

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MAY 19, 2016
MINUTES**

Ed Amrhein, Beaver Creek Township
Paul Arnold, MVRPC
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Robert Cron, City of Vandalia
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John Davies, Washington Township
John Donnelly, City of Tipp City
Andrew Fluegemann, ODOT District 8

Robert Geyer, Greene County Engineer
Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineer
Jay Hamilton, ODOT District 8
Mike Hammes, City of Moraine
Kjirsten Frank Hoppe, MVRPC
Dan Hoying, LJB, Inc.
Paul Huelskamp, Miami County Engineer
Martin Kim, MVRPC
Benjamin Kohls, MVRPC
Matthew Lindsay, MVRPC
Roy Mann, Jefferson Township
Brian Martin, MVRPC
Dominic Miller, City of Xenia
Ana Ramirez, MVRPC
Jillian Rhoades, City of Troy
Penny Rike, LJB, Inc.
Carrie Scarff, Five Rivers Metro Parks
Robert Shroder, MVRPC
Keith Steeber, City of Dayton
Rob Uhlhorn, MVRPC
Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff

I. INTRODUCTION

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

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 21, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Rhoades 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 37 of the mailout. Mr. Geyer made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Hammes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. National Highway System (NHS) – MAP 21 Additions

Ms. Ramirez provided an overview of the Functional Class System explaining it is updated every 10 years, the Board approved recommended changes in May 2014 and MVRPC and ODOT agree on Functional Class Designations. However, ODOT has proposed to remove MAP-21 additions to the NHS and this issue needs to be resolved before FHWA will issue statewide approval of functional class. Ms. Ramirez reviewed a list of recent changes to the National Highway System (NHS) and reviewed a map of the expanded NHS. She also explained some final changes in NHS standards which will mean less design exceptions. Ms. Ramirez also reviewed a map illustrating NHS versus the National Network, explaining there is some overlap but not the same set of rules. MVRPC will recommend to ODOT and FHWA that the Map-21 additions to the NHS, remain on the NHS for the MVRPC area.

B. Going Places Implementation Tools Progress Update

Mr. Kim reported that staff has been providing numerous services to our Members such as Community Planning Support Services, Best Practices Research Services and GIS Services. He stated that the subject for today's briefing is implementation tools for economic development. Mr. Kim provided details for each of the following implementation tools for economic development efforts;

- Tool A – Shared Regional GIS
- Tool B – Data support for the Economic Development Site Selection Database
- Tool E – Project Funding Competitive Analysis

Mr. Kim included a review of the JobsOhio website which provides a tool designed to find the Ohio location that meets specific business needs. The website provides economic, geographic, demographic and other data needed to make an informed decision when selecting a business location. Mr. Kim announced that the 2016 Regional Economic Development Summit will be held on Thursday, May 26 at Sinclair College and MVRPC will be having a session on the implementation tools. Registration information can be found at www.i70-75.org

C. Update on Share the Road Initiatives

Ms. Frank Hoppe reminded the Board that "Share the Road" materials, aimed at bicyclists and motorists, were available to the communities to brand and put to their own uses. She also shared the "Tale of the Trails" infographic handout which is newly published this month and tells folks about the great amenities and assets available on our Regional Trail Network. The information was collected as part of the trail survey effort in 2013, so the handout will serve as both a promotional item for upcoming trail events and a recruitment tool for the 2017 survey.

Ms. Frank Hoppe gave a presentation on the Street Smart Pedestrian Safety Campaign, which MVRPC is sponsoring in our region starting this June. The new Street Smart Campaign is meant to reduce the crash rate through increased awareness, encouraging drivers to watch out for pedestrians, and encouraging pedestrians to walk defensively. The "Tired Faces" campaign is adapted from a similar campaign created in the D.C. area. Even though the risks of walking are statistically small, they are significant, and the national pedestrian crash rate is rising by 10% each year.

She explained that the rate of increase is even higher in Ohio, and while 1 percent of crashes involve pedestrians, they are very likely to cause a serious injury or fatality. Ms. Frank Hoppe stated that the prevalence of crashes that take place in the evening and at night, and particularly in late fall and winter, reinforces the need to wear light colored and reflective clothing and coats. Speed also plays a role in pedestrian-motor vehicle crashes and increases the injury potential exponentially. She explained that many pedestrian fatalities involve alcohol or drugs – either the driver or the walker is under the influence. Many, but not all, fatalities are outside of crosswalks – places where drivers don't expect somebody to be walking. Finally, the health benefits of walking and biking far outweigh the dangers. While fatal accidents make the news, individual deaths from heart disease and diabetes usually don't. As a community, we need to walk and bike more, but we should do it safely.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin referred to his May report on page 38 of the mailout. He thanked Kjirsten for her presentation which also coordinated well with May being National Bike Month. He also reported that the Annual Dinner was held on April 14th, and was a very well attended event, and Mark Donaghy from GDRTA was the recipient of the Regional Steward Award. Mr. Martin provided updates on an areawide meeting with OEPA Director Craig Butler as well as information on grant and funding resources. He also reported there are several new outreach commercials currently airing on TV as well as the website. Staff is also promoting a new pedestrian safety campaign called Street Smarts. 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.