



## **Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

**March 13, 2018**

### **ODOT District 11 Headquarters – New Philadelphia**

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. A list of attendees is attached. Mr. Joe Bachmann, P.E., P.S. asked attendees to introduce themselves. Mr. Fred Wachtel, P.E., P.S., motioned to approve the minutes.

Ms. Megan Carmel covered the Township Sign Grant program for 2019. The eligible townships are outlined in the presentation. All eligible townships must send a representative to one of the mandatory meetings, also outlined in the presentation. OMEGA will be able to assist townships with the completion of the application.

Ms. Carmel gave an overview of the proposed Motor Vehicle User Fee. The Governor's proposal is \$0.18/gal increase as of July 1, 2019. The Ohio House of Representatives proposed a \$0.107/gal increase over two years. The Ohio Senate has not completed their hearings/deliberations at this time and there is no current proposal. Each cent of increase totals approximately \$70 million in revenue.

Mr. Wachtel highlighted that the proposal would send money back to the local governments for road maintenance. The increased revenue is not "ODOT money". He further stated if the government is going to raise the tax, they should support the governor's proposal, as the political consequences would be the same either way. Ms. Carmel confirmed that OMEGA already supports the Governor's proposal through the Ohio Association of Regional Councils and will be testifying to the Ohio Senate as well.

Ms. Carmel then outlined the proposed OMEGA FY 2020 Work Program. Some of the key events include the RTIP, an update to the Long-Range Transportation Plan, the OMEGA Traffic Monitoring Program, Safe Routes to School and Safety Analyses. Ms. Carmel also highlighted the services OMEGA is able to provide through the Work Program.

Mr. Sammon gave an update of activities to date and an overview of the human services transportation pilot program.

Ms. Carmel provided announcements on upcoming meetings and grant deadlines.

Mr. Wise adjourned the meeting at 11:15. Next meeting is on June 12, 2019 at 10:30 A.M.