reviewed several outcomes that could result in this rule change:

- In some cases, the MPA for each MPO could be redrawn such that their boundaries do not overlap
- The MPO's within the same UZA could merge
- If the Governor(s) and MPOs determine more than one MPO is warranted, those MPO's would then develop unified planning products (metropolitan plan, TIP and performance targets) for the entire UZA.

Ms. Ramirez explained that staff feels this is not a good idea for our MPO area and this rule would take away local control and reduce input to the planning process. She also noted that Springfield and OKI have taken the same position, and there is already excellent coordination between MPO's in our state. Staff feels our opposition will be more effective if there is a formal resolution passed by the Board, which is in the packet on page 19. Mr. Hammes asked if individual jurisdictions should consider doing this. Mr. Martin stated this could be helpful, and staff could assist with samples if requested.

Mr. Gruner made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Steeber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. CY2016 TRAC Solicitation Update**

Mr. Daniel referred to page 21 of the mailout, noting that the TRAC solicitation period was from June 1 through June 30. He reported that staff received 2 project applications:

- Greene US35 Superstreet project - \$5 million
- Montgomery US35 Improvements - \$27.58 million

Mr. Daniel provided details for both of these projects. He explained that the projects will be ranked and staff will be hosting a Project Sponsor meeting in the beginning of August. The final scores and rankings will be presented for adoption at the October 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, and then presented at the TRAC Public Hearing on October 13<sup>th</sup> at ODOT central office. Mr. Geyer asked how much local funds were in the MOT US5 project. Mr. Daniel stated there was \$960,000 in local funds. Mr. Martin also noted that the US35 Superstreet Project did receive \$5M in ODOT safety funds this year.

## **B. Healthy Active Transportation Survey**

Mr. Steinbach explained that ODOT has requested that MVRPC participate in a survey regarding healthy active transportation. This survey focuses on what your jurisdictions are doing to promote biking, walking and transit and what barriers you may be encountering.

Please complete the survey and submit it before August 10, 2016. Only one survey should be submitted per jurisdiction, so if you are not the most appropriate person in your jurisdiction to complete this survey, please forward to that person.

Mr. Steinbach will be forwarding the survey link through email later today. He recommends the survey be opened ASAP so that it can be completed by the deadline.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Martin referred to his June report on page 22 of the mailout. He reviewed information on the pedestrian safety program and grant & funding resources. He also reported that the new project solicitation will be presented at the August TAC meeting, which may likely include another resurfacing program. His report also provided a list of upcoming meetings.

## **VII. ADJOURN**

Mr. Geyer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Conway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.