

**APPENDIX E  
HARRISON COUNTY  
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2015**

**Cindi Kerschbaumer**

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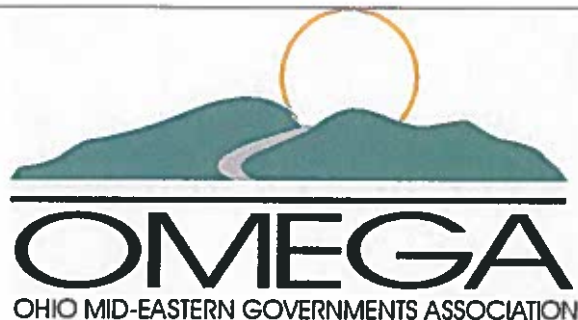
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## CALLING ALL COMMENTS . . .

**Do you have a comment about Transportation in Harrison 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 Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Puskarich Public Library, 200 East Market Street,

Cadiz, OH 43907. OMEGA will provide an overview of the transportation systems in Harrison County and the region, but more importantly, OMEGA is interested in your comments on transportation needs and improvements in Harrison 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 Harrison 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 21, 2015**  
**Puskarich Public Library**  
**Cadiz, Ohio**

On April 21, 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 Harrison 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. Following this overview, attendees participated in a breakout session to discuss transportation needs and areas of concern in Harrison County and the region. Attendees provided valuable feedback and information on the needs of Harrison County.

Specific needs discussed included:

- Columbus to Pittsburgh Corridor
- Improvements to SR 151 to reduce crashes and congestions, to address rail crossings, and to add turn lanes at the SR 332/SR 151 intersection and at the SR 151/US 250 intersection
- Extension of runway at the Harrison County Airport

Much of the discussion focused on the need to develop the Columbus to Pittsburgh Corridor, the primary need identified by the attendees. Improving this corridor would ultimately improve safety, congestion, and enhance economic development within the county and region. Mr. Nick Homrighausen, Economic Development Director for Harrison County identified the county's current priorities to develop this corridor through Harrison County.

- Widen 2 lane section to 4 lane on US 22 from Cadiz to Hopedale
- Improve US 250 from Tuscarawas County Line to Tappan Lake
- Improve US 250 from Tappan Lake to US 22
- Improve US 250 along Tappan Lake

Attendees indicated that the section of US 250 along Tappan Lake would be the most difficult to construct and that increasing US 22 from a two-lane road just east of Cadiz to a four-lane road just west of Hopedale would be the easiest to construct. Ms. Barb Pinicola provided information on past efforts to develop and improve the corridor as well.

Increased rail use has caused wait times to become more frequent and longer at rail crossings, which may cause emergency vehicles to be delayed. At grade separations may be needed at rail crossings to address this concern.

Safety and congestion along the two-lane section of US 22 between the Guernsey County line and Cadiz were also of concern. Mr. Homrighausen also commented that, with the 52 new pipelines that are planned across Harrison County, shale activity will likely impact the transportation systems even greater in the future. Additional priority locations were noted and recorded during the mapping session.

Mr. Shonkwiler then reviewed both regional and Harrison 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 Mr. Shonkwiler by May 21, 2015 at [kens@omegadistrict.org](mailto:kens@omegadistrict.org) or at 326 Highland Avenue, Suite B, Cambridge, OH 43725.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.





## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
HARRISON COUNTY  
April 21, 2015

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## AGENDA

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

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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 RTPD

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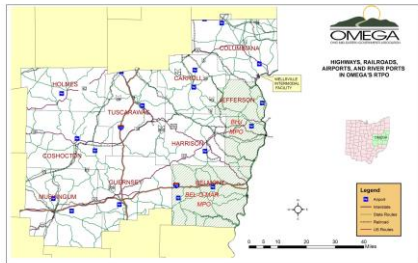
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## SERVICE AREA




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## 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




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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: 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.

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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



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION



OHIO AND EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION

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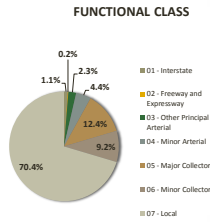
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## MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS: **ROADS**

- 10,350 center lane miles
- 70% Local roads
- I-77 and I-70
- Statewide Corridors: US 30, US 36, SR 16, US 250
- Harrison County:
  - 894.4 Center Lane Miles
  - 40 Miles in Fair to Poor/ Poor Condition



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

	<u>RTPO</u>	<u>HARRISON COUNTY</u>
State	1,163	91
Local	1,801	93
Total	2,964	184
General		
Appraisal <4	7%	3%



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

- Airports
  - 8 General Aviation Airports
  - \$31 Million Runway Maintenance
- Harrison County
  - Level 3
  - 3,765 Ft Runway
  - \$2,430,000 in Runway Maintenance and Upgrades



## ADDRESS SAFETY AND CONGESTION: SAFETY

	<u>RTPO</u>	<u>HARRISON COUNTY</u>
• Total Accidents	30,113	983
• Fatal Accidents	171 (0.6%)	15 (2%)
• Injury Accidents	7,502 (25%)	298 (30%)

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## ADDRESS SAFETY AND CONGESTION: SAFETY

### Priority Lists

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




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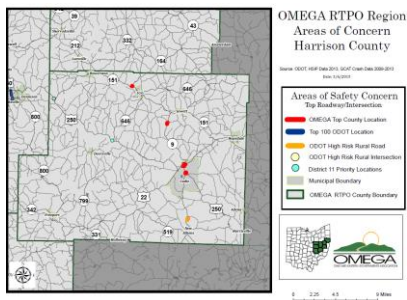
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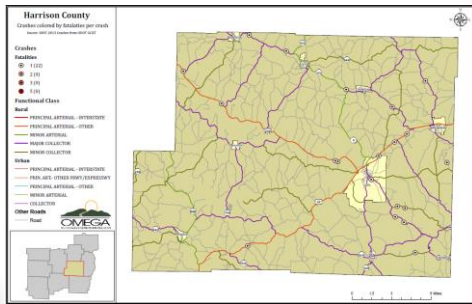
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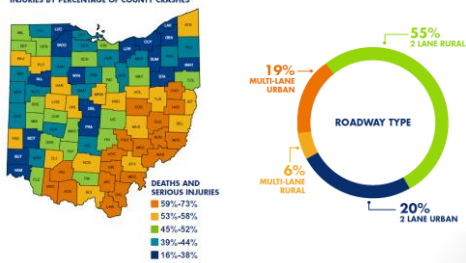
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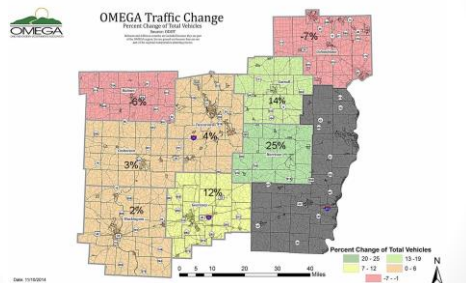


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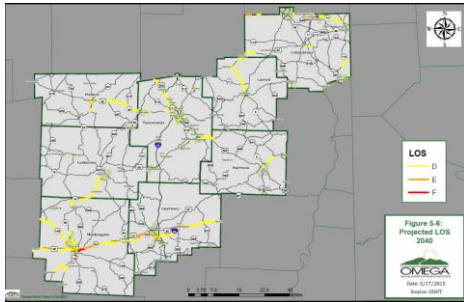
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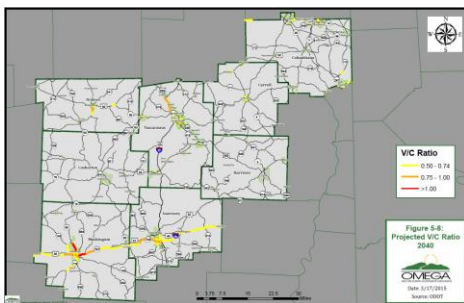
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## ADDRESS SAFETY AND CONGESTION: CONGESTION




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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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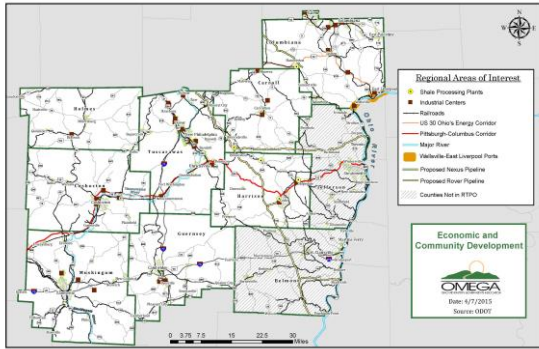
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## IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE: TRANSIT

- 4 Transit Agencies
- 2 Coordinated Transit Agencies
- Harrison County Rural Transit
  - 17,873 Yearly Users
  - 50.41% Elderly/Disabled




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## IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE

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




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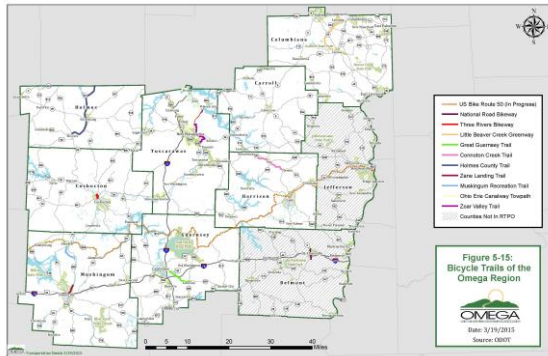
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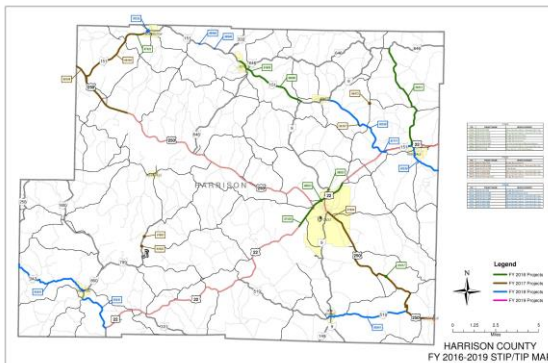
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## POTENTIAL PROJECTS

### HARRISON COUNTY

1. Replacement of CR 51 Bridge (currently closed) which spans the Norfolk and Western Railroad
2. Lengthen airport runway from 4,400 feet to 5,000 feet
3. Upgrade of county and township highways accessing gas processing plants
  - CR 29
  - Giacobbi Road
  - CR 44 between SR 151 and CR 43
4. Re-designation of CR 29 (Industrial Park Road) as a State Highway
5. Village of Cadiz: US 22 and Industrial Park Road Intersection acceleration and deceleration lanes needed
6. Zitzko Road Bridge Replacement
7. Rehabilitation of rail line from the new MarkWest
8. Intersection of US 22 and SR 800 just east of the Harrison County line
9. Intersection of SR 800 and SR 799 north of the Village of Freeport turning radius improvement
10. Village of Cadiz: US 22 and N. Main Street Intersection, acceleration lane headed west

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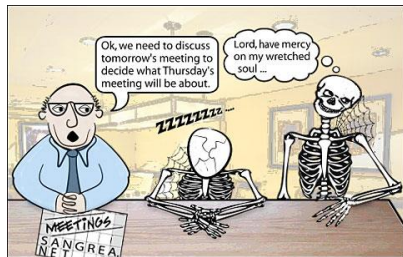
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## POTENTIAL PROJECTS

11. Village of Cadiz: SR 9 Ramp off of US 22 east bound, turning lanes, lighting and signal needed (heavy truck traffic), lighting on SR 9 to new rail facility
12. Development of SR 151 Corridor; resurface SR 151 between Jewett and Bowerston
13. Rehabilitation of Wheeling and Lake Erie rail line from Hopedale to Warrenton on the Ohio River
14. Full depth reclamation and resurfacing of CR 13 between CR 12 and US 22 which will serve a new major aggregate operation
15. Village of Freeport: Signal at the intersection of SR 800 and the beginning of SR 342. Widening of SR 800
16. Village of Jewett: Widen intersection of SR 9 and SR 151, especially north on SR 9
17. Village of New Athens: Signal at the intersection of SR 9 and SR 519
18. Village of Scio: need for better lighting and caution lights around the intersection of SR 151 and SR 332
19. Junction at Jewett Logistics Campus

## SURVEY



## SCHEDULE: FINALIZE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- |                                       |                      |   |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| • 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         |   |
| • <b>Transportation Plan Adopted:</b> | <b>June 30, 2015</b> |   |

- ✓ Completed  
⊕ In Progress

## TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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




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## QUESTIONS/COMMENTS



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\*Please submit comments by May 21<sup>st</sup>

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