



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

November 13, 2019

ODOT District 11 Headquarters – New Philadelphia

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

Mr. Kevin Buettner gave an overview of the rural consultation and gave an RTIP (2021-2024) update. ODOT State Line Item maps were provided for each county. Interactive maps are available on OMEGA's website as well. Maps may change in the next couple months as ODOT updates their project list. OMEGA is still taking local projects through the RTPO Transportation Project Needs form on the website. The OMEGA Transportation Survey is still available to take online through the end of November.

Ms. Jeannette Wierzbicki, P.E. explained that she and the other RTPOs will be meeting with ODOT Director Marchbanks to discuss the lack of capital funding for the RTPOs. Ms. Wierzbicki reiterated to please let OMEGA know about unfunded projects in order to advocate to Director Marchbanks as evidence for the need for capital funding. ODOT reached out to the RTPOs for justification for the gas tax increase.

Mr. Buettner provided an update on the Long-Range Transportation Plan. As part of this update, the group participated in an open brainstorming and discussion activity for new objectives to go along with the new proposed goals for 2020. Mr. Buettner provided information on where the Long-Range Transportation & CEDS Plan is located on OMEGA's website

Mr. Buettner reiterated 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 gave an update of activities to date and an overview of the coordinated human services transportation pilot program. The draft plan is now available for review and comment through the end of November.

Mr. Buettner provided information on the RFQ. Up to \$30,000 will be available. The group may discuss options for how to select projects that the planning funds will go toward. OMEGA will send out a Doodle poll for the group to select which option they prefer and will report back to the group with the result of the poll.

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

Mr. Bachman adjourned the meeting at 11:40. Next meeting is on February 20, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. This meeting may be a web conference.