EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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Welcome Ms. Kim Lahman, MVRPC's new Director of Sustainable Solutions & Transportation Alternatives



MVRPC is pleased to announce Ms. Kim Lahman has joined the organization as Director of Sustainable Solutions & Transportation Alternatives. Her first day on the job was Monday, July 10, 2017. Lahman's extensive background in transit, environmental communications, clean fuels, and serving on several watershed councils proved to be the right mix of expertise for the position. She most recently served as both Ridership Development Manager and Outreach & Sustainability Manager for the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) in Cincinnati.

Five Rivers MetroParks River Corridor Planning Process

You're invited to help shape the future of greater Dayton's riverfronts! Community partners, including Five Rivers MetroParks, the City of Dayton, the Miami Conservancy District and more, are asking the public for their input during the development of a comprehensive 20-year master plan for 12 miles of river corridor in greater Downtown Dayton. This plan will harness the river corridors as a catalyst to bring communities together, and make Dayton a better place to live, work and play.

The open house-style format, of the upcoming public input meetings, gives the public a chance to move through a series of stations at their own pace. Drop in at any time during the meetings scheduled hours and provide your insight and feedback. Visit www.daytonriverfrontplan.org to learn more.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17: RIVERFRONT MASTER PLAN PUBLIC MEETING

- 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the <u>Dayton Metro Library</u>'s Community Room: 215 E. Third Street
- 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the <u>Dayton Metro Library</u>'s Community Room: 215 E. Third Street

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19: RIVERFRONT MASTER PLAN INPUT OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Second Street Market
- 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Island MetroPark for the <u>Dayton African American Cultural Festival</u>

Federal Certification Review of MVRPC Planning Starts August 29th

Preparations are well under way for our review meetings with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), and local transit planning partners. These meetings, conducted every four years, are known as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Certification Review, and were last held in August 2013. The 2013 review resulted in five recommendations for improvement in our planning process. The most visible improvement was accessibility enhancements built into our website.

The meetings are conducted by a federal research team made up of Ohio and regional staff from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Since the state has oversight responsibilities on federal funds and applicable laws, ODOT central office and district staff will also be involved in the review. Review topics this period will include MVRPC's conduct of the federal transportation planning process and products including the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and Work Program. There will be a review of our conduct of Title VI and other federal laws and Executive Orders including Environmental Justice, Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE), and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Our Chairperson, Beavercreek Township Trustee Carol Graff, and MVRPC leadership will be in attendance during the meetings. Interested delegates, staff, and the public are welcome to attend the public meeting on August 29, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at MVRPC offices, 10 North Ludlow Street, Suite 700, Dayton, OH 45402.

Grants & Funding Resources

On a monthly basis, MVRPC is highlighting several funding opportunities on our website that could benefit communities in the Region. We include a description, contact information and program links. We have also listed other valuable resources for finding funding opportunities. If you need assistance with your grant pursuit or need further grant research, contact Lynn Zuch, Principal Planner, at 937.223.6323 or <a href="mailto:lightput://link.nih.lightput://link.

See more at: www.mvrpc.org/grant-and-funding-opportunities

This month we are featuring information on:

- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Targeted Brownfield Assessment (TBA) Deadline: ongoing.
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care Program Competition (CoC Program) Deadline: September 28, 2017.

Upcoming MVRPC Meetings:

08/17/17 9:30 a.m. Technical Advisory Committee – 10 N. Ludlow St., Suite 700, Dayton, Ohio

08/22/17 9:00 a.m. Regional Transportation Coordination–Goodwill Easter Seals– 600 S. Main St., Dayton, Ohio

08/22/17 11:00 a.m. Section 5310 Proposed Projects Public Mtg.—Goodwill Easter Seals-600 S. Main St. Dayton, Ohio

08/29/17 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. MVRPC Federal Certification Review Open House Public Meeting -10 N. Ludlow St., Suite 700, Dayton, Ohio

08/29 - 08/30, 2017 MVRPC Federal Certification Review - 10 N. Ludlow St., Suite 700, Dayton, Ohio

09/07/17 8:30 a.m. Executive Committee – 1515 S. Main St., Dayton, Ohio

09/07/17 9:00 a.m. Board of Directors – 1515 S. Main St., Dayton, Ohio