

**APPENDIX D  
GUERNSEY COUNTY  
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING  
APRIL 29, 2015**

**Cindi Kerschbaumer**

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**CALLING ALL COMMENTS . . .**

**Do you have a comment about Transportation in Guernsey 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 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Branch of the Guernsey County

Public Library located at 63500 Byesville Road in Cambridge. OMEGA will provide an overview of the transportation systems in Guernsey County and the region, but more importantly, OMEGA is interested in your comments on transportation needs and improvements in Guernsey 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 Guernsey 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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# Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association seeks public's input on transportation needs

Published: April 20, 2015 1:00PM

The Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association will host a public involvement meeting next week to explore the transportation needs of Guernsey County and the region.

The meeting will be Wednesday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Branch Library, 63500 Byesville Road, Cambridge.

OMEGA will provide an overview of the transportation systems in Guernsey County and the region, but more interested in citizens' comments about transportation needs and improvements in Guernsey County.

The wish for public participation stems in part from the fact that OMEGA is participating in a pilot program for "Regional Transportation Planning Organization."

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," OMEGA Executive Director Greg DiDonato said.

Expected among the potential benefits of this program are:

- Expanding regional transportation planning coverage area,
- Strengthening existing partnerships,
- Establishing framework for future data.



## **Public Involvement Meeting**

**April 29, 2015**

### **Crossroads Public Library – Cambridge, Ohio**

On April 29, 2015, Ms. Jeannette Wierzbicki, P.E. Assistant Executive Director, Transportation/Grants Manager and Mr. Ken Shonkwiler, Transportation Planner/GIS Coordinator from the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) conducted a public meeting in Guernsey County to discuss the Regional Transportation Plan being developed for the region. A copy of the attendance list is attached and a copy of the presentation will be provided on OMEGA's website and in the appendices to the Regional Transportation Plan.

Ms. Wierzbicki provided a brief overview of OMEGA and the Regional Transportation Plan. After introductions and the overview, Ms. Wierzbicki introduced the breakout session, where attendees were invited to participate in a mapping activity. Ms. Arlene Johnson from SEAT explained many of the current problems regarding funding. A reduction in funding from the county may lead SEAT to reduce services unless additional revenue sources are found. She also pointed out how the current veteran benefit users are forced to wait extremely long periods when using their transit services, and how SEAT is currently unable to provide trips outside of their service area to accommodate veterans. Ms. Johnson also expressed a need for smaller 4-wheel drive vehicles to reach clients in remote sections of the county. Ms. Charlene Downing made comments on the recent school bus accident on SR 660 and suggested putting up School Bus Stop Ahead signs where the accident occurred. She also suggested that the area in Buckeyeville, where the accident happened, have a speed reduction from its current 45 mph speed limit. Other general comments included the congestion along SR 209, narrow lanes on SR 209 especially in and around Tractor Supply, widening the turning radius at the intersection of Wheeling Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> street in Cambridge, increasing signage and speed limit enforcement outside of Zane State/ Detroit Diesel, installing a bike lane between New Concord and Cambridge along US 40, congestion near the hospital when school lets out, and addressing

crashes on US 22. Randy Comisford from District 5 provided background information on many of these topics as well.

Mr. Shonkwiler then reviewed both regional and Guernsey County transportation data; including areas of concern, congestion, specific transportation needs, and potential projects. Additionally, transportation surveys were provided and completed by the attendees. Meeting attendees were encouraged to submit comments to Ken Shonkwiler by May 29, 2015 at [kens@omegadistrict.org](mailto:kens@omegadistrict.org) or at 326 Highland Avenue, Suite B, Cambridge, OH 43725.

The meeting adjourned by 7:50 pm.





# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
GUERNSEY COUNTY  
April 29, 2015

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## AGENDA

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

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## OMEGA: Who Are We?

- Local Development District
- Council of Governments
- Ten County Governments
  - Belmont\*           Harrison
  - Carroll             Holmes
  - Harrison           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 RTP0

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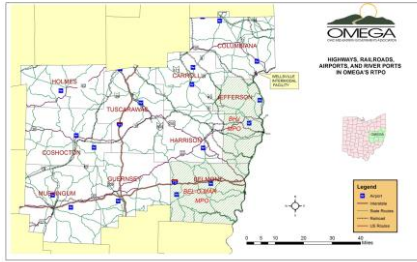
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## SERVICE AREA




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## 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**




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## REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RTPO)

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

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## RTPO PARTNERS

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**EXECUTIVE (POLICY) BOARD**

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD**

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## 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

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## 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

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## BREAK OUT SESSION




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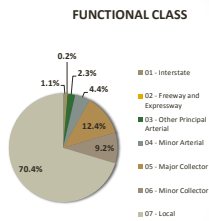
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### MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS: **ROADS**

- 10,350 center lane miles
- 70% Local roads
- I-77 and I-70
- Statewide Primary Corridors: US 30, US 22, US 36, SR 7, SR 16, US 250
- Guernsey County: 1,339.9 center lane miles




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

	<u>RTPO</u>	<u>GUERNSEY COUNTY</u>
State	1,163	204
Local	1,801	284
Total	2,964	488
General Appraisal <4	7%	6%




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## MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS: AIRPORTS

- Airports
  - 8 General Aviation Airports
  - \$31 Million Runway Maintenance
- Cambridge Municipal
  - Level 3
  - 4,298 Ft Runway
  - \$2,237,000 in Runway Maintenance and Upgrades




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## ADDRESS SAFETY AND CONGESTION: SAFETY

	<u>RTPO</u>	<u>GUERNSEY COUNTY</u>
• Total Accidents	30,113	3,567
• Fatal Accidents	171 (0.6%)	18 (0.5%)
• Injury Accidents	7,502 (25%)	829 (23%)

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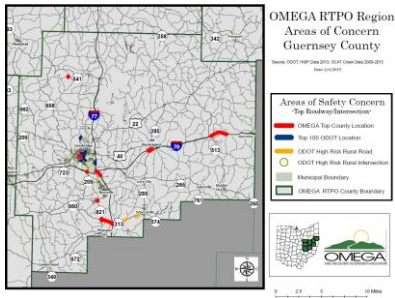
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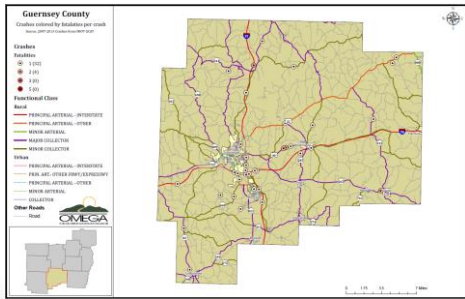
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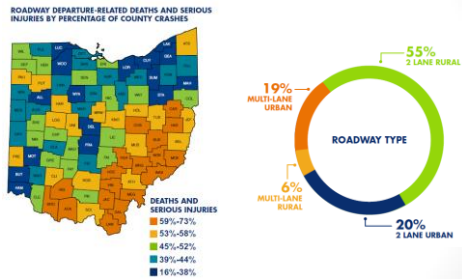
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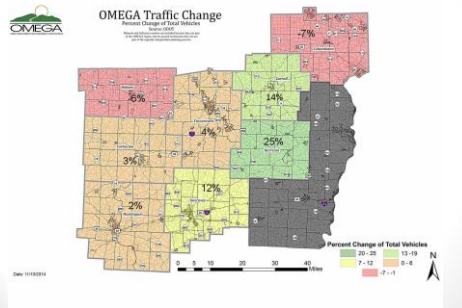
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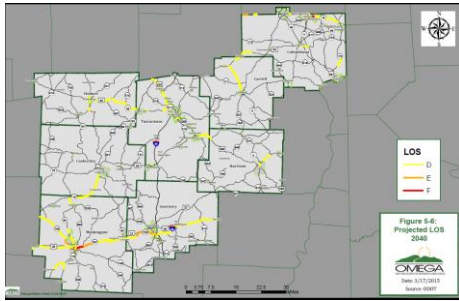
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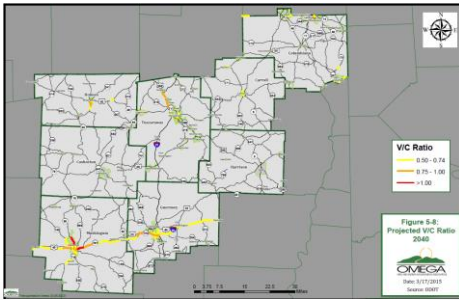
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### ADDRESS SAFETY AND CONGESTION: CONGESTION



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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

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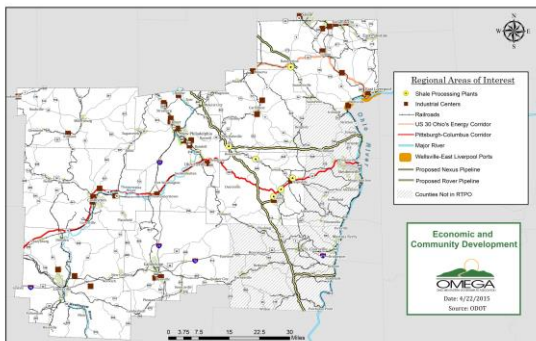
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## IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE: TRANSIT

- 4 Transit Agencies
- 2 Coordinated Transportation Agencies
- South East Area Transit (SEAT)
  - Guernsey and Muskingum
  - 122,872 Yearly Users
  - 64% Elderly/Disabled




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## IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE

- Pedestrian Access
  - South Coshocton Sidewalk Project
  - Dennison Sidewalk Improvements
  - Cambridge SRTS
- Bicycle Trails
  - 10 in Region
  - Plans for Additions
  - Regional Mapping




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## POTENTIAL PROJECTS

### GUERNSEY COUNTY

- Improved Access off I-77 north of Cambridge (Broom Road/Eckelberry Road)
- US 22, east of I-77 Potential Development that may need road improvements.
- US 40, east of I-77 Potential Development that may need road improvements.
- US 40/Old National Road "Y" Intersection Improvements.
- Vocational Road/SR 313 Improvements
- SR 313, east of I-77 Potential Development that may need road improvements
- Deerpath Drive/County Road 35 (old 21) Intersection Improvements.
- Access Road (BP Station Old 21)
- Access to County Home Property (rail and trucks)
- Coordination with State's Emergency Evacuation Routes.

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## LONG TERM PROJECTS

### OMEGA REGION

- US 30 Ohio's Energy Corridor from Stark County to SR 11
- Columbus to Pittsburgh Corridor to include US 250 through Harrison County
- Improve US 36 Corridor between Newcomerstown and Dennison
- Improve US 250 Corridor through Strasburg
- Provide elevated road for access to the Wilshire Hills area of Lawrence Township
- SR 250 West Bound directly to I-77 Southbound
- Access improvements to Eastpointe Business Park, Muskingum County

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## SURVEY




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## SCHEDULE:

- Finalize Transportation Plan: May 31, 2015
  
- **Adopt Transportation Plan: June 30, 2015**

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## NEXT STEPS: 2016 to 2017

- **Management Duties**
  - Transportation Improvement Plan 2018 to 2021
  - Statewide Planning
  - Technical Assistance
  - Transportation Expertise
  - Public Involvement
- **Asset Management**
- **Grant Writing**
- **Plan Implementation**
  - Corridor Studies
  - Safety Studies
  - Transit Work Group
  - Regional Bicycle Trail Map

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## TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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



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## QUESTIONS/COMMENTS



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\*Please submit comments by **May 29<sup>TH</sup>**

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