

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
MINUTES**

Ed Amrhein, Beaver Creek Township
Paul Arnold, MVRPC
Pete Bales, City of Fairborn
Russell Bergman, City of Huber Heights
Steve Bergstresser, City of Kettering
Kaye Borchers, Choice One Engineering
Scott Boyer, ODOT District 7
James Brinegar, City of Centerville
Scott Brown, ODOT District 8
Joe Brzozowski, City of Dayton
Ann Burns, MVRPC
Emily Christian, City of Riverside
Barry Conway, City of Franklin
Bradley Daniel, MVRPC
John Donnelly, City of Tipp City
Frank Ecklar, Greater Dayton RTA
Robert Galvin, City of Vandalia
Robert Geyer, Greene Co. Engineer
Paul Gruner, Montgomery Co. Engineer
Mike Hammes, City of Moraine

Amy Havenar, City of Piqua
Dan Hoying, LJB, Inc.
Paul Huelskamp, Miami Co. Engineer
Brian Martin, MVRPC
Dominic Miller, City of Xenia
Jeff Moorman, City of Beaver Creek
Don O'Connor, City of Fairborn
Ana Ramirez, MVRPC
Jillian Rhoades, City of Troy
John Sliemers, City of Kettering
Christopher Snyder, Miami Township
Douglas Spitler, City of Centerville
Matt Spring, City of Tipp City
Keith Steeber, City of Dayton
Bob Steinbach, MVRPC
Ronald Thuma, Monroe Township
Bradley Vath, City of Tipp City
Greg Wallace, Municipality of Carlisle
Larry Weissman, Montgomery County
Chad Whilding, City of Beaver Creek

I. INTRODUCTION

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

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 20, 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

Chad Whilding from the City of Beaver Creek read a prepared statement regarding the importance of the GRE-US35 project application to be submitted to TRAC. The statement provided accident statistics compiled by ODOT from 2011-2014. Mr. Whilding referred to the John Ankeney Soccer Complex that hosts hundreds of children for tournaments each year that are traveling this dangerous section of US35. He stressed the importance of this project and it is no longer acceptable to delay it. Mr. Whilding requested his statement be included as part of the minutes from this TAC meeting.

IV. MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) ACTION ITEMS

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

Mr. Arnold reminded the Committee that the deadline to submit new STP//TA project applications is Thursday, October 8th.

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 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 MVRPC TRAC Ranking for CY2015

Mr. Daniel referred to a memo on page 18 of the memo which provided background information on the TRAC process that began in 1997. He provided a summary of the MVRPC PES System which included:

- Visioning for transportation planning
- Transportation Goals/Themes
- PES Conceptual Design

Mr. Daniel explained that the PES system is used for the Long Range Transportation Plan, solicitation for STP/CMAQ and TE projects, TRAC and PDAC. The TRAC projects were reviewed and scored by MVRPC staff and agreed upon by the project sponsors to determine the final scores. Mr. Daniel referred to page 23 of the mailout which provided project details for the MOT-US35 project, ranked #1, and the GRE-US35 project, ranked #2. Staff requests approval of the resolution on page 24 to forward these rankings to the Board for their approval.

Mr. Hammes asked what gave MOT-US35 project the lead when using the scoring criteria. Mr. Martin explained that staff wants to de-emphasize the scores, noting that TRAC scored the GRE-US35 project as #1. In using our scoring system, MOT received additional points for project readiness because the project is further along than the GRE-US35 project. Mr. Martin stated that the GRE-US35 project has made exceptional progress in recent months, including the environmental document that was just completed last month. He noted that both these projects are extremely important to the region, but staff must complete the approved process. Mr. Bergstresser asked if any Right of Way acquisition has started yet. Mr. Martin stated that some R/W was donated, but no other has been purchased at this point. Mr. Brown noted that you don't begin R/W acquisition until the environment document is completed.

Ms. Christian referred to the comments made in Mr. Whildings statement, noting it was not true that the City of Riverside would not contribute to a local match for MOT-US35 and this would be considered when the project is ready for construction. Mr. Moorman thanked MVRPC staff who has been very helpful throughout this process. He stated there may be some recent information from the County that could impact the point in the existing system, and he suggested it may be appropriate for the TAC to vote to forward the resolution without the points being finalized for these projects. Mr. Martin explained the points are final, and GRE-US35 project was recently awarded 8 additional points.

Mr. Whilding stated he would follow up and clarify his statement regarding the City of Riverside, and again, stressed that there is huge growth in this part of the region and the infrastructure can't seem to keep up.

Mr. Martin pointed out that ODOT does have their own system, which is somewhat different from MVRPC. He stated that the TRAC hearing is on October 13th in Columbus and MVRPC is securing a van to transport those interested in attending. MVRPC is also currently soliciting for new STP/TA projects, and there could be projects that could help with these issues short term. Chair Gruner asked for a motion to forward the resolution on page 24. Mr. Steeber made a motion to approve. Ms. Christian seconded the motion.

Mr. Snyder questioned what the impact would be if the rankings were changed. Mr. Martin stated that was not clear at this time, and Greene County is attempting to secure funding for Right of Way. Everyone is tight on funds, and doing their best at leveraging their funds. He assured the Committee that at the TRAC Hearing, he will stress how important both the projects are. Chair Gruner called for a vote on the motion. There was a count of hands. The motion passed with a vote of 15 yes, and 7 no.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Update on FY2017 Dayton Development Coalition's Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) Process

Mr. Daniel referred to a memo on page 25 that provided background information on the Dayton Development Coalition's PDAC process, noting that MVRPC is the lead agency for Transportation and Government Services projects. He also reviewed the timeline of important dates provided on page 26, noting that the solicitation period will be October 15th thru November 13th. Mr. Daniel emphasized that the projects submitted must be regionally significant to score well in the PDAC process.

B. CY2016 Meeting Calendar

Chair Gruner referred to page 27 of the mailout which provided the list of meeting dates for 2016.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin referred to his September Executive Director's Update on page 28. It provided information on the Grantfinder Program as well as several specific grants currently available. He shared a list of projects that received MVRPC funding in 2015, as well as a list of upcoming MVRPC Meeting. Mr. Martin reminded the committee that there will be an instructional seminar on the STP/TA Project Application process immediately following the meeting.

Ms. Ramirez encouraged members to participate in the upcoming LRTP Work Group meetings and provide input.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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