

MVPO Transportation Technical and Citizens Committees Meeting



Wednesday, February 20, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.
Second Floor Conference
1300 E. Second Street, Suite 200
Defiance, OH 43512

Members Present: Charles Schreck, Todd Roth, Tim Schumm, Robert Seaman, Rick Edmonds, Bruce Yancey, Matt Gilroy, Matt Davis, Dennis Miller, Emma Kirkpatrick, Jerry Hayes

Meeting Notes

1. Introductions/Convene Meeting

- a. The meeting was convened at 10:30 a.m.

2. RTPO Program Activities Update

- a. Safety Initiatives/Data
 - i. Montpelier SR 107 Project: MVPO recently helped the Village of Montpelier to secure \$143,000 for a project to add bicycle lanes and pedestrian signals on the SR 107 bridge. The bridge will be replaced this year, so the Village was able to partner with ODOT on this project. This project highlights the potential for safety improvement at locations without high crash volumes.
 - ii. Safety Report: MVPO will be updating its 2016 Safety Report once 2018 crash data is finalized at the end of March, with an intended completion by summer 2019. MVPO may also complete a local road safety plan that would be a continuation of the safety report and would focus more on locations, projects and countermeasures.
- b. Coordination of Human Services Transportation
 - i. Regional Coordination Mobility Management: Triangular Processing, Inc. in Fulton County has agreed to house a mobility manager for Defiance, Henry, and Fulton Counties. The mobility manager will enhance coordination of existing transportation services, such as those through the Veteran's Office and Senior Centers. The budget is being finalized for this position and the hiring process will begin soon.
- c. Active Transportation
 - i. Williams County Active Transportation Plan: MVPO has been working with the Williams County Parks Committee to complete an Active Transportation Plan to support connections between parks and trails and encourage greater bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The plan is currently in draft form and is available for public comments until February 22, 2019. The plan will then be formally adopted by the Williams County Commissioners.
- d. Streetlight Insight Data
 - i. ODOT has a subscription to Streetlight Insight, which allows for transportation analyses such as origin-destination studies. The data is sourced from INRIX, which collects real time data from connected vehicles. MVPO has completed an

origin-destination traffic flow study for the Village of Archbold and is in the process of completing an origin-destination truck study for the City of Defiance. Bicycle and pedestrian metrics will also be available soon. ODOT will be reevaluating its subscription in the next few months.

- e. Funding
 - i. Safe Routes to School: Safe Routes to School funds can be used for infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects to make walking and biking to school safer for kids grades K-8. Applications are due every spring, though communities must have an up-to-date (within 5 years) School Travel Plan in place. MVPO can assist with developing School Travel Plans and completing the funding applications.
 - ii. Transportation Improvement Districts: TID project applications are typically due in May of each year. Potential projects should be related to economic development such as road improvements to support immediate private sector capital investment and job creation/retention. MVPO can assist TIDs with the funding applications.
 - iii. Safety Funds: The application cycle is open year-round for smaller, simpler projects. Applications are accepted twice a year on April 30 and September 30 for larger projects. MVPO can assist communities with these applications.
- f. Work Program SFY 2020
 - i. MVPO is required to complete a work program to show what the organization plans to accomplish in the coming year. The work program follows the state fiscal year and as such begins for 2020 on July 1, 2019 and ends on June 30, 2020. MVPO will be submitting the draft work program to ODOT on March 1st and will have the final version to present to the RTPO Committee at the next meeting.

3. Long Range Transportation Plan Update: Moving Together 2045

- a. Overview/Development Schedule
 - i. MVPO is beginning the update of the long-range transportation plan. The plan was completed in July 2015 and will be updated by July 2020. MVPO has drafted a development schedule to show progress towards updating the plan. Right now, MVPO is focusing on updating the goals, objectives, and performance measures, and updating the existing and future conditions section. A public survey will also be sent out to the public starting in March.
- b. Goals/Objectives
 - i. The goals and objectives from the last plan have been updated. The vision has stayed the same, as it still reflects the transportation needs in the region. From the last plan, the goals were Safety and Efficiency, Environmental Stewardship, Accessibility and Mobility, Bicycle and Pedestrian Initiatives, Public Involvement, Finance, and Freight and Economic Vitality. In this update, Public Involvement and Finance goals have been removed. Public involvement and finance are both reflected as underlying goals throughout the plan. A new goal of Personal Mobility was added due to feedback from the public on the need for passenger

transportation options, as well as looking towards the future with automated and connected vehicles. Therefore, the goals for the update are Safety, Infrastructure Condition and Efficiency, Environmental Sustainability, Personal Mobility, Bicycle and Pedestrian Initiatives, and Freight Movement and Economic Vitality.

c. Performance Measures

- i. Performance measures have been incorporated in order to evaluate progress annually towards the plan goals. MVPO is shifting towards performance-based planning, which is more data-driven and efficient. State DOTs and MPOs are required to adopt federal performance measures, though the RTPPO has greater flexibility and has adopted those performance measures that relate to the region and can be tracked. A question was asked on the performance measures relating to Environmental Sustainability about an example of energy initiatives. These initiatives can be related to vehicle fuel efficiency and charging stations for electric vehicles.
- ii. Matt Davis made a motion to approve the MT2045 goals, objectives, and performance measures as presented. Todd Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Public Survey

- i. MVPO developed a draft survey in order to receive feedback from residents on the transportation system. The survey will be released in March and will be open until May. The survey will be available online and in paper format. There were no questions or comments on the public survey.

e. Next Steps

- i. MVPO will continue to update the existing and future conditions sections of the long-range plan. At the next meeting, there will be an exercise in scenario planning, which evaluates various factors that could impact transportation in the future and how to plan effectively for each alternative.

4. Upcoming Dates/Other Information

a. Other Business

- i. There is a Complete Streets Training on March 7, 2019 from 9am – 1pm in the Williams County Annex Building. This training will be conducted by the Active Transportation Academy. Please RSVP to Marissa Lumbrezer (planner3@mvpo.org) if you are interested in attending.

b. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.