



## **Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

**September 11, 2019**

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

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

Mr. Wise called a motion for nomination of Mr. Joe Bachman, P.E., P.S. as vice chair and Mr. Brian Wise, P.E., P.S. as chair. Mr. Doug Bachman, P.E., P.S. motioned; Ms. Jill Lengler seconded the motion.

Mr. Kevin Buettner gave an overview of the task-order consultant RFQ for transportation-related feasibility and/or safety studies (notice and information provided in presentation). The total amount has not been finalized but is forecast to be approximately \$30,000-35,000.

Mr. Buettner gave a recap on SFY 2019 activities including the number of curve speed studies, traffic counts, school travel plans, and grant applications over the last three years (graphic and information provided in presentation). Mr. Buettner also mentioned the Safe Routes to School plans that were completed and funded, as well as the process automation efforts that OMEGA is undertaking.

Mr. Buettner provided an update and information on the RTIP/Rural Consultation process, including a link to OMEGA's RTIP page on the website. This will cover State Fiscal Years 2021-2024. Dates and locations for each county's Rural Consultation meetings were provided in the packets that were distributed. If anyone is unable to attend their county's meeting(s), they may attend another county's meeting and OMEGA is able to cover the same information.

Mr. Greg Gurney explained that the RTPO Transportation Project Needs form is only for unfunded projects that are not included/have not been captured on the state's or any other funding source list already. This will help OMEGA and ODOT try to find funding for these rural projects. If ODOT does not have funding that these projects can fall under, this may be more evidence of the need for capital funding for RTPOs in the future. Mr. Buettner explained that unfunded projects to submit for this list

may include needs such as buggy lane projects, major bridge projects, or other major projects that need funded, rather than yearly/routine projects that are already funded.

Mr. Buettner provided information on the Steering Committee that OMEGA would like to form for the RTIP and Long-Range Transportation Plan, which will include monthly conference calls/web conferences to provide regular updates on the plans' progress and give the TAC the opportunity to provide feedback throughout the entire process between in-person meetings. Anyone interested in being in the Steering Committee may contact Mr. Buettner.

Mr. Buettner provided an update on the Long-Range Transportation Plan, including the former and new proposed goals and objectives as well as the existing conditions.

Mr. Buettner and Ms. Megan Carmel reviewed the region's existing conditions through a series of demographic and roadway condition maps (maps provided in presentation). These maps will be made available online on OMEGA's website and interactive.

Mr. Buettner provided information on where the Long-Range Transportation & CEDS Plan is located on OMEGA's website, as well as the Transportation Survey and OMEGA Services Request Form. The Transportation Survey is live online and is crucial for understanding the needs in the community and informing the Long-Range Plan. OMEGA can provide paper copies if needed.

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

Mr. Buettner provided announcements on upcoming meetings and grant deadlines.

Mr. Wise adjourned the meeting at 11:20. Next meeting is on November 13, 2019 at 10:30 A.M.



