



RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING

RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF May 24, 2023

REGIONAL PLANNING		COORDINATING COMMITTEE	
Bob Bianchi	Present	Jack Butler	
Teri Brenkus	Present	Aurelio Diaz	Present
Julie Chaya		Chris Kocher	
Donnie Clark	Present	Scott Ockunzzi	Present
Tom Craft	Present	Nate Vogt	
Don Daugherty		Greg Vogt	
Dorey Diab	Present	Robert Weaver	
Bob Entemann	Present	Jordan Whisler	
Joe Gies	Present	Stephanie Zader	
Adam Gove	Present	PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL	
Todd Hall		Tim Bowersock	
Randy Hutchinson	Present	Chriss Harris	
John Jaholnycky		Brian McCartney	
Kris Knapp		Charles Pscholka	
Steve Mclaughlin	Present	Marion Zaugg	
Cliff Mears			
Cheryl Meier	Present		
Rebecca Owens	Present		
Ed Pickens	Present		
Dave Remy			
Steve Schag			
Matthew Stanfield	Present		
Lee Tasseff			
Timothy Theaker			
Trae Turner	Present		
Deanna West-Torrence	Present		
Brian White	Present		
GUESTS			
Debra Weaver			
Jessica Gribben			
Jodie Schumacher			

Staff Members: Todd Blankenship, Lyndsie Martin, Jean Taddie, Jotika Shetty, Adam Hill-Warren

Roll Call

Deanna West Torrence welcomed the commission members and roll call was taken with introductions and quorum confirmed.

Deanna West Torrence asked for a moment of silence in memory of Gary Bishop, past Richland County prosecutor and past member of the Planning Commission

1. Approval of Minutes of the February 22, 2023 Meeting

Deanna West Torrence asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting.

Adam Gove made a motion to approve the minutes, Donnie Clark seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2. TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

(Business of the Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO)

- a. Public Transportation Report was presented by Jean Taddie with an overview of the transit system. Ridership numbers saw an increase in 2022 by 14% over 2021 COVID ridership numbers. In 2023 the trend continues with 26% over 2022. She shared updates on several capital projects including the pothole repairs in parking lot, HVAC replacement and Transit Development Plan. Upcoming projects include painting, window replacements, AVL procurement and operations management contract.
- b. Technical Advisory Committee Report was presented by Jotika Shetty
 1. Resolution 23-12 – A Resolution Certifying the Urban Planning Process
This is the Annual certification to FHWA & FTA that the planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and confirms to the required policies and rules.
 2. Resolution 23-13 – A Reaffirmation of Direction - Looking Forward 2045, The Long-Range Transportation Plan
Reaffirmation of our Long Rang Transportation Plan with a 20-year planning horizon and updated every 5 years. The goal is Looking Forward to 2045; Richland County will have a transportation system that meet the needs of the 21st Century. A truly multimodal system that will operate to move people and goods safely and efficiently throughout Richland County.
 3. Resolution 23-14 – A Resolution Adopting the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2024-FY 2027
The document is a 4 year, fiscally constrained list of transit and transportation projects in Richland County that will become part of the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). Todd reviewed that \$ 97 million dollar is committed to projects for various activities including major rehabilitation, resurfacing, sidewalks, bridges and culverts, trails, and roundabout. The source of funding is federal, state, and local and will have seven million of the MPO's dollars programmed. He also shared the list of the various projects that have committed MPO dollars. More details were attached in packet
 4. Resolution 23-15 – A Resolution Approving the Overall Work Program For Fiscal Year 2024
Annually The OWP is the plan and budget set to accomplish certain expected results in RCRPC programs as well as align our expected results with ODOT, FHWA and

FTA emphasis areas. The transportation program has a budget of nearly one million and an overall organization budget of about two million dollars. The document was included in meeting packet.

5. Resolution 23-16 – A Resolution Authorizing Filing of applications with the Ohio Department of Transportation
Authorize Executive Director to submit applications and sign contracts with ODOT for the Mobility Management grant application.

Adam Gove made a motion to approve resolutions 23-12, 23-13, 23-14, 23-15, 23-16, Ed Pickens seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

6. Resolution 23-17 – A Resolution Approving the Appreciation of
Todd Blankenship

Jotika Shetty recognized the leadership and work done by Todd Blankenship during his nearly nine years with Regional Planning Commission as the Transportation Technical Director. He will be retiring effective June 30th.

Deanna, Bob Bianchi and Mayor Randy Hutchinson all shared appreciative words about his contribution for the work of the commission and the community.

Randy Hutchinson made a motion to approve resolution 23-17, Teri Brenkus seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

- c. Other Transportation Issues from the floor and comments

3. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Jotika Shetty presented the Zoning Subdivision and Landuse Committee report provided in meeting packet. The committee recommended approval of one rezone request to Washington Township to rezone parcel 053-37-032-14-000 from R-1 to B-2. The committee approved text amendment to the Washington zoning resolution regarding conditional uses in B-2 districts. It approved the text amendment revising definition of accessory use in Perry Township Zoning resolution.

Bob Entemann made a motion to approve the ZSL report, Rebecca Owens seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

4. Executive Director's Report

Jotika introduced Jodie Schumacher as the new County prosecutor. No Richland County application was funded by OPWC small government grant. County CDBG applications are due today and second public hearing is on June 6th.

5. President's Report

No report

6. COMMUNITY UPDATE

Jessica Gribben from Richland County Development Group and Jotika Shetty provided the commission members findings from the Richland County Housing Study and Action Plan. A total of additional 5800 units will be required in 2032. They reviewed strategies presented in the plan and the work currently happening to move these strategies forward especially in permitting and marketing.

Adam Gove made a motion adjourn the meeting, Ed pickens seconded, and the motion carried.

Date of Next Meetings: Executive Committee:
Full Commission:

June 14, 2023
August 23, 2023

By	Attest
Deanna West-Torrence	Jotika Shetty
President	Executive Director