



MVPO Transportation Technical and Citizens Committees Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

MVPO Conference Room

Members Present: Tim Schumm, Robert Seaman, Sheri Rychener, Todd Roth, Will Burns, Jerry Hayes, Matt Davis, Warren Schlatter, Frank Onweller, Denise Dahl, Tina Hiler, Matt Gilroy, Dennis Miller, Ellen Smith, Emma Kirkpatrick

Others Present: Mike Springer (NCJ)

Meeting Notes

1. Introductions/Convene Meeting

- a. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the Regional Transportation Improvement Program and MVPO's Work Program for the RTPO for State Fiscal Year 2018.

2. RTPO Program Activities Update

- a. Technical Assistance Activities
 - i. Final changes and updates have been made to the Wabash Cannonball Trail Map. The maps will be incorporated into the kiosks and at trailheads along the trail. The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application is due May 15, and MVPO will be submitting an application for the paving of 6 miles of the Wabash Cannonball Trail in Fulton County.
 - ii. MVPO completed their first traffic county of 2017 for Township Road 71 in Crane Township, Paulding County.
 - iii. MVPO is also working with Defiance County and Fulton County to complete their Coordinated Transportation Plans, which will enable funding from ODOT. Defiance County's plan is wrapping up and has been led thus far by the United Way in conjunction with the Defiance Senior Center and Board of Developmental Disabilities. Fulton County is starting their plan and is in the beginning phases. ODOT has made some changes to the Coordinated Transportation Plans on a statewide basis. They will be rolling out a new template at the end of April. Plans are due to ODOT in November to be considered for funding in 2019.
 - iv. The Transportation Improvement District (TID) projects that received grant funding through ODOT are moving forward. The Fayette Industrial Parkway Project is about to start construction, with a tentative completion date of October 2017. The Gasser Road and U.S. 127 project in Paulding County is about to advertise for bids. The total funding amount available for registered TIDS has increased this year from \$3.5

million to \$4.5 million for the state of Ohio. The scoring criteria will also change this year, as projects that have full funding will no longer be awarded full points; instead they will award full points to projects that have 75% funding. Applications are typically due May 31.

- b. Annual Long Range Transportation Plan Project List Update –
 - i. In order to keep the long range transportation plan current and relevant in between major updates, the project list is updated annually. Project solicitations were sent to project sponsors earlier this month and any updates to the project list are due by May 1. There were recent requests to re-score some projects on the list due to the fact that some projects on the list have had more crashes and higher traffic volumes since we put the list together. We plan to re-score all the projects on the list for the non-subjective items using updated data such as crash data, traffic count data, etc. This will be discussed in greater depth at the May meeting.

3. RTPO Work Program – Fiscal Year 2018

a. Overview

- i. *Handout: Summary of Draft Work Program*
- ii. MVPO originally prepared a work program spanning two years and detailing the RTPO activities and budget within that time-span. Metropolitan Planning Organizations are required to do a Work Program annually instead of every 2 years, which is the same process that ODOT now wants RTPOs to follow. Also included are reports after the end of the fiscal year to describe accomplishments from the past year and completed activities. The Work Program has to be approved by the Technical Committee and MVPO's Executive Council, which will be due May 5. The total budget for Fiscal Year 18 is \$133,384.93, which is a 10% increase from the previous year. MVPO is responsible for paying 10% of that total budget, FHWA pays 80% and ODOT pays 10%. The Work Program describes activities and the associated budgets for the RTPO. The majority of spending is for 'services,' which describes the technical assistance activities for the region such as grant writing. The second largest category is 'short range planning,' which includes safety planning and asset management. Other activities include maintaining the long range transportation plan, special studies, reporting out to our committees and the public about our transportation program, and continuing planning-surveillance, which is essentially the data management aspect of our program.

b. Approval

- i. A motion was made by Todd Roth to approve MVPO's RTPO Work Program for State Fiscal Year 2018 and was seconded by Matt Gilroy. The motion carried.

4. Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) 2018 – 2021

a. Update

- i. *Handout: Project Maps, Lists, Summary of Funding Breakdown*
- ii. The Regional Transportation Improvement Program or RTIP includes all the projects that are being done in our region from SFY 2018-2021 that have federal or state funds included. The RTIP also includes a summary of our long range transportation plan, a list of our ‘unfunded project needs’ that we developed at our last committee meeting, documentation of our public involvement activities, and a fiscal breakdown of the projects included. The total amount of money estimated to be spent in our area over the 4-year period is around \$126 million. MVPO recently conducted public open houses in the region, where the draft RTIP and associated maps were available. MVPO did not receive any significant comments from the public on the RTIP.

b. Approval/Next Steps

- i. A motion was made by Matt Davis to approve the RTIP and seconded by Tim Schumm. The motion carried.

5. Upcoming Dates/Other Information

a. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Survey

- i. Open until June 1
- ii. Available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/mvpo

b. Full Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Applications due May 15

c. Other Business

- i. The committee discussed the proposed changes to the Ohio Turnpike’s tolling system.

6. Adjourn

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS: Please mark your calendars.

Technical Committee and Citizens Committee: 3rd Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

2017: May 17, August 16, November 15