



**RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
AND
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2021**

REGIONAL PLANNING		COORDINATING COMMITTEE	
Bob Bianchi		Jack Butler	
Gary Bishop		David Falquette	
Teri Brenkus	Present	Chris Kocher (ODOT)	
Donnie Clark	Present	Andrew Shepler (ODOT)	
Bob Entemann	Present	Carmen Stemen (FHWA)	Present
Dan Fletcher	Present	Jon VanHarlingen	Present
Joe Gies	Present	Mike Schafrath (ODOT)	Present
Paul Gleisinger (Dave Siebold)	Present	Jordan Whisler (ODOT)	
Adam Gove	Present	Robert Weaver (ODOT)	Present
Todd Hall			
Sarah Humphrey	Present		
Randy Hutchinson	Present		
John Jaholnycky		PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL	
Norman Jones	Present	Tim Bowersock	
Cliff Mears	Present	Ellen Haring	
Cheryl Meier		Chriss Harris	Present
Jodie Perry	Present	Brian McCartney	Present
Ed Pickens	Present	Charles Pscholka	
Dave Remy	Present	Marion Zaugg	
Steve Schag			
Matthew Stanfield	Present		
Lee Tasseff	Present	GUESTS	
Timothy Theaker	Present	Jeff Labaki (ODOT)	Present
Trae Turner	Present	Misty Crosby (Program Speaker)	Present
Deanna West-Torrence		Joe Harrod (Richland Health)	Present
Brian White		Mark Strohm (ODOT)	Present
Jeff Wilson		Matt Walter (ODOT)	Present

Staff Members: Todd Blankenship, David Gentile, Terri Kiser, Lyndsie Martin, Ricky Mitchell, Jotika Shetty, Jean Taddie,

1. Roll Call

Joe Gies started the meeting at 12:00. Roll Call was taken and quorum was confirmed.

2. Approval of Minutes of the March 24, 2021 Meeting

Minutes stand approved as written

3. TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

(Business of the Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO)

A. **Public Transportation Report**

Jean Taddie, RCTB/Transit Development Manager, spoke about the following from the RCTB:

- \$542,417 ARPA funds have been appropriated to RCT
- RCT is heading toward normalcy, the Stanton Transit Center reopened, ridership is rebounding however a federal mask mandate is still in effect for mass transit services.
- RCT continues to offer free vaccine shuttles for all of Richland County and not just the normal route areas.
- FTA Triennial review report completed and actions required are in process.

B. **Technical Advisory Committee Report**

Todd Blankenship, Transportation Technical Director, presented the following Resolutions for Commission approval

- **Resolution 21-12 Certifying the Urban Planning Process** – Annual resolution to certify that the UPP addresses major issues in the region and is conducted in accordance with all USC and CFR.
- **Resolution 21-13 Reaffirmation of the LRTP – Looking Forward 2045** – Annual resolution required to reaffirm the long-term transportation planning document.
- **Resolution 21-14 approving the Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2022** – The OWP is a required yearly document to state the purpose of Regional Planning specific work categories and the activities that will be performed. The OWP states the expected results and costs of these activities.
- **Resolution 21-16 A Resolution amending 106829 TIP** – This resolution adds MPO funds to CE (Construction Inspection) @ 90/10

Jotika Shetty, presented the following resolution:

- **Resolution 21-15 A resolution approving the RCRPC Public Involvement Plan** – The PIP is a handbook that outlines the MPO's public participation methods and strategies to ensure public engagement. It also presents the state and federal regulations regarding public participation.

Lee Tasseff made a motion to approve Resolutions 21-12, 21-13, 21-14, 21-15 and 21-16. Jodie Perry seconded the motion and all approved the motion.

C. **Jeff Labaki gave an update on the US 30 project**

Jeff explained the project will reconstruct U.S. 30 between St Rt 309 and Fifth Ave to address deteriorating pavement, poor bridge conditions and improve outdated design features. The project began in April 2020 and the estimated completion will be in May 2023. Total estimated cost for the U.S. rehabilitation project is \$62 million. Project photos and work progress report was shared.

D. Other Transportation Issues from the floor and comments.

There was no discussion on this topic.

4. PROGRAM – Rural Broadband and Solving the Last Mile Puzzle

The program was presented by Misty Crosby – Executive Director, Buckeye Hills Regional Council

Misty has been working to focus the attention of our political leaders on the lack of broadband access especially in rural areas. She has done an eight county study showing a high percentage of rural areas lack access to broadband all together and those with access are likely to have service below the current FCC minimum standards. She gave a very informative presentation and encouraged all to build communications with their local broadband carriers to foster an equitable partnership with them to reach more people and increase broadband speeds to those they serve.

5 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

A. Zoning Subdivisions and Landuse Report

There were no items to discuss

B. Executive Directors Report – Jotika Shetty

- The OPWC on-line roll out has been pushed back to August instead of July. Jotika urged anyone who does not have a login yet to reach out to OPWC for login information
- The upcoming round for county level will still be paper applications and are due at the Regional Planning Office on 10/1/21 for presentation at the 10/23/21 Full Commission meeting.
- NRAC applications are due 7/2/21. These will also still be paper applications and Jotika will input those on line herself
- Jotika has submitted an application for the Village of Plymouth asking for \$500,000 for a storm sewer project to CDBG. This is a competitive critical infrastructure grant she is still waiting for word on.
- The CDBG Allocation Grant for PY19 is winding down with project completion by August 30, 2021.
- There were no request for zoning variations to report however, the Tax Map office is reporting lots of activity for lot splits.
- The Ohio House Finance Committee added an amendment to a pending bill that will include townships to qualify for ARPA funds. The Bill is awaiting vote on the House Floor.
- Work with the community on the Mansfield Rising is coming back to life now that COVID restrictions are lifting and the branding consultants are expected to be in town during the month of July.
- Mayor White is working diligently on the Lexington Comprehensive Plan. There will be public meetings June 28 and 29 to welcome community feedback. Jotika encouraged residents from inside and surrounding the Village of Lexington to attend.

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RESOLUTION 21-12

OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE CONTINUING COMPREHENSIVE
LAND-USE AND TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE URBAN PLANNING PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land-Use and Transportation Program of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission who is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Mansfield urbanized area by the Governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in cooperation with locally elected officials of Richland County; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) hereby certify that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements including;

- a) 23 USC 134, 49 USC 5303 CFR part 450 and this subpart;
- b) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 USC 2000 d-1 and 49 CFR Part 21);
- c) 49 USC 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age in employment or business opportunity
- d) 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in US DOT funded planning process
- e) 23 CFR part 230 regarding the implementation of the equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal Aid highway construction contracts;
- f) The provisions of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38.
- g) The older Americans Act, as amended (42 USC 6101) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance.
- h) Section 324 of Title 23 USC regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- i) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Program for Richland County:

Certifies, in consideration of the requirements listed herein and to the degree appropriate for the size of the area and the complexity of its transportation problems, that the urban transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable federal requirements as outlined in Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)

Certification:

The foregoing resolution was approved by the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land-Use and Transportation Program of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission at its regular meeting held on June 23, 2021.

By:




Joseph Gies
President

6-23-2021

Date

Attest:



Jotika Shetty
Executive Director/Secretary

Date



RESOLUTION 21-13

OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE CONTINUING COMPREHENSIVE
LAND-USE AND TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

REAFFIRMATION OF DIRECTION - *Looking Forward 2045*, THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land-Use and Transportation Program of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission who is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Mansfield urbanized area by the Governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in cooperation with locally elected officials of Richland County; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) hereby certify that a Transportation Plan with at least a 20 year horizon be updated every 5 years. The current approved plan, *DIRECTION-Looking Forward 2045* meets this requirement and was approved June, 2020


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Program for Richland County:

Certifies, in consideration of the requirements listed herein and to the degree appropriate for the size of the area and the complexity of its transportation problems, that the urban transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable federal requirements as outlined in Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)

Certification:

The foregoing resolution was approved by the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land-Use and Transportation Program of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission at its regular meeting held on June 23, 2021.


By:

 6/23/21

Joseph Gies
President

Date

Attest:

 6/23/21

Jotika Shetty
Executive Director/Secretary

Date

RESOLUTION 21-14

OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE CONTINUING COMPREHENSIVE
LAND-USE AND TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OVERALL WORK PROGRAM FOR Fiscal Year 2022

WHEREAS, the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land-Use and Transportation Program of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission who is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Mansfield urbanized area by the Governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in cooperation with locally elected officials of Richland County; and

WHEREAS, the MPO must annually prepare a document that provides an overview of all the major work activities, funding levels and funding sources, and

WHEREAS, the Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2022, covering the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30th 2022 has been prepared and submitted and now requires official approval, so

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Program for Richland County:

Approves the Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2022.

Certification:

The foregoing resolution was approved by the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land-Use and Transportation Program of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission at its regular meeting held on June 23, 2021.

By:




Joseph Gies
President

Date

6/23/21

Attest:



Jotika Shetty
Executive Director/Secretary

Date

6/23/21



RESOLUTION 21-15

OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE CONTINUING COMPREHENSIVE
LAND-USE AND TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RCRPC PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land-Use and Transportation Program of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission who is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Mansfield urbanized area by the Governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in cooperation with locally elected officials of Richland County; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has identified the importance of an updated Public Involvement Plan incorporating the latest in effective technics to engage, inform and receive input from the public.

WHEREAS, the RCRPC Public Involvement Plan has been prepared and submitted and now shall be officially adopted, so

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Program for Richland County:

Adopts the RCRPC Public Involvement Plan

Certification:

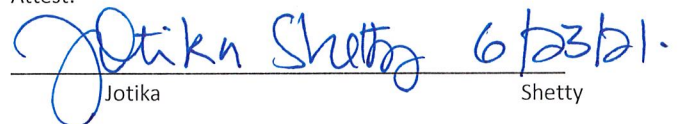
The foregoing resolution was approved by the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land-Use and Transportation Program of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission at its regular meeting held on June 23, 2021.

By:

 6/23/21

Joseph Gies
Date
President

Attest:

 6/23/21

Jotika
Executive Director/Secretary



RESOLUTION 21-16

OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE CONTINUING COMPREHENSIVE
LAND-USE AND TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY2021 – FY2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land-Use and Transportation Program of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission who is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Mansfield urbanized area by the Governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in cooperation with locally elected officials of Richland County; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has prepared and approved a Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2021 – 2024 and found this project is consistent with the approved Long Range Transportation Plan, *DIRECTION Looking Forward 2045*.

WHEREAS, The Richland County Engineers Office is sponsoring a project to improve the safety at the intersection of Cook Road and Mansfield Lucas Road. MPO funds will be used to assist with the financing of this project

WHEREAS, RCRPC has requested the following phase be added to the TIP

PID:106829 RIC CR 0134 05.80

	SAC	Year	Amount	Type
<u>CO Phase</u>				
CO CO/CC	4HJ7	FY2022	\$ 1,243,021	Federal Safety
	Local	FY2022	\$ 138,114	Richland County Engineer
CO CO/CE	4TA7	FY2022	\$ 132,750	RCRPC
	Local	FY2022	\$ 14,750	Richland County Engineer


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Program for Richland County:

Adopts this Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal years 2021 – 2024 that recommends the addition of PID:106829 RIC CR 0134 05.80

Certification:

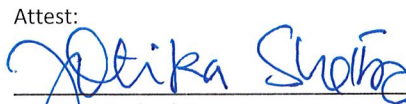
The foregoing resolution was approved by the Coordinating Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land-Use and Transportation Program of the Richland County Regional Planning Commission at its regular meeting held on June 23, 2021.

By:


Joseph Gies
President

Date

Attest:


Jotika Shetty
Executive Director/Secretary

Date

AGENDA

**Richland County Regional Planning Commission
Full Commission Meeting
June 23, 2021, 12.00pm
Virtual Via Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/94675580122>**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of the March 24, 2021 Meeting
3. TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
(Business of the Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO)
 - A. Public Transportation Report Jean Taddie
 - B. Technical Advisory Committee Report Todd Blankenship
 - 1) Resolution 21-12 – *A Resolution Certifying the Urban Planning Process*
 - 2) Resolution 21-13 – *A Resolution Reaffirming LRTP, Direction-Looking forward*
 - 3) Resolution 21-14 – *A Resolution approving the Overall Work program*
 - 4) Resolution 21-15 – *A Resolution approving the RCRPC Public Involvement Plan*
 - 5) Resolution 21-16 – *A Resolution amending 106829 TIP* Jotika Shetty
 - C. US 30 Project Update – ODOT District 3 Jeff Labaki
 - D. Other Transportation Issues from the floor and comments
4. PROGRAM
Rural Broadband and Solving the Last Mile Puzzle
Misty Crosby - Executive Director, Buckeye Hills Regional Council
5. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
 - A. Zoning Subdivision and Landuse Report Jotika Shetty
 - B. Executive Director's Report Jotika Shetty
 - C. President's Report Joe. Gies
 - D. Community Update Health Department

6. Member Updates
7. Others from the Floor and comments
8. Date of Next Meetings: Executive Committee: July 14, 2021
Full Commission: October 27, 2021



**RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
AND
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2021
12:00 p.m. Via Zoom**

REGIONAL PLANNING		COORDINATING COMMITTEE	
Bob Bianchi		Jack Butler	
Gary Bishop	Present	David Falquette	Present
Teri Brenkus	Present	Chris Kocher (ODOT)	
Donnie Clark	Present	Andrew Shepler (ODOT)	Present
Bob Entemann	Present	Carmen Stemen (FHWA)	Present
Dan Fletcher	Present	Jon VanHarlingen	
Joe Gies	Present	Robert Weaver / Mike Schafrath (ODOT)	Present
Paul Gleisinger (Dave Siebold)	Present	Jordan Whisler (ODOT)	Present
Adam Gove	Present		
Todd Hall			
Sarah Humphrey			
Randy Hutchinson	Present		
John Jaholnycky	Present	PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL	
Norman Jones	Present	Tim Bowersock	Present
Cliff Mears	Present	Ellen Haring	
Cheryl Meier	Present	Chriss Harris	
Jodie Perry		Brian McCartney	
Ed Pickens		Charles Pscholka	
Dave Remy	Present	Marion Zaugg	
Steve Schag			
Matthew Stanfield	Present		
Lee Tasseff		GUESTS	
Timothy Theaker	Present	Dave Siebold	
Trae Turner	Present	Matt Whitter	
Deanna West-Torrence	Present	Mark Strohm	
Brian White		Cody Gerhardt	
Jeff Wilson			

Staff Members: Todd Blankenship Lyndsie Martin, Nick Leturgey, David Gentile. Terri Kiser, Jean Taddie, Jotika Shetty

1. Roll Call

Joe Gies started the meeting at 12:00. Roll Call was taken and quorum was confirmed

2. Approval of Minutes of the January 27, 2021 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Randy Hutchinson. The motion was seconded by Bob Entemann and approved by all.

3. TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

(Business of the Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO)

A. Public Transportation Report

Jean Taddie, RCTB/Transit Development Manager updated on the following:

- Rides to Community Immunity
ODOT has awarded Richland County/RCTB up \$75,000 to provide rides to sites administering COVID vaccines. RCRPC plans to utilize RCT, DAR and door-to-door transportation services. Jean encouraged anyone working on the client or vaccination side to contact her to help partner on this program.
- RCTB will be sending out a RFP request for bus/shelter graphics design and application quotes. She encouraged anyone with vendor recommendations to contact her.
- Jean is working through the FTA Triennial Review, which is a standard review conducted every three years.
- Preparation by RCTB transportation data to be submitted for the NTD Annual Report.

B. Technical Advisory Committee Report

Todd Blankenship, Transportation Technical Director

- 1) **Resolution 21-10** An Annual Resolution Authorizing the Filing of Applications with ODOT

Adam Gove made a motion to approve Resolution 21-10, Teri Brenkus seconded the motion and Resolution 21-10 was approved by all.

- 2) **Resolution 21-11** A Resolution Approving the Richland County Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

The ATP is a plan that supports and encourages the development of active transportation infrastructure. RCRPC has supported many projects in the Richland County area that encourage walking and biking including the sidewalks in Lucas and Bellville the Mansfield Main Street Revitalization Project and so forth.

Nick Leturgey gave a brief presentation to present and explain the Active Transportation Plan. He demonstrated the highlights of the plan, the interactive web map available within the plan to access current and upcoming Active Transportation Projects and reviewed goals and strategies.

John Jaholnycky made a motion to approve Resolution 21-11, Donnie Clark seconded the motion and the Resolution/ATP was approved by all.

C. Other Transportation Issues from the Floor and comments

Project Updates – Todd Blankenship

- Diamond Street one-way to two-way is in process.
- Cook Rd sidewalks will be awarded very soon
- Main St. is in the preliminary stages, updates will be given as the project continues over the next couple of years.
- Adam Gove gave report that the Cook Rd. roundabout is on schedule. Efforts are underway to acquire the necessary right away, bidding of the work is scheduled for late fall this year. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2022 with a current estimate of 1.4 million dollars for the project.
Bob Entemann raised the question of how the roundabout will handle large truck traffic. Adam assured all that roundabouts are designed to handle large trucks effectively on the inner circle (apron) and agreed a public meeting to address public questions could be helpful.
- Joe Gies updated that the Shelby downtown streetscape enhancement is set to start in the fall. He also stated the CIC has been very successful in raising funds for upgrading the Black Fork Commons with some very exciting enhancements to come.
- Route 30 is under construction. Regional Planning has some funds in the project and will have updates available on the RCRPC website throughout the project.
- Congress is in process of passing another transportation bill and they are bringing earmarks back in to play. Jotika mentioned that proposals and conversations from Richland County need to be in quickly so they can be presented on April 14.

4. Program – Access Ohio 2045 - Ohio's Transportation Plan

Presented By: Jordan Whisler, ODOT

Jordan Whisler's program was an overview of Access Ohio 2045. The plan is a blueprint to guide, inform and support Ohio's transportation policies strategies and initiatives over the next 25 years. The development process for the plan took nearly three years and involved numerous meetings, teams, committees and extensive public engagement. The five key elements formed to reflect the goals of the A045 Transportation Plan are a 1.SAFE, 2.SMART, 3.CONNECTED, 4. COMMUNITY-ORIENTED and 5. COLLABORATIVE Transportation System. Jordan encourage all to visit [Access.Ohio.gov](https://www.accessohio.gov) to view the entire plan in detail.

5. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

A. Zoning Subdivision and Land Use Report

Jotika reported the ZSL Committee met once since the last meeting to review a zoning request in Washington Twp. The variance to split the lot without road frontage was denied by the committee.

Adam Gove gave a motion to accept the ZSL Committee report. Bob Entemann seconded the motion and all approved the motion.

B. Executive Directors Report –

Jotika Shetty updated everyone with the following:

1. D16 Integrating Committee meeting will be Friday, March 26, 2021. New members nominated to represent Richland County starting in May 2021 through April 2024 are Commissioners -Cliff Mears, alternate, Darrell Banks. Cities - Joe Gies, alternate Bob Bianchi, and Townships – Adam Gove, alternate Jack Butler. Methodology for the next round of applications is expected to be the same; the only exception to the process is that applications will be submitted online. All projects were funded for Round 35 and now loan money will be offered.
2. County CDBG funding allocation was announced. \$288,000 was allocated to Richland County. Going forward, after this allocation, all funds will be awarded on a competitive basis only.
3. The annual Tax Incentive Review meeting was held and all were found to be in compliance with their agreements. Majors Metals is expected to be approved for a new agreement of 50% abatement for 15 years.
4. The proposal of reassigning what is a Metropolitan Statistical Area is concerning many about what this would mean for funding and changes for other programs. RCRPC submitted a letter of concern. Jotika thanked everyone who have also supported this concern with letters.
5. RCRPC also sent a letter of support to MORPC for the proposed Amtrak line from Cincinnati to Cleveland.
6. Jotika thanked Nick for all the work he has done for Regional Planning. Nick is planning a career move along with his wife and child back to their home area in Pennsylvania. She informed the commission that she will post Nick's open position shortly.
7. Jotika asked Bob Entemann to update the Commission on how the Townships are going to be included in the American Rescue Plan. Bob informed all that after investigating, it appears to be an error and that Townships will be included.

C. President's Report

Joe Gies thanked Jotika for her letter of support concerning the Metropolitan Statistical Area assignment. He wished Nick good luck with his future endeavors. Joe informed all that most of the Mayors met yesterday to discuss the American Rescue Plan.

6. Community Update - Village of Butler Regional WWTP

Presented By: Matt Whitter & Cody Gerhardt - K.E. McCartney & Associates

The Village of Butler and Bellville, a nearby mobile home park and the school had issues requiring major upgrades to their waste water systems and treatment plants. Once KEM and the Villages realized these problems existed and would benefit from a regional approach they reached out to the EPA. EPA provided a \$4,000,000 funding package as a kickoff for the EPA wastewater regionalization initiative. With the assistance of Jotika at Regional Planning, KEM also was able to obtain a \$500,000 OPWC Grant and a \$750,000 CDBG Grant. With all the support, the project became a reality. A new site location and infrastructure was designed to get everything flowing to one new site. Cody Gerhardt explained in detail the construction process and how the equipment will operate. Jotika added that this has been a model project of how different public entities can collaborate to work together to achieve one goal.

7. Others from the Floor and Comments

Bob Entemann inquired about the Niss Conservancy Project. Jotika replied that she has been advised that they are taking steps to maintain the natural habitation but as of now, recreational areas and other improvements are on hold.

Date of Next Meetings:

Executive Committee:
Full Commission:

April 7, 2021
June 23, 2021

The meeting was adjourned by declaration at 1:39 p.m.

There being nothing further, President Gies concluded the meeting.

By		Attest
Joseph Gies		Jotika Shetty
President		Executive Director