



RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING

RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF May 28, 2025

REGIONAL PLANNING		COORDINATING COMMITTEE	
Julianna Akuchie	PRESENT	Eleazer Akuchie	PRESENT
Louis Andres	PRESENT	Jack Butler	
Bob Bianchi	PRESENT	Aurelio Diaz	
Teri Brenkus	PRESENT	Lawrence Hall (Non voting)	
Julie Chaya		Randy Lane (Non voting)	
Donnie Clark	PRESENT	Robert Weaver / (Scott Ockunzzi)	PRESENT
Tom Craft	PRESENT	Jason Sutherland	
Don Daugherty		Greg Vogt	
Caussandra Fryman	PRESENT	Nate Vogt (Non voting)	PRESENT
Adam Gongwer	PRESENT		
Adam Gove	PRESENT	PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL	
Ellen Heinz	PRESENT	Tim Bowersock (Non voting)	
John Joholnycky		Joe Gies	
Bob Jarvis	PRESENT	Ellen Haring (Non voting)	
Kris Knapp	PRESENT	Chriss Harris (Non voting)	
Steve McLaughlin	PRESENT	Brian McCartney (Non voting)	
Cliff Mears	PRESENT	Charles Pschotka (Non voting)	
Deborah Mount		Marion Zaugg (Non voting)	
Jason Opal			
Jodie Perry	PRESENT	Guests	
Ed Pickens		Cheryl Meier	PRESENT
Sam Sauder	PRESENT	Ashley (American Structurepoint)	PRESENT
Steve Schag	PRESENT	Michael (American Structurepoint)	PRESENT
Matthew Stanfield	PRESENT	Cindy Woods	PRESENT
Lee Tasseff	PRESENT		
Trae Turner	PRESENT		

Staff Member: Betsy Chapman, Jean Taddie, Jotika Shetty, Lyndsie Martin,
Carol Coovet, Jason Werner, Pong Wu, John Sutliff

Guests: Ashley & Michael from American Structurepoint, Cheryl Meier, Cindy Wood

1. Meeting called to order at 11:47am by Adam Gove. Roll Call taken, introductions made and Quorum (16) confirmed.

2. Approval of Minutes of the January 29, 2025 Annual Meeting – A (See document 2.1 from packet)

Lee Tasseff made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 29, 2025 Annual Meeting. Donnie Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
(Business of the Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO)

1. Public Transportation Report – presented by Jean Taddie
 - 1) Ridership numbers update shared
 - 2) Final Friday details given – 1st Final Friday of the season this coming Friday
 - 3) MATI Grant update – Planning grant period ends 7/31/25
2. Technical Advisory Committee Report – presented by Pong WU (document 3.2 from packet)
 - 1) Long Range Transportation Plan Presentation by Phil from American Structurepoint (document 3.2.1 from packet)
 1. Plan looks at least 20 years into the future to identify transportation needs in Richland County
 2. Includes financial strategy to help fund projects listed in the plan
 - 2) Resolution 25-15: Certifying the Urban Planning Process presented by Pong Wu (document 3.2.2 from packet)
 - 3) Resolution 25-16: Approving the Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2026 presented by Pong Wu (document 3.2.3 from packet)
 - 4) Resolution 25-17: Adopting the MPO updated 2025-2050 Long-Range presented by Pong Wu Transportation Plan (document 3.2.4 from packet)
 - 5) Resolution 25-18: Adopting the MPO Transportation Improvement Program FY2026-FY2029 presented by Pong Wu (document 3.2.5 from packet)
 - 6) Resolution 25-19: Authorizing the Filing of Applications with the Ohio Department of Transportation presented by Pong Wu (document 3.2.6 from packet)
 - 7) Resolution 25-20: Authorizing MPO to opt out of Traditional TA fund and enter into the TAP program presented by Pong Wu (document 3.2.7 from packet)

Teri Brenkus made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-15 thru 25-20 as presented. Bob Jarvis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Other Transportation Updates from the Floor – none shared

4. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

1. President's Report

- 1) Resolution 25-21: Authorizing the Executive Director to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a County and City Comprehensive Plan presented by Jotika Shetty (document 4.1.1 from packet)

Cliff Mears made a motion to approve Resolution 25-21 as presented. Lee Tasseff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Executive Director's Report (document 4.2 from packet)
 - 1) Thanked all who went out and voted to approve Issue 2 earlier this month so that OPWC and NRAC projects can continue to be funded
 - 2) County Commissioners approved 2 projects to be included in the new CDBG cycle – Dayspring and RCTB at their meeting yesterday
 - 3) Mobility Program – the addition of the Regional Mobility Planner has helped evolve the mobility program throughout the county. ODOT re-evaluating the transition to a regional model.
 - 4) Thanked American Structurepoint for their work with the Transportation team to complete the Long Range Transportation Plan
 - 5) ZSL Report (document 4.2.1 from packet)
 1. Washington Township Rezone request from March 11th – denied based on RCRPC's recommendation
 2. Troy Township – Small Solar Facilities text amendment presented on May 27th recommended for approval by RCRPC

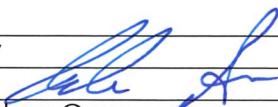
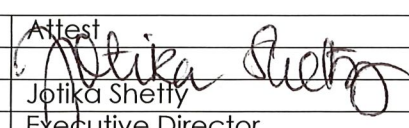
Jodie Perry made a motion to approve the ZSL report as presented and approve the recommendation. Sam Sauder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Program Speaker: City of Ontario Comprehensive Plan Presentation by Kris Knapp (document 5.1 from packet)
6. Community and Member Updates – None shared
7. Others from the Floor and Comments – None shared
8. Adjournment

Lee Tasseff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:57pm. Teri Brenkus seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Date of Next Meetings:

Executive Committee: June 11, 2025
Full Commission: August 27, 2025

By		Attest	
Adam Gove		Jotika Shetty	
President		Executive Director	