



# RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING

## RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF June 24, 2020

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

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

1. **ROLL CALL** – President Haring called the meeting to order at 12:03. Roll Call was taken.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 2020 MEETING**

Minutes stand approved as written.

3. **TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**A. Public Transportation Report:**

Todd presented the Transportation Report noting the following items:

1. RCT Ridership is down due COVID-19. Precautions implemented for rider and employee safety include drivers wearing a mask and doing daily temperature and symptom checks. Passengers must wear mask and sit every other seat.
2. The CARES Act has provided \$25 billion in funding nationally and \$3 million locally.
3. Jill is working on funding for several new busses (no local funds required) to replace buses that are beyond the Useful Life Benchmark.
3. Doublemap - A Smartphone/Web based App that will assist in accuracy of passenger counts, is up and running and scheduled to roll out soon.

**B. Technical Advisory Committee Report**

Todd presented Resolutions 20-10, 20-11, 20-12 and 20-13

**Resolution 20-10** – A resolution approving the Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2021.

Todd stated that as of now we have a carryover balance of \$176,469. Jotika and Todd are looking at ways we will be allowed to use this carryover balance and are open to suggestions from any members who may have needs for planning projects. Items being looked at now are consulting and transits items that could take advantage of outside expertise. Updates will be forthcoming.

**Resolution 20-11**. A resolution adopting the Long Range Transportation Plan Direction – Looking Forward 2045.

This plan is updated every 5 years with a 20 year goal and policy planning horizon. The goals are 1. Safety, 2. Economic Vitality, 3. System Preservation and Reliability, 4. Public Involvement, 5. Quality of Life. The LRTP – Looking Forward 2045, is available for review on our website: [rcrpc.org](http://rcrpc.org)

**Resolution 20-12**. A resolution adopting the Transportation Improvement Program for FY2021-FY2024.

A four year plan listing projects in Richland County that can run through the STIP. This plan can be adjusted with an approved amendment. Examples of some important projects in this plan include the Shelby Downtown Safety and Streetscape Project and The Cook Rd/Mansfield Lucas Rd roundabout.

**Resolution 20-13.** A resolution amending the FY2021-FY2024 Transportation Improvement Plan. To assist the Ontario/Mansfield (St Rt 309 project) with items that are generally 100% city responsibility. The goal is preservation and assistance by the MPO to help the pavement last longer.

Todd verified that all resolutions were recommended by the Transportation Coordinating Committee.

President Haring asked for a motion to approve the above amendments.

**Brian White moved to accept the Resolutions. Chelsie Thompson seconded The Resolutions were approved by a unanimous vote.**

**C. Other Transportation issues from the floor.** Nothing at this time.

7. **OTHERS FROM THE FLOOR** Nothing at this time.

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

**Ohio Publics Works Commission Update**

Jotika gave an update on OWP Funding. The Governor has signed legislation to approve re-appropriation of "old money" allowing the funding of previously released/active SCIP and RLP projects - Round 33 and prior projects and all active Clean Ohio projects (Rounds 14 and prior).

Two, R 34 projects for Richland Co (Snake Rd) and Mansfield (North Lake Park Bridge) are TIP projects and will receive agreements July 1<sup>st</sup> and can go ahead. The other R34 projects are pending the senate concurrence and Governor's signature of the Amended House bill S.B. 4 which will include one year's worth of funding for R 34, SCIP, RLP and R15 Clean Ohio projects.

Due to the uncertainty of whether there will be an approval for Round 35 funding, applications will not go out until final clarification of the availability of funds.

Funds for Round 15 of the Clean Ohio projects seems probable so Jotika encouraged anyone with projects in mind to work on their applications with an anticipated early November deadline for those applications.

**Comprehensive Plan for Richland County Task Force Update**

Jotika explained that to assess if there is a need for an update to the Comprehensive Plan for Richland County, a Task Force has been assigned to audit the current plan to decide how extensive of an update is necessary. Jotika asked Deanna West-Torrence, the Task Force Chair, to give an update on their progress. Deanna stated that the Task Force is comprised of 11 members representing various sectors of the community. They have met three times before their meetings were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic in March, but plan to reconvene soon. At the initial meeting, the committee familiarized themselves with the plan and the task they had been given. The next two meetings addressed land use and housing. They want to continue with exploring infrastructure & transportation, economic development, quality of life and land use maps. Their goal will be to determine if the plan is still relevant or to what extent the plan needs updated to identify new trends. They are also looking at the current plan to note if there were significant accomplishments that came about from the current plan. Lastly, they are looking at other community

plans to make sure they align with the expected goals of the Comprehensive Plan. The final goal will be to make recommendations of how the Commission should proceed to ensure our Comprehensive Plan provides adequate strategies and is useful.

Jotika added the current Comprehensive Plan is available on our website or you can reach out to her and she will provide you with a copy.

### **Local Government Survey**

Jotika thanked everyone for responding to this survey. Results from the survey show that a large portion of the respondents were able to adapt and carry on operations efficiently without furloughing any staff. Most respondents are expecting some kind of revenue loss due to COVID-19. The results of the survey and other COVID-19 resources have been made available on our site by selecting the COVID link at the top to go to our page.

### **COVID Funding**

Jotika talked about the funding from the Cares Act that is becoming available through local agencies. She indicated that the guidelines for use of these funds does have a lot of restrictions. Mansfield is taking applications for the COVID Homes Funds available from HUD, anyone interested those applications should contact Adrian Ackerman at the Mansfield CDBG office.

Jotika indicated that the State is offering CDBG Targets of Opportunity funds to respond to COVID concerns especially related to homelessness, they have opened a pre-application process. Jotika has already sent out information to many of the community service agencies and non-profits. It is her understanding that there is plenty of funding available, Jotika encouraged anyone with a program looking for funding to reach out to her for help and information.

The local government COVID Relief Fund was approved. The county received 2 million but again, this funding has many restrictions of its uses. These funds will flow through the Auditors' Office. Jotika said Regional Planning is conscious of the need for the above mentioned funding, she emphasized that the rcrpc.org website will be continually updated with information related to available assistance with COVID related concerns and encouraged those with needs to reach out to Regional Planning for assistance.

Lastly, Jotika acknowledged that these are challenging times and is grateful for all the community leaders for doing an exemplary job of guiding our communities through these challenging times. Jotika assured those in attendance that the mission of the Regional Planning Commission is to engage very intentionally in supporting every effort to improve quality of life for our residents. This means supporting social and economic equity for the most vulnerable populations. On a personal level, Jotika is taking the initiative to educate herself to understand racial and ethnic prejudices so that our organization can help change these inequities. Jotika would like to hear from communities we serve as to how we as a Commission can make a positive difference.

## **9. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Ellen Haring commended and thanked Jotika for her commitment to leading the Commission to be responsive and focused on equity and livability in our community and for encouraging us to engage in this discussion

Ellen also reminded members to submit their forms for Jotika's annual review.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

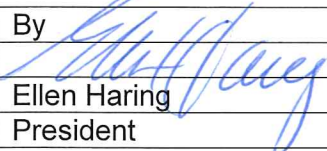

Executive Committee:  
Full Commission

August 12 2020  
October 28, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by declaration at 1:03 p.m.

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

By		Attest	
			
Ellen Haring		Jotika Shetty	
President		Executive Director	



**RESOLUTION 20-10**

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 2021**

**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 2021, covering the period from July 1, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 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 2021.

**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 24, 2020.*

By:

Ellen Harring  
President

Date

Attest:

Jotika Shetty  
Executive Director/Secretary

Date



**RESOLUTION 20-11**

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

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
DIRECTION - Looking Forward 2045,**

**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 conjunction with its local partners and in accordance with Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) has prepared the update of the Long Range Transportation Plan. This plan is in compliance with all regulations and will continue to be updated every 5 years.

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

Adopts DIRECTION – Looking Forward 2045

**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 24, 2020.*

By:

Ellen Haring  
President

Date

*Ellen Haring* 6/24/2020

Attest:

Jotika Shetty  
Executive Director/Secretary

Date

*Jotika Shetty* 06/24/2020



## RESOLUTION 20-12

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

### A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FY2021 – FY2024

**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, pursuant to 23 USC 134/49 USC 5303(j)(1)(d) and 23 USC 135/49 5304(g)(1) developed the Long Range Transportation Plan and approved it June 24<sup>th</sup> 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO, has prepared and reviewed a Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal years 2021 – 2024 and found the projects consistent with the approved Long Range Transportation Plan for Richland County.

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

Adopts the Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal years 2021 – 2024 and recommends incorporating these improvements into local government improvement programs.

**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 24, 2020.*

By:

Ellen Haring  
President

Date

Attest:

Jotika Shetty  
Executive Director/Secretary

Date





**RESOLUTION 20-13**

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**, ODOT is sponsoring a resurfacing project on SR 309 in the City of Ontario and the City of Mansfield. MPO funds will be used in this project to assist in pavement repairs.

**WHEREAS**, RCRPC has requested the following funds be added

**PID:103717 RIC SR 0309 06.04**

	<i>SAC</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Type</i>
<b><u>CO Phase</u></b>				
CO CO/CE	4TA7	FY2021	\$ 270,900	RCRPC
	Local	FY2021	\$ 30,100	City of Ontario
CO CO/CE	4TA7	FY2021	\$ 41,400	RCRPC
	Local	FY2021	\$ 4,600	City of Mansfield

**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 funding adjustment of PID:103717 RIC SR 0309 06.04

**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 24, 2020.*

By:

  
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 Ellen Haring  
 President

Date

Attest:

  
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 Jotika Shetty  
 Executive Director/Secretary

Date