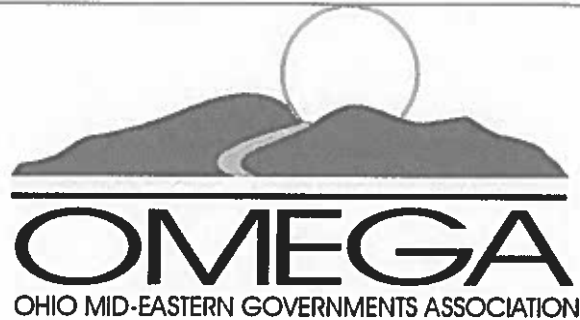


**APPENDIX G
MUSKINGUM COUNTY
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING
MAY 5, 2015**

From: Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 4:07 PM
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Subject: Calling all transportation comments for Muskingum County



CALLING ALL COMMENTS . . .

Do you have a comment about Transportation in Muskingum 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, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Muskingum County Library located at 220 North Fifth Street in Zanesville. OMEGA will provide an overview of the transportation systems in Muskingum County and the region, but more importantly, OMEGA is interested in your comments on transportation needs and improvements in Muskingum 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 Muskingum 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

May 5, 2015

John McIntire Public Library – Zanesville, 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 Muskingum 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 introductions and the overview, the breakout session occurred. The Honorable Jeff Tilton, Mayor of the City of Zanesville and Randy Comisford of ODOT shared their thoughts on transportation issues in the county and OMEGA region. Mayor Tilton's major concern was congestion on Maple Avenue. With the expansion of Genesis hospital, he anticipates the problem to become much worse. Mayor Tilton believes that a decisive plan for the road is going to be needed for the future. This is the number one priority of the Mayor and the city. He reported that emergency vehicles already have an extremely hard time with the traffic on Maple Avenue, and that this problem will worsen with the re-opening of the hospital. Despite requests from the Mayor, emergency vehicles will drive against traffic during times of need, which he expects will be more frequent once the hospital is open. He feels that there will need to be an emergency vehicle lane after the reopening of the Genesis hospital. He indicated that the city is less apt to encourage businesses to locate on Maple Avenue now as well. The Mayor also commented that many parts of the city and county need basic road pavement improvements, citing the harsh winter that occurred previously. Bridges were another concern of the mayor; due to lack of funding, some county bridges may have to close in the future. The Y Bridge also needs renovations and painting at the railroad crossing as well. With regards to transit, the mayor stated that the city contributes \$80,000 a year to SEAT and says that fixed route services are not being used as much. He acknowledged that, although there is not a lot

of shale activity in Muskingum County, many businesses have located to Muskingum County that provide services to the shale industry, such as Haliburton.

Mr. Shonkwiler then reviewed both regional and Muskingum 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 June 5, 2015 at kens@omegadistrict.org or at 326 Highland Avenue, Suite B, Cambridge, OH 43725.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MUSKINGUM COUNTY
MAY 5, 2015

AGENDA

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

OMEGA: Who Are We?

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

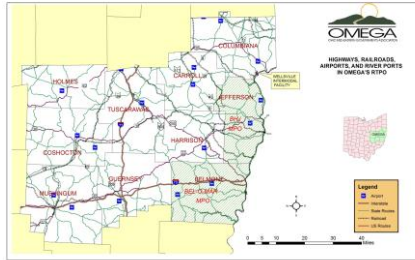
Belmont*	Harrison
Carroll	Holmes
Harrison	Jefferson*
Coshocton	Muskingum
Guernsey	Tuscarawas

- Eleven City Governments

Cambridge, Coshocton, Dover, East Liverpool, Martins Ferry, New Philadelphia, Salem, Steubenville, Toronto, Uhrichsville, and Zanesville

*Not Included in RTPO

SERVICE AREA



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 (RTPO)

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

RTPO PARTNERS



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

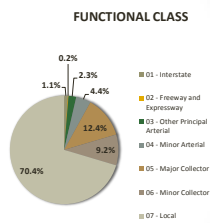
1. Maintain and Improve Existing Transportation Systems
2. Address Safety and Congestion Issues
3. Facilitate Economic and Community Development
4. Improve Quality of Life
5. Develop a Fiscally Responsible Regional Transportation Plan

BREAK OUT SESSION



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

- 10,350 center lane miles
- 70% Local roads
- I-77 and I-70
- Statewide Primary Corridors: US 30, US 22, US 36, SR 7, SR 16, US 250
- Muskingum County: 1,674.5 center lane miles



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

	<u>RTPO</u>	<u>MUSKINGUM COUNTY</u>
State	1,163	209
Local	1,801	306
Total	2,964	515
General		
Appraisal <4	7%	15%



MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS: AIRPORTS

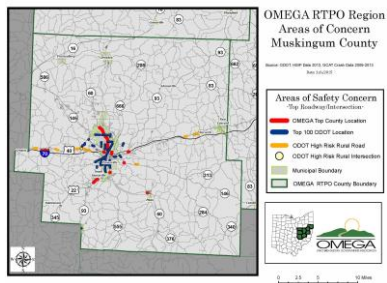
- Airports
 - 8 General Aviation Airports
 - \$31 Million Runway Maintenance
- Zanesville Municipal
 - Level 1
 - 5,000 Ft Runway
 - \$12,907,000 in Runway Maintenance and Upgrades



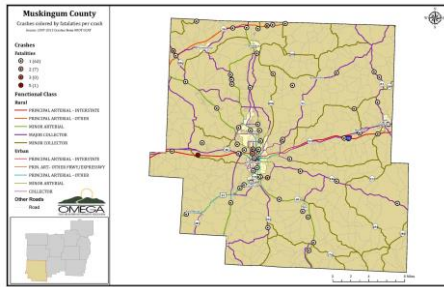
ADDRESS SAFETY AND CONGESTION: SAFETY

	<u>RTPO</u>	<u>MUSKINGUM COUNTY</u>
• Total Accidents	30,113	7,398
• Fatal Accidents	171 (0.6%)	30 (0.4%)
• Injury Accidents	7,502 (25%)	1,728 (23%)

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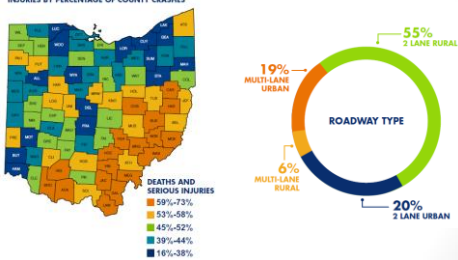


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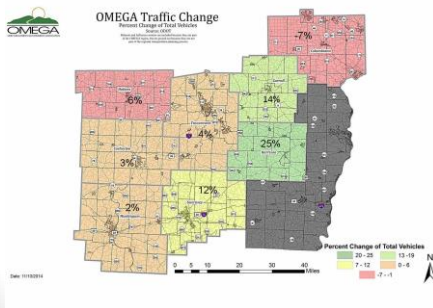


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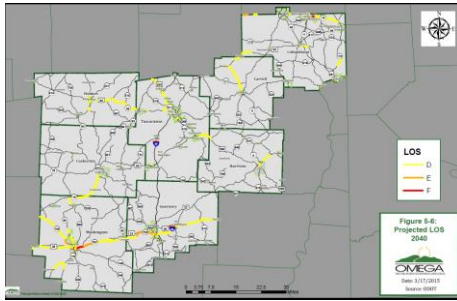
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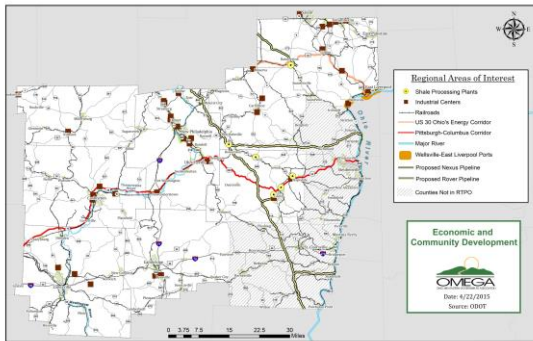


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IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE: TRANSIT

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



POTENTIAL PROJECTS

MUSKINGUM COUNTY

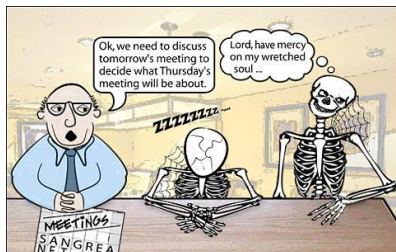
1. Alleviate Congestion on Maple Avenue
2. Philo/Duncan Falls (CR 32) Bridge Replacement
3. Dillon Falls Road Re-alignment
4. Turn Lane for SR 146/Northpointe Drive Intersection
5. West Pike Access Improvements (I-70/US 40 Interchange area)

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 for an elevated road for access to the Wilkshire Hills area of Lawrence Township
- SR 250 West Bound directly to I-77 Southbound
- Access improvements to Eastpointe Business Park, Muskingum County

SURVEY



SCHEDULE:

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

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

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS



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