

MVPO Transportation Technical and Citizens Committees Meeting



Wednesday, May 23, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.
Second Floor Conference
1300 E. Second Street, Suite 200
Defiance, OH 43512

Members Present: Charles Schreck, Todd Roth, Tim Schumm, Bruce Yancey, Frank Onweller, Amy Metz-Simon, Robert Seaman, Denise Dahl, Tina Hiler, Will Burns, Matt Gilroy, Dennis Miller, Ellen Smith, Emma Kirkpatrick, Marissa Lumbrezer, Aaron Timm, Travis McGarvey

Others Present: Kathy Streng, Carla Hinkle

Meeting Notes

1. Introductions/Convene Meeting

2. RTPO Program Activities Update

a. Technical Assistance Activities

i. Transportation Improvements Districts (TIDs)

- All five counties in the region are designated by ODOT as TIDs, which means they are all eligible to apply for funds through ODOT's TID program once a year.
- Defiance County is applying for funding this year for a roundabout at Jefferson Avenue and Palmer Drive to support the proposed development of a Shoney's Restaurant, Cabin Fever, and dance studio. Applications are due on May 31st, and awards are announced by the end of June/early July.

ii. Safety Initiatives/Data

- *Handout:* Fatal Crash Locations/Year to Date Comparison
 - a. Currently, fatal crashes are down approximately 5 percent for the State of Ohio compared to this time last year. Three of the Counties in the MVPO region have an increased number of fatal crashes compared to this time last year and two are down or are the same as last year.
- MVPO is currently working with a group in Fulton County who is looking to improve traffic flow through Archbold and the surrounding area. MVPO staff are preparing a crash analysis in order to determine where high crash locations exist in order for the group to understand where safety issues are present. MVPO is also working with the Village of Montpelier to request ODOT Safety Funding to add bike lanes to the SR 107 Bridge.
- May 21st-June 3rd: National Click It or Ticket Campaign.

iii. Coordination of Human Services Transportation

- MVPO completed both Defiance and Fulton Counties' Coordinated Transportation Plans and both were officially approved by ODOT in January of this year. Both Counties have applied for funding through ODOT and they should be finding out within the next couple of months if they were awarded.
- iv. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
 - The TAP is an ODOT funding program that provides funds for projects that advance non-motorized transportation such as infrastructure for bicyclists and pedestrians. MVPO helped the Village of Antwerp prepare an application to construct sidewalks on S. Erie Street to the Dollar General. Applications were due May 18th and awards should be announced in August.
 - MVPO is also working with Williams County on a Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Plan which will identify existing infrastructure, where gaps exist, and where additional infrastructure should be constructed to make connections within the County.

b. RTPO Work Program

i. Handout: 2019 Work Program Summary

- Each year, MVPO is required to submit a Work Program to ODOT which outlines what the RTPO will accomplish over the next state fiscal year. MVPO recently prepared and submitted to ODOT the Work Program for SFY 2019 which begins on July 1, 2018 and ends June 30, 2019.
- The activities in the work program will remain similar to the SFY 2018 Work Program. Most of the resources will be focused on services, which includes grant writing, plan development, and short range planning (safety planning, transit/human services transportation planning, and asset management). The budget will also remain the same as the previous year.

3. Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) 2020-2023

a. Overview

i. Handout: Draft RTIP/STIP Developmental Schedules

- ODOT updates a document called the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) every two years. The STIP is a four year listing of Ohio projects that have state or federal funding attached to them and will be implemented within the four year timeframe. ODOT wants RTPOs to be more involved with rural consultation so MVPO now develops a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) which was developed for the years 2018-2021. The RTIP will be updated for SFY 2020-2023 and will

include a list of projects in the MVPO region with state and/or federal funding which will be implemented during the RTIP timeframe as well as a list of unfunded priority projects. The Technical and Citizens Committees will assist in determining which unfunded projects to include at a later date.

- b. Annual Project List Update 2018/Next Steps
 - i. The next step in the development process of the RTIP is to prepare for the rural consultation meeting which will take place in September. In addition, MVPO is currently working on updating the long range plan project list which is done annually. Forms were sent out last week and are due back June 30th at which time MVPO staff will re-score the projects. Updated data on crashes, traffic volumes, etc. will be gathered to ensure rankings are up to date when rural consultation is conducted.
 - ii. Public Involvement for the RTIP will take place from the end of March to early April and the final document will be due on April 29, 2019.

4. Long Range Transportation Planning

- a. Access Ohio 2045 (ODOT)
 - i. ODOT is currently updating their statewide long range transportation plan for the years 2020-2045 and MVPO is a member of the steering committee. ODOT is utilizing scenario planning for this update, which means they are looking at alternative futures to determine how to plan for different possible scenarios. These alternative futures could include things like technology, population boom, urban growth, etc. Access Ohio 2045 will be completed in July 2019.
 - ii. ODOT is asking everyone to participate in their online survey which will be closing at the end of May.
- b. Moving Together 2045 (MVPO)
 - i. The update to MVPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (Moving Together 2040) will begin at the end of this year. Data and narratives will be updated and public involvement will be conducted. All members of the RTPC committees are encouraged to visit MVPO's website to view the current plan and see if any changes should be made.
 - ii. The next steps in the update process are for MVPO staff to go through the plan and start making a list of what needs updated and what should be done differently. Title VI and Limited English Proficiency Plans will also be completed by next year per a new ODOT requirement.

5. Upcoming Dates/Other Information

- a. Transportation Improvement District Applications Due May 31st

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.