



**RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
AND
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF August 27, 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		Robert Weaver / (Scott Ockunzzi)	PRESENT
Tom Craft	PRESENT	Jason Sutherland	
Don Daugherty		Greg Vogt	
Cassandra Fryman	PRESENT	Nate Vogt (Non voting)	
Adam Gongwer	PRESENT		
Adam Gove	PRESENT	PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL	
Ellen Heinz		Tim Bowersock (Non voting)	
John Joholnycky		Joe Gies	PRESENT
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 Pscholka (Non voting)	
Deborah Mount	PRESENT	Marion Zaugg (Non voting)	
Jason Opal (Alternate)	PRESENT		
Jodie Perry	PRESENT	Guests	
Ed Pickens	PRESENT	ALISON GOEBEL	PRESENT
Sam Sauder	PRESENT	DAVE SEAMAN	PRESENT
Steve Schag	PRESENT	CARL HUNNEL	PRESENT
Matthew Stanfield	PRESENT		
Lee Tasseff	PRESENT		
Trae Turner	PRESENT		

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

1. Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 11:46am by Adam Gove. Roll Call taken and Quorum (16) confirmed and everyone went around and introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Minutes of the May 28, 2025 Annual Meeting – A (See document 2.1 from packet)

Lee Tasseff made a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 28, 2025 Annual Meeting. Cliff Mears 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) Workforce Transportation – MATI update
 1. Should hear back about phase 2 funding by end of this week
 - 2) Clean Audit for 2024 with no findings
2. Technical Advisory Committee Report – presented by Pong WU (document 3.2 from packet)
 - 1) Resolution 26-01: Adopting the Updated MPO Roadway Function Classification System (document 3.2.1 from packet)
 1. 103 miles of updated road classifications
 - 2) Resolution 26-02: Adopting the ODOT Annual Performance Targets for 2026 (document 3.2.2 from packet)
 1. 2% reductions in Safety
 - 3) Resolution 26-03: Adopting Transit Amendment PID 118355 to 2026-2029 TIP (document 3.2.3 from packet)
 - 4) Resolution 26-04: Adopting Reapplication for Funding for Transportation Alternative Projects that were programmed within 2026-2029 TIP Through ODOT's TA Program (document 3.2.4 from packet)
 1. Result of opting out of guaranteed TA Funds approved at last Full Commission Meeting
 - 5) Resolution 26-05: Adopting Amendment to FY2026-2029 TIP with Authorized PID 124145 and Funding Sources Changes (document 3.2.5 from packet)
 1. To help balance TA / SDBG funds
 - 6) Resolution 26-06: Adopting Region 5 Coordinated Transportation Plan (document 3.2.6 from packet)

Bob Jarvis made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-01 thru 26-06 as presented. Jodie Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Other Transportation Updates from the Floor

- 1) Lexington Corridor work starting in September
- 2) Main Street – Closings will continue throughout the project

4. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

1. President's Report
 - 1) OPWC grant applications are due September 26th at 4:30pm for next cycle
 - 2) Thank Regional Planning for keeping up with the Federal reports to keep us receiving the funds for our communities
2. Executive Director's Report (document 4.2 from packet)
 - 1) Issued RFP for County Comprehensive Plan last week
 - 2) OPWC – small government funds have increased for those not funded through our district
 1. Director of OPWC is retiring at the end of the year
 2. Emergency program – small pot of \$5 million for emergency projects
 - 3) Clean Ohio applications are also due on September 26th
 1. Will be visiting Fleming Falls on Friday
 - 4) Housing update – Jason Werner just updated the housing database
 - 5) Lyndsie's role as Mobility Planner – funding was not renewed for her position and as a result, RCRPC had to let her position go
 - 6) ZSL Report (document 4.2.1 from packet)

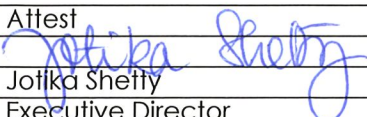
Joe Gies made a motion to approve the ZSL report as presented. Lee Tasseff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Program Speaker: Planning for Success in Richland County and Ohio by Alison Goebel
 1. Shared what GOPC is looking into to help move Ohio forward and the role of Planning in that cause
 2. Talked about programs from other states that have been successful (example – Community Development Financial Institutions can provide loans at greater risks than traditional financial institutions)
6. Community and Member Updates
 1. Bellville Fair – September 12-14th
7. Others from the Floor and Comments – None shared
8. Adjournment

Ed Pickens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:55pm. Cliff Mears seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Date of Next Meetings:

Executive Committee: September 10, 2025
Full Commission: October 29, 2025

By 	Attest 
Adam Gove	Jolika Shetty
President	Executive Director