

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 15, 2015
MINUTES**

Ed Amrhein, Beaver Creek Township	Laura Henry, MVRPC
Rob Anderson, City of Clayton	Kjirsten Frank Hoppe, MVRPC
Paul Arnold, MVRPC	Dan Hoying, LJB, Inc.
Pete Bales, City of Fairborn	Andy Johns, FHWA
Russell Bergman, City of Huber Heights	Martin Kim, MVRPC
Steve Bergstresser, City of Kettering	Scott Knebel, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly
James Brinegar, City of Centerville	Matthew Lindsay, MVRPC
Joe Brzozowski, City of Dayton	Brian Martin, MVRPC
Gary Burkholder, City of Brookville	Dominic Miller, City of Xenia
Ann Burns, MVRPC	Leigh Oesterling, FHWA
Emily Christian, City of Riverside	Jillian Rhoades, City of Troy
Barry Conway, City of Franklin	Carrie Scarff, Five Rivers Metro Parks
Bradley Daniel, MVRPC	John Sliemers, City of Kettering
Chad Dixon, City of Springboro	Nick Smith, City of Beaver Creek
Andrew Fluegemann, ODOT District 8	Christopher Snyder, Miami Township
Robert Galvin, City of Vandalia	Keith Steeber, City of Dayton
Robert Geyer, Greene Co. Engineer	Denise Swinger, Village of Yellow Springs
Paul Gruner, Montgomery Co. Engineer	Greg Wallace, Municipality of Carlisle
Craig Eley, Choice One	Larry Weissman, Montgomery County
Jay Hamilton, Mead & Hunt	

I. INTRODUCTION

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

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Ecklar made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Snyder 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 provided an update on the new project solicitation. He stated that the deadline for applications was October 8th; the list of applications received is available on the website and the Public Participation Meeting is scheduled for November 5th.

Mr. Arnold referred to a memo on page 6 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 17 of the mailout. Mr. Bales made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Moorman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. RECOMMENDED 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. The full text of the Bike Plan Update, including appendices, is available on our website www.mvrpc.org/bike-plan-update.

Mr. Amrhein made a motion to approve. Ms. Scarff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY UPDATE

Ms. Henry referred to a memo on page 44 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 requests approval of the resolution on page 92. Mr. Burkholder made a motion to approve. Mr. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. 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.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Martin referred to the October report on page 93 of the mailout. He provided an update on transportation funding, noting that the current bill expires at the end of October and encouraged members to e-mail their representatives to communicate the importance of a new transportation funding 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 US35 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 McGlothlin, Beaver Creek School Superintendent. The project had excellent representation with staff and officials from MVRPC, City of Riverside, City of Dayton and Beaver Creek Township. Staff has received very positive feedback, and we hope this will result in some much needed funding for these projects. Mr. Martin reminded the committee that following this meeting staff will conduct an instructional seminar on the PDAC project application process. He stated that staff will be contacting those who submitted new STP/TA project applications. This process concludes with final Board adoption in March. His report also provided some recent grant announcements as well as upcoming meetings.

Mr. Martin introduced Mr. Andy Johns from FHWA. Mr. Johns just wanted to thank MVRPC for their steadfast commitment to the Dayton region. FHWA recognizes how frustrating the funding process can be, and commends MVRPC for all of their hard work and creativity. He also introduced Ms. Leigh Oesterling, also with FHWA, Planning and Environmental Team Leader.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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