





# RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING

## RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2021

Regional Planning				Coordinating Committee	
Lanie Bauer		Jason Lawrence		Jack Butler	
Tracy Bond		Cheryl Meier	Present	David Falquette	Present
Darrell Banks		Mark Masters		Paul Gleisinger	
Walter Berg		Jim Mawhorr	Present	Chris Kocher (ODOT)	
Bob Bianchi	Present	Tom McCready		Robert Weaver / Mike Schafrath (ODOT)	
Teri Brenkus (L. Weirich)	Present	Steve McLaughlin		Andrew Shepler (ODOT)	Present
Gary Bishop		Marc Milliron		Carmen Stemen (FHWA)	Present
Jeff Carter		Jodie Perry	Present	Jean Taddie	
Lori Cope		Ed Pickens		Jon VanHarlingen	Present
Brad Cyrus		Steven Schag	Present	Mike Schafrath (ODOT)	Present
Sarah Davis		Phillip Scott		Jordan Whisler (ODOT)	
Bob Entenmann	Present	Andy Smallstey			
Dan Fletcher	Present	John Spon			
Cassandra Fryman	Present	Joe Stallard			
Joe Gies	Present	Matthew Stanfield	Present		
Jessica Gribben	Present	Michelle Swank			
Adam Gove	Present	Lee Tasseff			
Marilyn "Micky" Hall		Tim Theaker			
Todd Hall (T Stallard)		Trae Turner		Planning Advisory Committee	
Ellen Haring	Present	Chelsie Thompson	Present		
Randy Hutchinson	Present	Tony Vero		Tim Bowersock	Present
Sarah Humphrey		Greg Vogt		Chriss Harris	
John Jaholinycky	Present	Deanna West-Torrence		Marion Zaugg	
Marilyn John		Brian White	Present	Brian McCartney	
Cliff Mears	Present	Jeff Wilson		Chuck Pscholka	
		Dave Seibold	Present	<b>Guest(s)</b>	
		Jason Thompson	Present	Jason Warner	Present
		Nick			

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



## Roll Call

### Approval of Minutes of the October 28 and December 16, 2020 Special Meeting

Minutes stand approved as written

#### TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

(Business of the Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO)

##### Public Transportation Report

Jean Taddie, RCTB/Transit Development Manager

- All 9 routes have continued to run all year with COVID-19 precautions
- Free service was provided Saturday December 12 & 19, 2020
- Cares Funding received in 2020 is helping with operations even into 2021
- Bus route deviations were provided to the board of elections in October and November, route deviations may be offered for Vaccine clinic when the need is determined. Jean urged representatives to reach out to her to discuss their community needs for bus route deviations.
- Inside the Transit Center will be closed as long as Richland Counties COVID risk level is red or purple
- DoubleMap App rolled out January 4. The app allows for real time updates on bus arrivals.
- Regional Planning is working to integrate DoubleMap with Google Maps to allow RCT bus transportation as an option when searching for directions.

##### Technical Advisory Committee Report

Todd Blankenship, Transportation Technical Director

- Highlighted the \$1,455,504 in MPO funding encumbered through Regional Planning in 2020 for eight projects. These projects ranged from beautification, intersection/pedestrian safety, revitalization and pavement preservations. The projects benefited Richland County, Mansfield, Ontario, Shelby, Bellville and Lucas.
- Todd stated that the support of all who called into the December special meeting was very much appreciated and important to moving forward on the Main St and B&O projects.
- He reminded everyone the FY 2022 Overall Work Program is being drafted and should be comprised of work to benefit all. He would like suggestions for any activities the Regional Planning staff could work on.
- Todd invited everyone to tune into the RCRPC Facebook page and to encourage public involvement in our postings and surveys.

## Other Transportation Issues from the Floor and comments

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### Program – Greater Ohio Policy Center - 2021 Policy Platform

*Jason Warner, Director of Strategic Engagement*

Jason spoke to the Commission about the 2021 policy platform of the Greater Ohio Policy Center. The three primary focuses of the Public Policy Platform are investing in Brownfields, to innovate infrastructure and transportation and empower Ohio's legacy cities. Jason detailed each area of the platform and encouraged public engagement to support their goals.

### Executive Director's Report

Jotika Shetty:

- Thanked the members for ballots received for the OPWC Infrastructure projects. There were seven projects ranked. All were funded except the Butler project, which had to be submitted to Small Government Grants.
- Asked anyone interested in the vacancy at OPWC/Small Government to contact her and she will forward a nomination request.
- OPWC- Clean Ohio held their meeting January 8, 2021. There were four projects presented for 2-million in funding. Richland County Muskingum Conservancy District did not meet the criteria requirements and could not be funded.
- The next round of Clean Ohio applications are due July 2, 2021.
- RCBG- Annual Organization Meeting is February 25<sup>th</sup> via zoom. In 2020, RCDG acted as an agent for members in four transactions.
- Enterprise Zone annual reports are due. Notices went out to the 15 Enterprise Zone entities. A tax incentive review meeting will be held March 11<sup>th</sup>, via zoom.
- Applications for CDBG Cares Act Funds from Dayspring and Area Agency of Agency have been submitted for review.
- The Complete Count Committee reached out to thank RCRPC as a census affiliate providing address verification support.
- Annual agricultural easement program monitoring will be transferred to the SWCD.
- Kick Start Coordination Plan Update
- We are wrapping up the Public Invoice Plan update
- She continues to support the Lexington Comprehensive Plan update.
- We are actively involved in Mansfield Rising initiatives

## **President's Report**

Ellen remarked that recently UHaul ranked Richland County number four in the state for migratory routes and a destination place. She also stated that a Realtor commented to her about the rising home prices. Ellen added that this is all encouraging news.

## **Organizational Meeting**

### **Approval of the At-Large Members (recommendation by nominating committee)\***

**Dan Fletcher made a motion to approve the At-Large members, Bob Entenmann seconded, and all approved the members.**

### **Presentation of Full Commission\***

### **Approval of President and Vice-President (recommendation by nominating committee)\***

Ellen presented Joe Gies for approval as President and Deanna West-Torrence for approval as Vice President.

**Brian White made the motion to approve President and Vice President. Randy Hutchinson seconded the motion and all approved the appointments.**

### **Approval of Executive and Standing Committees \***

**Bob Entenmann made a motion to approve the At-Large members, Jodie Perry seconded, and all approved the members.**

\*See attached membership roster.

### Recognition of Outgoing Members

Ellen Haring recognized and extended sincere appreciation to all outgoing members.

### Commendation of Outgoing President

Joe Gies presented Ellen Haring with a plaque and recognized her for her two years as President of the Regional Planning Commission. Joe thanked Helen for leading the Commission respectfully and with great professionalism.


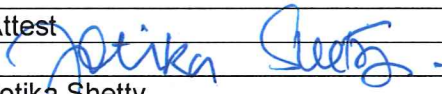
### Others from the Floor and comments

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Date of Next Meetings: Executive Committee: February 17, 2021  
Full Commission: March 24, 2021

The meeting was adjourned by declaration at 1:11 p.m.

***There being nothing further, President Haring concluded the meeting.***

By 	Attest 
Joe Gies	Jotika Shetty
President	Executive Director