

**APPENDIX C
COSHOCOTON COUNTY
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETINGS
APRIL 15, 2015**

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Subject: Calling all transportation comments for Coshocton County



CALLING ALL COMMENTS . . .

Do you have a comment about Transportation in Coshocton County that you would like to share??? Here is your opportunity!

The Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) will be hosting a Public Involvement meeting on Wednesday, April 15th at 6:30 pm in the conference room at the Coshocton Public Library,

655 Main Street, Coshocton, OH 43812. OMEGA will provide an overview of the transportation systems in Coshocton County and the region, but more importantly, OMEGA is interested in your comments on transportation needs and improvements in Coshocton County.

OMEGA is participating in a Regional Transportation Planning Organization Pilot Program. The primary objectives of this program are: development of a transportation plan, interagency consultation, stakeholder outreach, and development of regional transportation planning expertise. By improving our transportation systems, we will develop a more sustainable economy and improve the quality of life of our residents. Included among the potential benefits of this program are: expanding regional transportation planning coverage area, strengthening existing partnerships, establishing framework for future data collection and project selection efforts, linking transportation planning with existing economic/community development programs, and robust statewide databases.

The Regional Transportation Plan includes Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas Counties.

Please join OMEGA in planning for the future transportation needs of Coshocton County and the region. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

PLEASE SHARE THIS MEETING INFORMATION WITH EVERYONE YOU FEEL MAY BE INTERESTED. WE WOULD LIKE COMMENTS FROM EVERY CITY, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP, ETC . . .

WE WOULD APPRECIATE A POST ON YOUR WEBSITE!

If you have questions about the meeting, please call Ken Shonkwiler, OMEGA Transportation Planner at (740) 439-4471, ext. 210.

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Public Involvement Meeting

April 15, 2015

Coshocton Public Library – Coshocton, Ohio

The Honorable Steve Mercer, Mayor of the City of Coshocton was the sole attendee of this meeting which started around 7:00 pm, approximately 30 minutes after the anticipated start time (due to the absence of attendees). Due to the lack of attendance and by request of the Mayor, the formal presentation was not given, but rather a discussion of the transportation concerns using maps provided by OMEGA as a focal point. The Mayor had several concerns, such as the Columbus to Pittsburgh Corridor, Otsego Avenue improvements, and a recent slip along SR 541 inside of the city. Mayor Mercer is a proponent of widening and improving SR 16 and US 36 (part of the Columbus to Pittsburgh Corridor), which would promote development in the region. He also commented on the need for people to be able to use the Columbus to Pittsburgh Corridor for travel and how improving these sections would benefit the counties through which it passes.

OMEGA presented their findings from the crash analysis and Mayor Mercer confirmed many of the high-risk sites that had been identified, such as along 2nd Street within the city limits. Ms. Jeannette Wierzbicki and Mr. Ken Shonkwiler went on to further discuss some of the goals of the RTPD and presented additional findings. The Mayor was invited to send comments to Mr. Shonkwiler by May 15, 2015 at kens@omegadistrict.org or at 326 Highland Avenue, Suite B, Cambridge, OH 43725. The meeting was over at 7:45.



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
COSHOCKTON COUNTY
April 15th, 2015

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Overview of OMEGA
- Regional Transportation Planning
- Goals and Objectives
- Needs
- Potential Projects
- Schedule
- Survey
- Questions and Contact

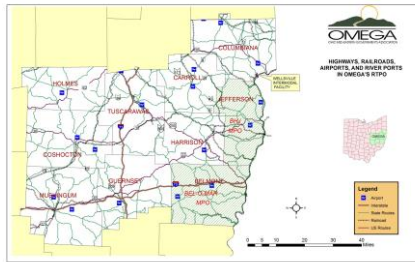
OMEGA: Who Are We?

- Local Development District
- Council of Governments
- Ten County Governments

Belmont*	Harrison
Carroll	Holmes
Columbiana	Jefferson*
Coshocton	Muskingum
Guernsey	Tuscarawas
- Eleven City Governments
Cambridge, **Coshocton**, Dover, East Liverpool, Martins Ferry, New Philadelphia, Salem, Steubenville, Toronto, Uhrichsville, and Zanesville

*Not Included in RTPO

SERVICE AREA



OMEGA'S OBJECTIVE

Foster a Cooperative Effort in Planning, Development, and Implementation of Local and Regional Plans, Programs and Projects to Promote Economic and Community Development and Improve the Quality of Life for the Residents in our District



OMEGA'S SERVICES

- Research Potential Funding Sources
- Provide Planning Assistance to Local Governments
- Provide Funding Administrative Services
- Facilitate ARC/GOA Program
- Administer Revolving Loan Fund Program
- Administer a District-Wide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Promotes Collaboration among our Members, other Governmental Agencies, Corporations, or agencies
- Serve as District Liaison for the District 14 Natural Resource Advisory Council (Clean Ohio)
- **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION: BACKGROUND

- Introduction of regional transportation planning funding to Rural Planning Organizations in states throughout the country.
- Transportation planning interest expressed by Ohio's Rural Planning Organizations
- MAP-21 Encourages state framework for implementing regional transportation planning.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RTPO)

- Develop Regional Transportation Plan
- Regional Liaison with ODOT
- Facilitate Public Outreach
- Develop Transportation Expertise

RTPO PARTNERS



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION



OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE (POLICY)
BOARD

CITIZENS ADVISORY
BOARD

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- Goals and Objectives
- Inventory of Existing Conditions
- Projection of Future Conditions
- Needs Analysis
- Fiscal Analysis
- Public Participation
- Plan Recommendations
- **Five-Year** Planning Period

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

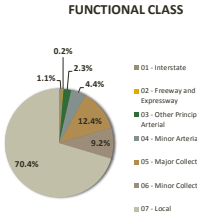
1. Maintain and Improve Existing Transportation Systems
2. Address Safety and Congestion Issues
3. Facilitate Economic and Community Development
4. Improve Quality of Life
5. Develop a Fiscally Responsible Regional Transportation Plan

BREAK OUT SESSION

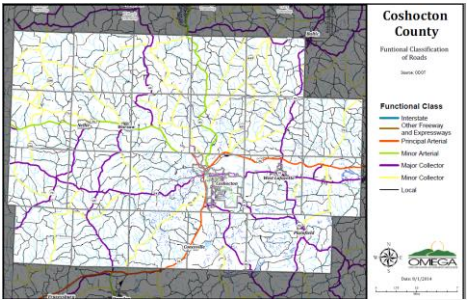


MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE EXISTING
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS: **ROADS**

- 10,350 center lane miles
- 70% Local roads
- I-77 and I-70
- Statewide Corridors:
US 30, US 36, SR 16,
US 250
- Coshocton:
 - 1,257.6 Center Lane Miles
 - 13% in Poor Condition



MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE EXISTING
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS: **ROADS**



MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE EXISTING
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS: **BRIDGES**

	RTPO	COSHOCTON COUNTY
State	1,163	107
Local	1,801	253
Total	2,964	360
General		
Appraisal <4	7%	12%



MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS: AIRPORTS

- Airports
 - 8 General Aviation Airports
 - \$31 Million Runway Maintenance
 - Richard Downing:
 - Level 1
 - 5000 Ft Runway
 - \$4.77 Million Runway Maintenance
 - Potential Upgrade



ADDRESS SAFETY AND CONGESTION: SAFETY

	<u>RTPO</u>	<u>COSHOCTON COUNTY</u>
• Total Accidents	30,113	1,250
• Fatal Accidents	171 (0.6%)	10 (0.8%)
• Injury Accidents	7,502 (25%)	275 (22%)

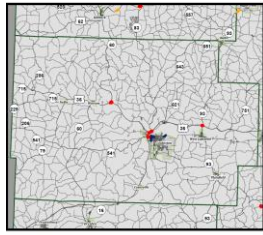
ADDRESS SAFETY AND CONGESTION: SAFETY

Priority Lists

- OMEGA Areas of Concern
- ODOT Top 100 Locations
- High Risk Rural Roads
- Highway Safety Improvement Program



ADDRESS SAFETY AND CONGESTION: SAFETY



OMEGA RTPO Region
Areas of Concern
Coshocton County

Source: ODOT MAP Data (2013), ODOT Data (2013-2014)
Date: 1/24/2015



ADDRESS SAFETY AND CONGESTION: SAFETY

Coshocton County

Crashes related by Mileage per crash
from 2009-2013

Legend

Crashes

1,000+

500

250

125

Functional Class

Rural

Interstate

Major Arterial

Minor Arterial

Collector

Local

Urban

Interstate

Major Arterial

Minor Arterial

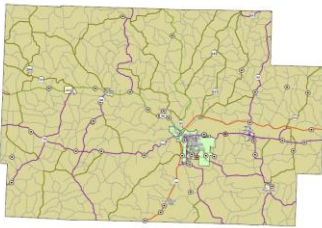
Collector

Local

Other Road

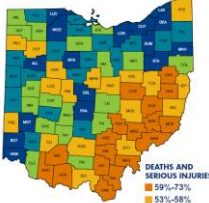
Road

OMEGA



ADDRESS SAFETY AND CONGESTION: SAFETY

ROADWAY DEPARTURE-RELATED DEATHS AND SERIOUS INJURIES BY PERCENTAGE OF COUNTY CRASHES



DEATHS AND SERIOUS INJURIES

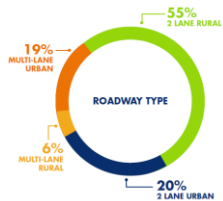
59%-73%

53%-58%

45%-52%

39%-44%

16%-38%



ROADWAY TYPE

19%

MULTI-LANE URBAN

6%

MULTI-LANE RURAL

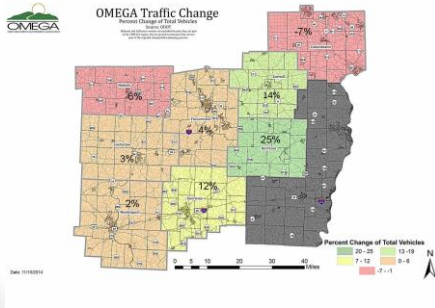
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2 LANE RURAL

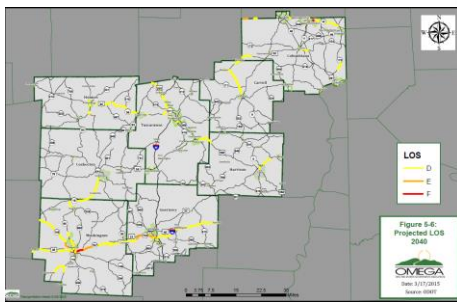
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2 LANE URBAN

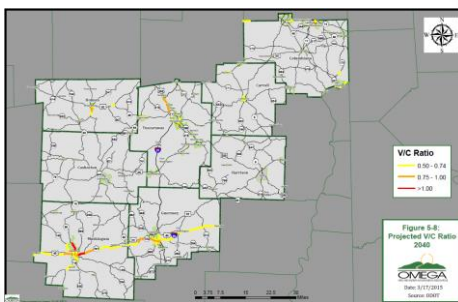
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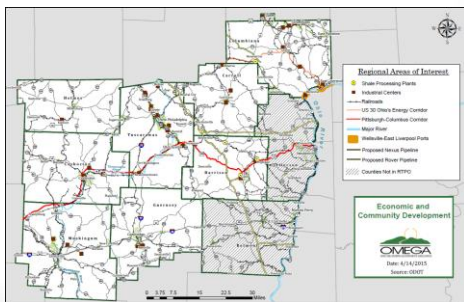
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FACILITATE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Shale Development
- Improve Access to Industrial Centers
- US 30 Ohio's Energy Corridor
- Columbus to Pittsburgh Corridor
- Increase River (Commercial and Recreation) and Port Use
- Increase Rail Use

FACILITATE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE: TRANSIT

- 4 Transit Agencies
- 2 Coordinated Transit Agencies
- Coshocton County Coordinated Transportation Agency
 - 27,446 Yearly Users
 - 8% Elderly
 - 46% Disabled



POTENTIAL PROJECTS

COSHOCTON COUNTY

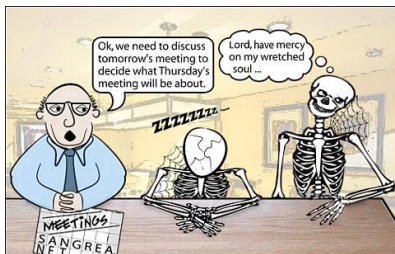
- Improve access to RockTenn Plant.
- Airport Road Extension to CR 193.
- SR 541/SR 16 Interchange programed for 2018.
- Sidewalks in the City of Coshocton.
- Alleviate congestion on 2nd Street.
- Traffic signal pre-emption for emergency vehicles.
- Roscoe Village Drainage and Sidewalks
- Signalization Improvements

SCHEDULE: FINALIZE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| • Authorization to Proceed: | July 1, 2014 | |
| • Public Participation Plan Adopted: | February 19, 2014 | ✓ |
| • Goals and Objectives: | March 31, 2014 | ✓ |
| • Existing Conditions: | July 31, 2014 | ✓ |
| • Future Conditions: | December 18, 2014 | ✓ |
| • Needs Analysis: | March 20, 2015 | ✓ |
| • Recommendations: | March 20, 2015 | ✓ |
| • Fiscal Analysis: | April 30, 2015 | ● |
| • Public Participation: | April 30, 2015 | ● |
| • Transportation Plan Finalized: | May 31, 2015 | |
| • Transportation Plan Adopted: | June 30, 2015 | |

- ✓ Completed
● In Progress

SURVEY



TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- <http://www.omegadistrict.gov/transportation>



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS



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*Please submit comments by May 15th
