



# RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING

## RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2022

REGIONAL PLANNING		COORDINATING COMMITTEE	
Bob Bianchi		Jack Butler	Present
Gary Bishop	Present	David Falquette	Present
Teri Brenkus	Present	Chris Kocher (ODOT)	
Donnie Clark	Present	Andrew Shepler (ODOT)	
Tom Craft	Present	Carmen Stemen (FHWA)	
Don Daugherty (Paul Gleisinger)	Present	Jon VanHarlingen	
Bob Entemann	Present	Robert Weaver / Mike Schafrath (ODOT)	
Joe Gies	Present	Jordan Whisler (ODOT)	
Adam Gove	Present		
Todd Hall			
Sarah Humphrey	Present		
John Jaholnycky	Present		
Norman Jones	Present	<b>PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL</b>	
Kris Knapp (Randy Hutchinson)	Present	Tim Bowersock	
Cliff Mears	Present	Ellen Haring	
Cheryl Meier	Present	Chriss Harris	Present
Jodie Perry	Present	Brian McCartney	Present
Ed Pickens	Present	Charles Pscholka	
Dave Remy		Marion Zaugg	
Steve Schag	Present		
Matthew Stanfield	Present		
Lee Tasseff		<b>GUESTS</b>	
Timothy Theaker		Cheryl Mears	
Trae Turner	Present	Amanda Middis	
Deanna West-Torrence	Present	Andy Smallstey	
Brian White	Present		

**Staff Members:** Todd Blankenship, David Gentile, Terri Kiser, Lyndsie Martin, Jean Taddie, Jotika Shetty, Pong Wu

## **Roll Call**

Joe Gies called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and asked all to introduce themselves for Roll Call.

### **1. Approval of Minutes of the November 16, 2021 Meeting**

Joe Gies asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021 meeting.

***Brian White made a motion to approve the minutes, Adam Gove seconded the motion, and the motion carried.***

### **2. State of the County - Commission Mears**

Commissioner Mears highlighted the successes of the County which included:

- a. Achieving the best credit rating ever.
- b. Closed its doors zero days; laid off zero County employees; and had zero sales tax increase due to the Pandemic.
- c. Opened a new Emergency Operation Center and 911 Dispatch Center.
- d. Has completed the first ever Wage Study.

Commission Mears highlighted CRF and ARPA fund Awards and Appropriations for Richland County.

Lastly, Commissioner Mears announced several projects in the works including renovations for a 4<sup>th</sup> courtroom in the county building, additions of Lucas cell towers, the joint county ditch petition, Fleming Falls Nature Preserve and Gorman Nature Center initiatives.

### **3. Transportation Coordinating Committee**

(Business of the Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO)

#### **A. Public Transportation Report**

Jean Taddie, RCTB/Transit Development Manager gave the following updates:

- 2021 Ridership was roughly ½ of pre-pandemic levels with the majority of the riders being senior and/or disabled.
- RCT celebrated Ohio Loves Transit Week (Feb, 14-20) with COVID prevention goody bags to promote RCT partnership with RPH & ODOT to provide no-cost transit rides for COVID immunizations.
- The Rides to Community Immunity campaign, Jean Taddie urged agencies to reach out to her for more information.

## **B. Technical Advisory Committee Report**

Todd Blankenship, Transportation Technical Director

- 1) Resolution 22-07 – *A Resolution Approving the TIP be amended for PID: 116266 HUR SR 0061 00.38 (Mary Fate Park). Plymouth intersection pedestrian improvement.*
- 2) Resolution 22-08 – *A Resolution Approving the TIP be amended for PID: 116265 RIC CR 0144 06.50 To extend new sidewalk past Ontario School property.*
- 3) Resolution 22--09 – *A Resolution Approving the support of ODOT traffic safety performance targets To approve setting our MPOs Performance Targets to support ODOT traffic safety performance targets.*

Joe Gies asked for a motion to approve Resolutions 22-07, 22-08 and 22-09

***Deanna West-Torrence made a motion to approve all three resolutions together. Cliff Mears seconded the motion and the motion was approved.***

## **C. Other Transportation Issues from the Floor and comments**

- Todd Blankenship stated that the Technical Advisory Committee has a vacancy for the Active Transportation/Health Department Position and would like nominations for that vacancy.
- Plymouth/Shiloh received a grant from ODOT for a School Travel Plan.
- Hope to have an ODOT speaker next meeting regarding the Infrastructure Bill.
- FY2023 Work Program Draft will be submitted to ODOT next week.

**Program –**

## **4. Regional Planning Commission**

### **A. Zoning Subdivision and Land Use Report – Jotika Shetty**

- Nothing for approval due to not having a ZLS meeting.

### **B. Executive Director's Report -Jotika Shetty:**

- Projects for D16 have been submitted and approved.
- Donna Kirkbride has retired. The new D16 representative is Ashley Ellrod.
- Next D16 meeting is 3/25/22.
- Clean Ohio Round 15B applications are due 5/25 and the meeting will be 4/22. \$2,250,000 is available.
- Nominations are needed for 2 vacancies on NRAC.
- Mary Oakley has left the OCD and there are many new staff members and changes taking place at the OCD.
- CDBG – PY19 grant closed will be closed out on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

- CDBG – CV the AAA program was very successful with the hope of extensions but unfortunately no more funds were available.
- CDBD – CV Dayspring nurse’s center addition bid is opening on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- CDBG – CV Domestic Violence Center addition was bid and awarded for \$267,000.
- Enterprise Zone and CRA reports have been submitted by companies. The Tax Incentive Review Council will meet on March 19<sup>th</sup> to review the reports and draft recommendations. Reporting is due to the state on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- RCGC Annual Meeting is February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Virtual Public Meetings and Hearings have been authorized through June 30, 2022.
- US Treasury has released a final ARPA rule in January to take effect April 1, 2022.
- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes a 5 year reauthorization of surface transportation programs and direct advanced appropriations. The 5- year package is \$660 billion broken out as follows:  
FHWA (Roadway): \$365 billion  
FTA (Transit): \$107 billion  
FRA (Railway): \$102 billion  
FAA (Aviation): \$25 billion  
NHTSA (Highway Safety): \$8 billion  
FMCSA(Motor safety): \$5 billion  
MARAD (Maritime): \$2.25 billion
- There is \$350 million available in the Brownfields Remediation Fund. Applications totaled 204qty/\$262 million. This will be awarded on a first come first first serve basis until June 30,2022. After 6/30, \$1 million will be set-aside per county to award and the remaining funds will be added to a general fund available as grants throughout the state. The Richland County Land Bank applied for the Westinghouse Property demolition and clean up.

### C. President’s Report

Joe Gies and Jotika Shetty both spoke about the Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan. There is a \$40,000 ARPA sub award to Regional Planning for the Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan from the County that will exclusively identify and implement proactive programs and policies that advance the development, preservation, and expansion of housing opportunities for households with low or moderate incomes. Joe Gies asked for a motion to approve RCRPC to enter into a sub agreement with the county to accept the award of \$40,000 in ARPA funds for the Assessment and Action Plan.

***Gary Bishop made a motion to approve RCRPC entering the sub agreement for the award of ARPA funds, Norman Jones seconded, (Commissioner Mears abstained since the award is from the Commissioner’s Office) and the motion carried.***

- 1) Resolution 22-06 –A resolution approving the award and authorize to enter into contract for the Richland County Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan.

Joe Gies asked for a motion to approve Resolution 22-06 awarding the Contract for the Community Housing Needs Assessment to Community Science.

**Deanna West-Torrence made a motion to approve Resolution 22-06 John Jaholnycky seconded, and the motion carried.**


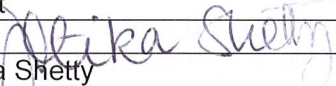
**D. Member Updates**

Adam Gove:

- Ten Townships turned in applications for the Township Stimulus funds and a total of 1200 applications statewide.
- A directory of all county officials has been sent out and available on the website, contact Adam if you did not receive that.
- New maps are available for those still using the old versions on their social media post.

Date of Next Meetings:	Executive Committee:	March 16, 2022
	Full Commission:	April 27, 2022

Joe Gies concluded the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

By		Attest	
			
Joseph Gies		Jotika Shetty	
President		Executive Director	





## RESOLUTION 22-09

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

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ODOT ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT TARGETS

**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**, Federal Rule 23 CFR 490 requires states to establish five performance measures and set target for those measures to demonstrate fatal and serious accident reductions on all public roads.

**WHEREAS**, ODOT has established five Safety Measures and have set a target of 2% reduction in all five categories.

#### 2022 Statewide Safety Measures

<u>Type</u>	<u>Target</u>
Number of fatalities	1,106
Number of serious injuries	7,744
Fatality rate	0.97
Serious injury rate	6.78
Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	808

**WHEREAS**, MPOs must establish targets for their respective areas or adopt a resolution supporting ODOT in achieving the state targets; and

**WHEREAS**, Richland County Regional Planning Commission agrees to plan and program projects that will contribute toward the achievement of these targets

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

Approves supporting ODOT's Safety Performance Measure targets as identified.

#### 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 February 23, 2022.*

By:

Joseph Gies  
President

Date

2-23-22

Attest:

Jotika Shetty  
Executive Director/Secretary

Date

2-23-22



**RESOLUTION 22-08**

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 City of Ontario is sponsoring a pedestrian improvement project.

**WHEREAS**, RCRPC has requested the following project be amended to reflect the following

**PID:116265 RIC CR 0144 06.50 (Ontario Sidewalk)**

	SAC	Year	Amount	Type
<b><u>PE PE Phase</u></b>				
PE PE/PE	C227	FY2022	\$ 20,000	RCRPC
<b><u>PE DD Phase</u></b>				
PE PE/DD	C227	FY2022	\$ 10,000	RCRPC
<b><u>CO Phase</u></b>				
CO CO/CC	C227	FY2023	\$ 130,000	RCRPC
CO CO/CE	C227	FY2023	\$ 15,500	RCRPC

**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 these changes of PID:116265 RIC CR 0144 06.50 (Ontario Sidewalk)

**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 February 23, 2022.*

By: Joseph Gies 2-23-2022  
Joseph Gies President Date

Attest: Jotika Shetty 2-23-22  
Jotika Shetty Executive Director/Secretary Date





**RESOLUTION 22-07**

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 Village of Plymouth is sponsoring a pedestrian improvement project.

**WHEREAS**, RCRPC has requested the following project be amended to reflect the following

**PID:116266 HUR SR 0061 00.38 (Mary Fate Park)**

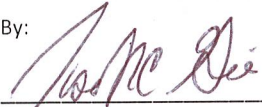
	<u>SAC</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>
<b><u>PE PE Phase</u></b>				
PE PE/PE	C227	FY2022	\$ 20,000	RCRPC
<b><u>PE DD Phase</u></b>				
PE PE/DD	C227	FY2022	\$ 10,000	RCRPC
<b><u>RW Phase</u></b>				
RW RW AcqServ	C227	FY2023	\$ 4,000	RCRPC
RW RW Acq 01	C227	FY2023	\$ 2,000	RCRPC
<b><u>CO Phase</u></b>				
CO CO/CC	C227	FY2024	\$ 140,000	RCRPC
CO CO/CE	C227	FY2024	\$ 21,000	RCRPC


**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 these changes of PID:116266 HUR SR 0061 00.38 (Mary Fate Park)

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By:  2-23-2022  
 Joseph Gies Date  
 President

Attest:  2-23-22  
 Jotika Shetty Date  
 Executive Director/Secretary