



**RTPO Technical and Citizens Committee Meeting**

**September 3, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Virtual Teams Meeting Minutes**

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**1. Introductions/Convene Meeting**

Staff did introductions

Laney Nofer - Senior Planner

Travis Jones – GIS Planner

Christina Dheer – Planner

Dennis Miller & Ellen Smith on the call, too.

Introductions by attendees were done over Chat function

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**2. RTPO Program Activities Update**

Safety Initiatives

- Staff explained they were picking back up the Safety Report. With that they would categorize and prioritize crash data and update the regional crash trends for the area. The last update went through 2018, so they stated they will likely add in a more comprehensive view to include 2019 and 2020 data depending on the data we have available for those years. Target finish date is Spring 2021. Laney stated she is working on a Safety Study for the intersection of County Road K & County Road 13 in Williams County near the Village of Montpelier. Once the safety study is complete, it makes the area open to applying for safety funds through the Ohio Department of Transportation. Laney explained that if anyone else feels there is an area in their respective communities that they would like a study done for, to reach out to her
  - The MVPO team is also participating in Safe Communities Coalitions within the MVPO region – Defiance, Fulton, and Williams. They will be participating
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in their quarterly meetings and offering mapping and other assistance where needed.

- The team is also working with ODOT District 1 & 2 Highway Safety Program Managers to keep up to date with trainings, crash data, and other relevant safety measures for the regions.

#### Safe Routes to School

- The City of Bryan is implementing their SRTS plan. The MVPO team will be attending meetings, assisting in the implementation, and being available for questions. The SRTS program sent out a guide for managing the program to accommodate different schooling environments with the new reality we're in. As of this morning, staff received word from ODOT The federal authorization for the Bryan project has been granted. There has also been a little interest in the SRTS program from other Williams County communities that the MVPO team is keeping in touch with.

#### Transportation Improvement Districts (TIDs)

- Laney touched base with ODOT to infer about this year's TID award winners and discovered Fulton County had 2 approved funded projects; County Road H Improvements and County Road 10 Improvements. Will Burns in the office is taking the lead on this. MVPO staff will be involved in the bidding of Road H since there may be CDBG funding in it as well and we are also the grantee for the State 629 funding. The Road 10 project will be bid directly by Fulton County.

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### **3. Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)**

Laney informed the group that the document was completed and was approved by Council at resolution on April 27, 2020. She stated the next document update will occur in 2 years.

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### **4. Long Range Transportation Plan Update: Moving Together 2045**

Ms. Nofer explained that a primary focus by the team has been updating the Long Range Transportation Plan: Moving Together 2045. She explained the original intent for this update was for it to be completed and approved by July of this year. Due to some staff turnover and COVID-19, they weren't able to reach that originally intended deadline. Staff spoke with ODOT and they agreed to let us extend it to July of 2021. Staff explained they've

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updated the Development Schedule to reflect the extended completion date. The Transportation team at MVPO is also updating maps, document language, and overall layout of the document. Ms. Nofer stated they are looking to have the bulk of the document done by the end of the year so we can focus on public comment and obtaining our approvals. Ms. Nofer also stated the project list update will be occurring soon. She will be sending out emails and letters to prompt everyone to fill out the project list update form. At this time, she encouraged others to start thinking of projects you may want to add or update from the current list. Ms. Nofer then provided an update of the Public Survey Results for the Plan update.

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#### **5. Upcoming Dates/Other Information**

Ms. Nofer asked if the group had anything else to add. No one spoke so she moved to the last item of business. The next meeting to be held is December 3, 2020 at 10am. She stated it is unknown if the meeting will be held virtually or in-person yet.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20am

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#### **6. Adjourn**

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