RTPO Work Program & Budget SFY 2021

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1.0 OVERVIEW

The Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) is organized as a Council of Governments pursuant to Section 167 of the Ohio Revised Code and is designated by the Appalachian Regional Commission as a Local Development District and by the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, as an Economic Development District. OMEGA is a collaborative body of member governments that serves as a facilitator between state and federal government agencies and local entities to provide opportunities in economic and community development through networking, education, planning, research, and allocation of resources. OMEGA's mission is to provide a pathway to enhance community and economic growth in the region.

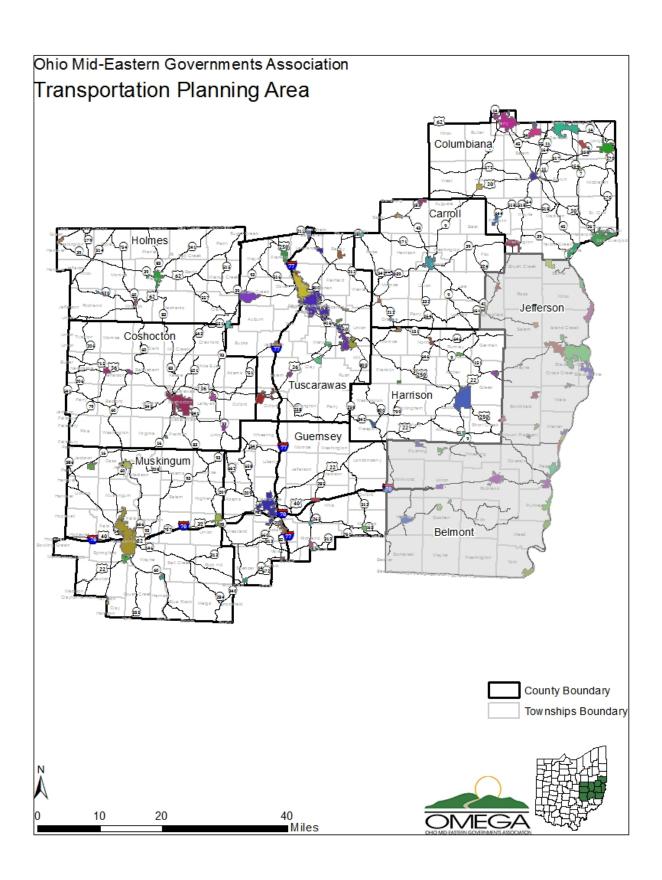
On January 27, 2016, Governor John Kasich, pursuant to United States Code, Title 23, Section 135 (m), officially designated OMEGA as an Ohio Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). The OMEGA RTPO includes Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas Counties. Transportation planning activities in Jefferson and Belmont counties are provided by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations of Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission (BHJ) and Belomar Regional Council, respectively.

In June 2015, OMEGA completed a Regional Transportation Plan. Outlined in the Regional Transportation Plan were the following goals:

- Maintain and Improve Existing Transportation Systems
- Address Safety and Congestion
- Improve Quality of Life
- ❖ Facilitate Economic and Community Development

The following RTPO Work Program outlines the activities and deliverables that will be undertaken by the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association, hereinafter referred to as the AGENCY, in SFY 2021, which begins on July 1, 2020 and ends June 30, 2021. These activities will allow the AGENCY to meet the goals and objectives of the Regional Transportation Plan.

The AGENCY's Work Plan will focus on short-term planning activities, developing the biennial Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP), database management, updating the long-range Regional Transportation Plan, technical services and grant writing for transportation system improvements, participation in statewide transportation planning activities, long-range corridor planning, special studies, development of performance measures, and continued development of transportation expertise.

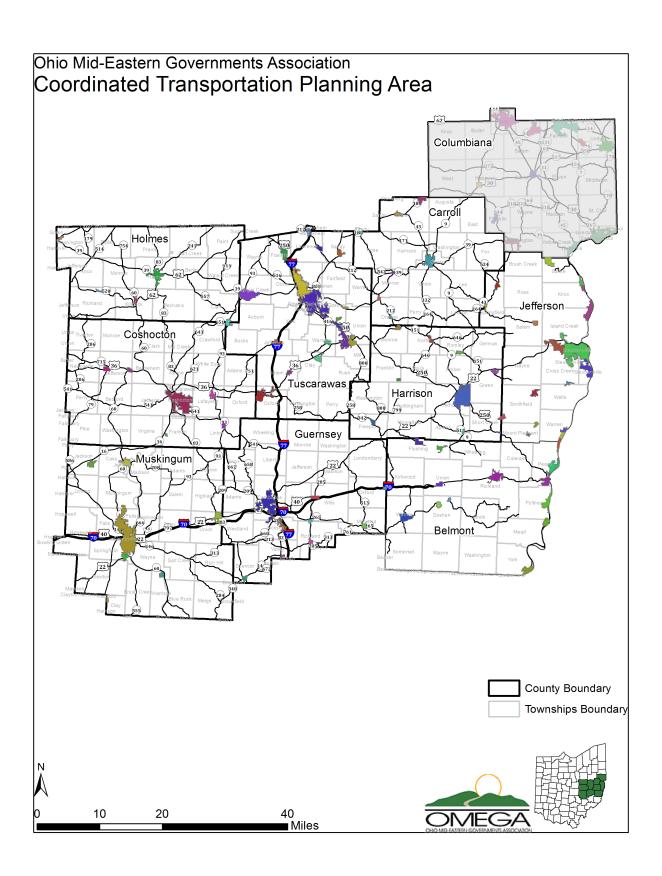


The ODOT Office of Transit is developing Specialized-Transportation Planning Regions for the state with a focus on public and human service transportation services. These proposed regions were based on the existing MPO/RTPO map, as well as the eleven Area Agency on Aging Regions in Ohio. The ODOT Office of Transit has proposed that the rural pilot region will consist of the following counties: Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Holmes, Harrison, Jefferson, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas. This is the same region as served by the Ohio Area Agency on Agency Region 9 and includes all of OMEGA's counties except Columbiana County. Excluding Holmes County, the other eight counties in the region are served by a transit agency or coordinated transportation agency.

Goals of this project include:

- Facilitate the establishment of coordinated plans in the counties that either do not currently
 have one or do not have the resources to update existing plans to be compliant with ODOT's
 new coordinated plan template and guidance;
- Once the initial framework is in place and all the counties meet minimum ODOT compliance, implement regional plans to broaden the view of the transportation resources along with the goals and strategies for meeting unmet transportation needs for the region;
- Administer Section 5310 projects on ODOT's behalf for the region. This could include project selection and/or oversight.

During the first year of this pilot program, OMEGA assisted five counties with the development or update of local coordinated plans. During the second year of the program, OMEGA in conjunction with the Regional Coordinated Council, transportation service agencies, other agencies and stakeholders, and the general public developed a regional coordinated plan. In FY 2021, OMEGA will continue to implement the plan as part of the continuation of the pilot program.



2.0 DELIVERABLES AND ACTIVITIES

The AGENCY's SFY 2021 planning program will focus on the following ODOT MPO/RTPO Work Program Subcategories:

❖ 601: Short Range Planning

❖ 602: Transportation Improvement Plan

❖ 605: Continuing Planning – Surveillance

❖ 610: Transportation Plan

615: Continuing Surveillance –
 Procedural Development

❖ 625: Services

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665: Special Studies

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❖ 697: Transportation Program Reporting

601: Short Range Planning

Short range planning activities will include the identification and analysis of near-term transportation problems/needs and the development of recommended solutions.

Activity	Agency/Agencies	Schedule
Safety Planning: The AGENCY will participate in ODOT District Safety Review Teams and Fatality Review Boards.	OMEGA, ODOT	Ongoing
Safety Planning: Five of the eight counties in the RTPO: Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas are designated Ohio Safe Communities. The AGENCY will participate in each of these Safe Community organizations.	OMEGA, Local Governments and Agencies	Ongoing
Safe Routes to School: The AGENCY will assist/facilitate with the development of two School Travel Plans. In the OMEGA RTPO, there are 47 school districts. However, only 11 of these districts have approved School Travel Plans	OMEGA, ODOT, Local Governments, and School Districts	As Requested
Safety Report Update: The AGENCY will annually update a regional safety report to determine high risk crash locations throughout the region.	OMEGA	May 2021
Safety Studies: The AGENCY will identify high-risk crash areas to the ODOT Local Road Safety Program and participate in safety studies	OMEGA, Local Governments, ODOT	Ongoing
Tri-County Active Transportation Plan: The AGENCY will revise the Tri-County Active Transportation Plan.	OMEGA, Holmes County, Tuscarawas County, and Coshocton County stakeholders	December 2020

Activity	Agency/Agencies	Schedule
Tri-County Active Transportation Plan: In 2021, the AGENCY will begin implementation of action items from the Tri-County Active Transportation Plan. Activities include develop trip generation maps and recommended truck routes, conduct bicycle/pedestrian counts, analyze crashes, identify countermeasures, research funding opportunities for countermeasures, conduct sidewalk inventory, and other tasks outlined within the plan.	OMEGA, Holmes County, Tuscarawas County, and Coshocton County stakeholders	Ongoing
GIS Mapping: The AGENCY will utilize ArcGIS Desktop/ArcGIS Pro to analyze and portray transportation data throughout the planning process.	OMEGA	As Requested
Assistance to Local Governments: The AGENCY will provide transportation planning services to local governments to develop, update, or implement local planning efforts.	OMEGA	As Requested

602: Transportation Improvement Plan

Every two years, the AGENCY will formally develop a Regional Transportation Improvement (RTIP) that will cover a four-year program of transportation system improvements. In SFY 2020, the AGENCY completed the RTIP for State Fiscal Years 2021-2024. The AGENCY also included projects in the RTIP that are currently unfunded with the goal to work with communities on getting these projects funded.

Activity	Agency/Agencies	Schedule
The AGENCY will monitor updates to the STIP and will continue to solicit projects from the AGENCY's members to include on the unfunded project list.	OMEGA, ODOT, Local Governments	Ongoing
The AGENCY will identify potential sources of funding for projects that are not currently programmed by ODOT.	OMEGA, ODOT, Local Governments	Ongoing

605: Continuing Planning – Surveillance

The AGENCY will maintain basic data files or input to other aspects of the ongoing transportation planning process. These databases will include, but are not limited to:

- Traffic Counts
- Bridges
- Crashes
- Level of Service & Volume to Capacity Ratios
- Functional Classification
- ❖ Pavement Condition Rating

- Demographics
- Land Use and New Developments
- Maritime Assets
- Rail Assets
- Airports
- ❖ Bike & Pedestrian Trails and Bike Routes
- Shale Development Activities

Activity	Agency/Agencies	Schedule
Database Collection/Administration: The AGENCY will develop and maintain transportation databases and serve as the primary source for regional transportation related data.	OMEGA	Ongoing
Submit Traffic Count Data: The AGENCY will process and submit all collected traffic count data for inclusion in the statewide database.	OMEGA, ODOT Traffic Management	Ongoing

610: Transportation Plan

In FY 2020, the AGENCY completed an update to the Long Range Regional Transportation Plan. This plan also included the Economic Development Administration's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). In FY 2021, the AGENCY will prepare a stand-alone Executive Summary of the Long Range Plan and will continue to work with local governments and ODOT on updating the Priority Project List, project development and identification of potential funding sources to implement projects which will meet the goals and objectives of the long-range plan.

Activity	Agency/Agencies	Schedule
Executive Summary	OMEGA	September 2020
Project Development	OMEGA, Local Governments, ODOT	Ongoing
Update Project Priority List	OMEGA, Local Governments, ODOT	Ongoing
Web-based County Information Maps: The AGENCY will update interactive maps to display current transportation data per county as well as priority projects	OMEGA	June 2021

615: Continuing Surveillance - Procedural Development

The AGENCY will continue to develop transportation planning expertise, techniques, and technologies through participation in seminars, workshops, conferences, and professional organizations.

Activity	Agency/Agencies	Schedule
Training : Develop transportation planning expertise by working with ODOT, other RTPOs and MPOs, and participation in training, workshops, and conferences.	OMEGA	Ongoing
Appalachian Ohio Geospatial Data Partnership (AOGDP): AGENCY will continue to be a member and active participant of AOGDP to develop and maintain core GIS competencies. AOGDP is a focus group consisting of staff from MPOs/RTPOs/LPAs to develop innovative means to utilize GIS in transportation planning activities.	OMEGA, Eastgate, Buckeye Hills, OVRDC, MWCD, Ohio University, Local Governments	Ongoing
Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC): AGENCY will continue to be a member and active participant of OARC to include the Transportation Director's meetings. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to learn about the latest transportation planning techniques and technologies.	OMEGA	Ongoing

625: Services

The AGENCY will provide planning assistance, data, information, and reports to individuals and organizations involved in community development, planning, and implementation activities as related to transportation. Specific services to be provided by the AGENCY are summarized in the following table.

Activity	Agency/Agencies	Schedule
Road Safety Audits	OMEGA, ODOT, Local	As Requested
Road Safety Addits	Governments, and Agencies	As Nequested
Traffic Counts	OMEGA	As Requested
Pedestrian and Bicycle Counts	OMEGA	As Requested
Crash Analysis	OMEGA, ODOT, Local	Ongoing
Crash Analysis	Governments, and Agencies	Ongoing
Ball-Banking Curves	OMEGA	As Requested
Safety and/or Traffic Studies: The AGENCY will		
use the services of an ODOT task order	OMEGA, Local	As Requested
consultant to assist with safety studies or traffic	Governments, and Agencies	As nequested
studies.		
Grant Writing	OMEGA, Local	As Requested
Grant Writing	Governments, and Agencies	As Requested
Organize/Host Regional Transportation		
Workshop on Transportation Funding	OMEGA	Fall 2020
Opportunities		

Activity	Agency/Agencies	Schedule
The AGENCY will send e-mail notifications to		
local governments, agencies, businesses and	OMEGA	On going
interested citizens concerning upcoming	OWIEGA	On-going
transportation events and funding opportunities.		

The AGENCY will identify possible sources for funding locally sponsored transportation projects. The AGENCY will continue to provide grant writing services and assistance for transportation system improvement projects from the following programs:

- ARC Access Road and Area Development Programs
- CDBG Allocation
- CDBG Critical Infrastructure
- County Engineers Association (CEAO)
- ODNR Clean Ohio Trails Fund
- ODNR Recreational Trails
- ODOT Municipal Bridge
- Roadwork 629
- ODOT Jobs and Commerce

- ODOT Rural Transit
- ODOT Safe Routes to Schools
- ODOT Safety
- ODOT Small Cities
- ODOT Township Sign
- ODOT Transportation Alternatives
- OPWC Local Transportation Improvements
- OPWC State Capital Improvement
- USDOT/FHWA Grant Programs

630: Participation in Statewide Planning

AGENCY will provide assistance to ODOT in the development of statewide transportation planning activities. This assistance has included participation in the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) Transportation Safety Planning Work Group, Rural Intercity Bus Advisory Committee (RIBAC), Access Ohio 2045, and other statewide planning initiatives. In FY 2021, the AGENCY will focus on assisting ODOT with the implementation of Access Ohio 2045 especially as related to the strategies and initiatives developed to focus on the five themes: Safe, Smart, Connected, Collaborative, and Community Oriented. Several of these statewide strategies and initiatives also coincide with the AGENCY's initiatives including but not limited to Safety initiatives leading to zero transportation deaths and injuries; maintaining transportation networks in a state of good repair; making highway right of way assets available to close gaps in broadband and cell service; developing multi-modal corridor plans that consider local land use and economic development; collaborative initiatives to develop sustainable funding strategies; prioritization of transportation system improvements which grow the economy and improve access to jobs; increase opportunities for local investments in transit; promote accessibility and mobility for an aging population and persons with disabilities; enhance regional coordination of public transit and human service transportation; advance mobility as a service; and advancing safe walking and bicycling.

Activity	Agency/Agencies	Schedule
Access Ohio 2045: Participation in	OMEGA, ODOT, MPOs/RTPOs,	
implementation of Access Ohio 2045	Other ODOT-designated	Ongoing
	Stakeholders	
Transportation Committees/Work Groups:		
Participation in committees and work groups		
led by ODOT for transportation planning-		
related activities (examples: RIBAC, OARC	OMEGA, ODOT, OARC	Ongoing and As
Transportation Directors and Safety Planning	OWIEGA, ODOT, OAKC	Requested
Work Group, Ohio Transportation Coalition		
on Disabilities, Ohio Public Transit		
Association, and DriveOhio)		

665: Special Studies

The AGENCY will participate in special studies of regional significance to include participation in the development of two corridors of regional significance, the US 30 Corridor and the Columbus to Pittsburgh Corridor; and the development of a Statistical Port Designation along the Ohio River between the Port of Huntington and the Port of Pittsburgh. The AGENCY will provide technical assistance as needed for these studies which may include outreach to businesses, shippers, and freight carriers, as well as data analysis.

The AGENCY is currently a member of the stakeholders committee for US 30 Corridor. This corridor is a statewide highway corridor and critical to economic development of the region. This major east-west corridor also connects to the public port in Wellsville. With increased usage of the port and the Ohio River and the ethane cracker under construction in Monaca, Pennsylvania, improvements to US 30 are becoming more urgent than ever to facilitate development and reduce transportation costs and emissions. Businesses have indicated that they currently use longer, alternative routes to avoid US 30 which leads to higher transportation costs. Stark, Carroll, and Columbiana Counties have created a Regional Transportation Improvement Project (RTIP) to develop this four-lane corridor. The AGENCY will continue to serve on the stakeholder committee, participate in RTIP meetings, and will provide technical assistance and data to support the development of this corridor.

The Columbus to Pittsburgh Corridor has also been identified as another corridor project of regional significance. During SFY 2021, the AGENCY will continue to facilitate stakeholder meetings for the development of this corridor. By 2040, sections of I-70 in Muskingum and Guernsey Counties are projected to have a Level of Service of E or F and to approach a Volume to Capacity ratio of 1.0. An alternative Columbus to Pittsburgh Corridor would help to alleviate this congestion as well as support ongoing economic development in the region.

As part of the Maritime Study conducted by ODOT, stakeholders in the region identified the need to develop a Statistical Port Designation along the Ohio River. This designation would allow the region to

become more competitive and to make the necessary improvements for more efficient freight movement along the Ohio River. The AGENCY will work cooperatively with the impacted RTPOs, MPOs, Port Authorities, ODOT, and other local agencies towards this designation.

Activity	Agency/Agencies	Schedule
US 30 RTIP	OMEGA	Ongoing
Columbus to Pittsburgh Corridor	OMEGA	Ongoing
Mid-Ohio Valley Statistical Port Designation: Participation in work group to establish a statistical port designation for the region along the Ohio River between Port of Huntington and Port of Pittsburgh.	OMEGA, Buckeye Hills, BHJ, Belomar, ODOT, Army Corps, Local Governments, and Port Authorities	Ongoing

674: Transit

The AGENCY will provide assistance to develop, monitor, analyze, and improve transit services and systems including the development of short and long-range plans and programs to improve operational efficiencies and forecast the need for capital improvements. The OMEGA RTPO is served by five transit agencies and one coordinated transportation agency.

Activity	Agency/Agencies	Schedule
Maintain a detailed and comprehensive inventory of transit providers, services, and routes in the region.	OMEGA, Local Transit Agencies	Ongoing
Participation in 5310 Work Group	OMEGA, ODOT, Local Transit Agencies	Ongoing

674921: Implementation of Regional Coordinated Transportation Pilot Program

During this period, the AGENCY will focus on coordination with mobility managers, transportation service providers, and human services agencies to share best practices and identify creative solutions for increasing ridership and improving the efficiency of transportation services throughout the region. Alternatives for the most effective means for implementation of scheduling software throughout the region will be assessed. Cost allocation procedures will be defined with the goal to establish a system that can be readily implemented, that is fair to all providers, and that incorporates the requirements of the various funding agencies. Best practices for employment transportation will also be developed in conjunction with the providers throughout the region. The AGENCY will also develop a marketing strategy to increase public awareness of the transportation services available. These and other activities are summarized in the following table.

Activity	Agency/Agencies	Schedule
Regional Coordination Council: Conduct quarterly meetings or conference calls.	OMEGA, Local Agencies, ODOT	Quarterly
Mobility Management: Conduct quarterly meetings or conference calls for mobility	OMEGA, Mobility Managers,	_
managers to address regional coordination issues and share best practices.	ОДОТ	Quarterly
Review/Update Regional Coordinated Plan	ODOT, Local Agencies	December 31, 2020
Establish baseline performance measures	OMEGA, Local Agencies, ODOT	September 30, 2020
Develop, maintain, and prioritize project list. Review 5310 and 5311 Funding Applications and provide recommendations to ODOT.	OMEGA, Local Agencies, ODOT	Ongoing
Collect and analyze transportation service provider data	OMEGA, Transportation Service Providers	June 30, 2021
2020 Origin-Destination Interactive Trip Specific Maps	OMEGA, Transportation Service Providers	June 30, 2021
Regional Coordination/Use of Scheduling Software	OMEGA, Mobility Managers, Local Agencies	June 30, 2021
Participation in 5310 Work Group	OMEGA, ODOT, Local Transit Agencies	Ongoing
Regional Cost Allocation Plan	OMEGA, Mobility Managers, Local Agencies	June 30, 2021
Participation in local transportation provider meetings	OMEGA, Mobility Managers, Local Agencies	Ongoing

697: Transportation Planning Reporting

The AGENCY will prepare reports and documents that facilitate communication of transportation related issues to the region's transportation stakeholders. All other reports shall be included within the proper subcategories. Stakeholder engagement will also be included under this activity. The AGENCY will involve the public and stakeholders early and ongoing throughout the course of planning activities, in accordance with the AGENCY's Public Participation Plan. The AGENCY will continue to expand our public outreach efforts through increased use of electronic media, development of a more robust transportation website, and geographic expansion of the Citizens Advisory Board and public Involvement meetings so that at least one meeting a year will be conducted in each of the eight counties in the region. In addition, the AGENCY will meet with the elected officials and other local officials from each county, city, and the largest villages in each county. The purpose of these meetings will be to review the pertinent transportation/land use data, to discuss the technical services that the AGENCY offers (i.e., traffic counts, pavement condition assessments, grant writing services), and most importantly to better define their transportation needs and how best to assist them in meeting those needs. The AGENCY will conduct Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings on a quarterly basis and will continue to have at least seven Executive Board meetings per year.

Under this work item, the Agency will also review and update if needed, the Agency's Title VI plan.

Activity	Agency/Agencies	Schedule		
Annual Executive Summary: The AGENCY will prepare an Annual Executive Summary of all transportation planning activities	OMEGA	September 30, 2020		
Stakeholder Engagement	OMEGA, Local Governments and Agencies, Public	Ongoing		
Transportation Advisory Committee	OMEGA, Local Governments, ODOT	Quarterly		
Executive Board Meetings	OMEGA	Seven Meetings Annually		
Citizens Advisory Board	OMEGA	Annually		
Review and Update Title VI Plan as needed	OMEGA	December 31, 2020		

3.0 BUDGET

The AGENCY's RTPO budget for the SFY 2021 is \$221,017.98. This program (PID 104876) is funded through the Federal Highway Administration (80%), ODOT (10%), and the AGENCY (10%). Program expenses will be categorized as Direct Labor, Other Direct Costs, Leave, Fringe Benefits, or Indirect Costs, as defined by the AGENCY's Cost Allocation Plan. Additionally, the AGENCY will maintain a cost accounting system sufficient to comply with 2 CFR 200. The attached Budget Sheets (Exhibit B) show the estimated hours and budget associated with each invoicing category for SFY 2021.

The estimated hours and budget are as follows:

Description	SFY 2021
Hours	3,846
Direct Labor	\$99,132
Direct Costs	\$16,689
Leave	\$19,271
Fringe Benefits	\$46,805
Indirect Costs	<u>\$39,120</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$221,017

The AGENCY's Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Pilot Program budget for SFY 2021 is \$103,121. This program (PID 110349) is funded 100% through the Federal Highway Administration. Program expenses will be categorized as Direct Labor, Other Direct Costs, Leave, Fringe Benefits, or Indirect Costs, as defined by OMEGA's approved Cost Allocation Plan. Additionally, the

AGENCY will maintain a cost accounting system sufficient to comply with 2 CFR 200. The attached Budget Sheets (Exhibit C) show the estimated hours and budget for SFY 2020.

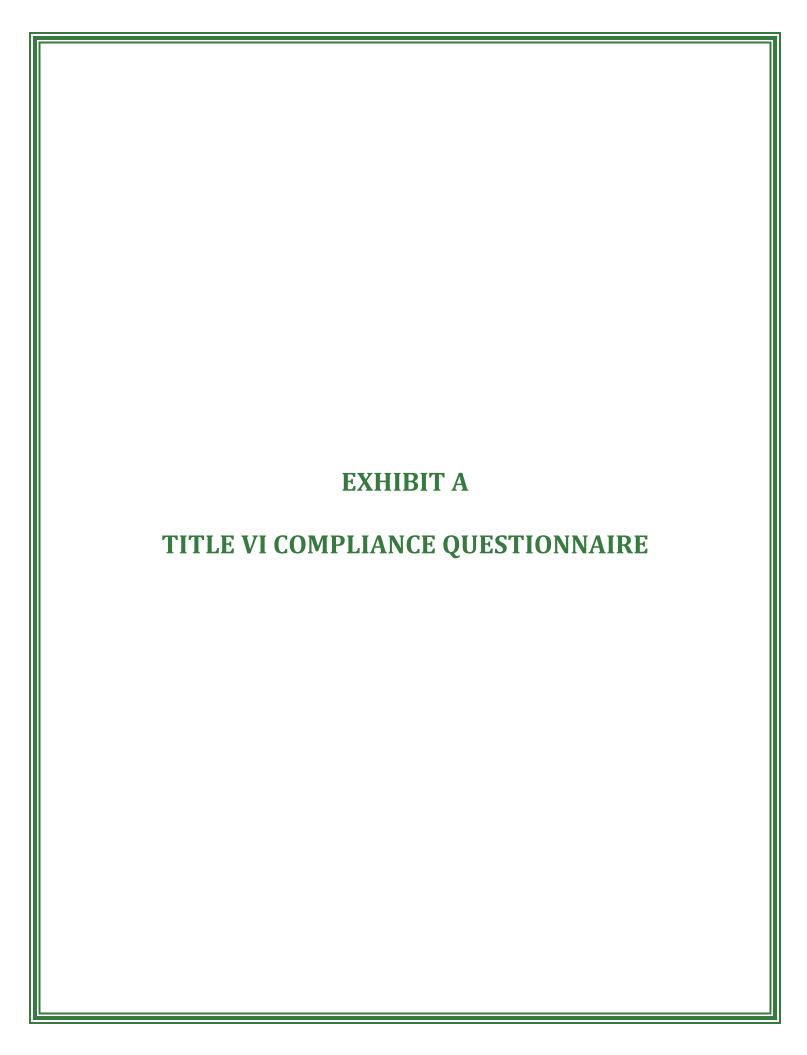
The estimated hours and budget are as follows:

Description	SFY 2021
Hours	1,964
Direct Labor	\$47,814
Direct Costs	\$4,568
Leave	\$9,295
Fringe Benefits	\$22,575
Indirect Costs	<u>\$18,869</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$103,121

The AGENCY's budget is based upon the 2021 Cost Allocation Plan that was submitted to ODOT on February 28, 2020. The AGENCY's budgets for both the RTPO and the Regional Coordinated Human Services Transportation Pilot Programs are based upon the leave, fringe benefit, and indirect cost rates that are documented in the 2021 Cost Allocation Plan. For budgetary purposes these rates are:

Leave Rate: 19.44%Fringe Benefit Rate: 39.53%Indirect Cost Rate: 33.04%

As defined in the Grants Management Systems (GMS) Accounting Software, the fringe benefit rate is equal to the total fringe benefit cost (excluding leave) divided by total salary costs (including leave). The indirect rate is equal to the total indirect costs (salary, leave, and other indirect expenses) divided by total direct labor (including leave). Actual leave, fringe benefit, and indirect cost rates are updated monthly based upon costs incurred to date by the accounting software. Invoices will be based upon the updated actual rates and the rates listed herein are for budgetary purposes only.





TITLE VI COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (MPOS) & REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (RTPOS)

General

1. Which office within your organization has lead responsibility for Title VI compliance?

OMEGA currently has ten full-time employees and only has one office. There is no designated office within the organization with lead responsibility for Title VI compliance.

2. Who is your designated Title VI Coordinator? Please provide the person's name, title and contact information.

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3. Does your organization have a Title VI Program Plan? If so, please provide the website link or attach a copy.

OMEGA's Title VI Plan is available at https://omegadistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OMEGA-Title-VI-Plan.pdf

4. Does your organization have a Title VI policy? If so, please provide the website link or attach a copy.

OMEGA's Title VI Policy is incorporated in the plan and is available at https://omegadistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OMEGA-Title-VI-Plan.pdf

5. Does your organization have written Title VI complaint procedures? If so, please provide the website link or attach a copy.

OMEGA's Title VI complain procedure and form is available at https://omegadistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/OMEGA-Title-VI-Procedures-Form.pdf

6. Does your organization have a Title VI complaint form? If so, please provide the website link or attach a copy.

OMEGA's Title VI complain procedure and form is available at https://omegadistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/OMEGA-Title-VI-Procedures-Form.pdf

7. Does your organization make the public aware of the right to file a complaint? If so, describe how this is accomplished.

OMEGA's complaint procedure and form are posted on our website and moving forward, OMEGA will also provide a brief overview of the complaint procedure at public meetings associated with our transportation program.

8. In the past three years, has your organization been named in any Title VI and/or other discrimination complaints or lawsuits? If so, please provide the date the action was filed, a brief description of the allegations and the current status of the complaint or lawsuit. Describe any Title VI-related deficiencies that were identified and the efforts taken to resolve those deficiencies.

During the past three years, OMEGA has not been named in any Title VI and/or other discrimination complaints or lawsuits.

9. Has your organization provided written Title VI Assurances to ODOT? Is the Title VI Assurance included in the MPO self-certification resolution (Note, this only applies to MPOs, RTPOs do not approve self-certification resolutions)? If so, please provide a copy as an attachment.

Not Applicable. OMEGA is a RTPO.

10. Does your contract language include Title VI and other non-discrimination assurances?

Title VI and other non-discrimination assurances are included in OMEGA's Purchasing and Procurement Policy and will be included in any contracts executed by OMEGA that are funded by the Department of Transportation.

- 11. Do you use any of the following methods to disseminate Title VI information to the public (select all that apply):
 - i. Title VI posters in public buildings
 - ii. Title VI brochures at public events
 - iii. Title VI complaint forms in public buildings
 - iv. Title VI complaint forms at public events
 - v. Title VI policy posted on your website
 - vi. Title VI Program Plan posted on your website
 - vii. Other (Please explain)

The Title VI plan, complaint procedures and form are available on our website, https://omegadistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OMEGA-Title-VI-Plan.pdf and https://omegadistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/OMEGA-Title-VI-Procedures-Form.pdf. As previously indicated, OMEGA will also discuss our Title VI program and complaint procedures at public meetings for our transportation program. We will also make our Transportation Advisory Committee and Citizens Advisory Board aware of the Title VI information.

Public Involvement

12. Does your organization have a Public Participation Plan? If so, please provide the website link or attach a copy. When was the Public Participation Plan most recently updated?

OMEGA's public participation plan was updated in November 2019 and incorporated as Exhibit B to our Title VI Plan https://omegadistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OMEGA-Title-VI-Plan.pdf

- 13. Please select which of the following outlets your organization uses to provide notices to different population groups (select all that apply):
 - i. Neighborhood and community paper advertisements
 - ii. Community radio station announcements
 - iii. Church and community event outreach
 - iv. Targeted fliers distributed in particular neighborhoods
 - v. Other (Please explain)

OMEGA provides public notices to the local media (radio and newspaper) and also posts the notices to our website. Social media is also used to provide these notices. In addition to these outlets, OMEGA provides e-mail notifications of public meetings to our Executive Board, Members, Transportation Advisory Committee, and others.

14. Do you coordinate with local community groups to facilitate outreach to minorities and low-income populations? If so, please list groups.

For the development of the Safe Routes to School Travel Plan for the Dover City School District, OMEGA coordinated with the Latino Cultural Connections of Tuscarawas County and will coordinate with other organizations as needed to facilitate communications.

- 15. Do you take the following into consideration when identifying a public meeting location (select all that apply):
 - i. Parking
 - ii. Accessibility by public transportation
 - iii. Meeting times
 - iv. Existence of ADA ramps
 - v. Familiarity of community with meeting location

OMEGA considers all these factors when identifying a public meeting location. Many of the public meetings conducted by OMEGA have been at local libraries or schools. Please note that one of the counties in the OMEGA RTPO is not served by public transportation and many transit agencies in the region do not offer evening or weekend service.

16. Have meeting participants requested special assistance (e.g., interpretation services) ahead of any public event in the past year? If so, describe how the request was addressed.

OMEGA has not received any requests for special assistance ahead of any public event in the past year.

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and Language Assistance

17. Are you familiar with the LEP four-factor analysis methodology?

Yes, based upon the training (February 21, 2018) provided by ODOT for the RTPOs.

18. Are you familiar with the LEP language assistance Safe Harbor threshold?

Yes, based upon the training (February 21, 2018) provided by ODOT for the RTPOs.

19. Does your organization have an LEP Plan and/or a Language Assistance Plan (LAP)? If so, please provide the website link or attach a copy.

OMEGA does not have an LEP Plan or Language Assistance Plan; however, we have addressed outreach to those with Limited English Proficiency in our Title VI plan.

20. Has your organization identified vital documents that need to be made available in languages other than English? If so, describe how that need is being addressed.

To date, the only document that has been made available in languages other than English was a parent survey for a Safe Routes to School Travel Plan for the Dover City School District with a relatively high concentration of Latino/Hispanic students.

21. Do you have a list of staff who speak languages other than English?

OMEGA does not have a list of staff who speak languages other than English.

22. Do you provide free translation services in languages other than English to the public upon request?

Although we have not received any requests for language assistance, OMEGA will provide free translation services upon request. Our website includes a Google-based translation plugin so that a person with limited English proficiency will be able to translate webpages and documents.

23. How often do you receive requests for language assistance?

OMEGA has not received any requests for language assistance.

Title VI Training

- 24. Who provides Title VI training to your staff?
 - i. ODOT staff
 - ii. Title VI Coordinator
 - iii. Other (Please explain)

Staff training has been limited to that provided by ODOT.

25. How often are Title VI trainings conducted?

OMEGA has not conducted any Title VI trainings.

26. How many staff were trained on Title VI this year?

One staff member participated in the Title VI webinar on March 5, 2020.

Transportation Planning Program - Data Collection and Analysis

27. Does your agency maintain documentation describing its procedures for incorporating Title VI requirements into the region's transportation planning program?

These procedures are documented in the Title VI Plan.

28. Does your organization maintain socio-demographic data and mapping for the transportation planning region?

OMEGA maintains socio-demographic data and mapping for the RTPO.

29. Does your organization use data to identify protected groups for consideration in the planning process?

OMEGA uses demographic and socio-economic census data to identify protected groups for consideration in the transportation planning process.

30. Does your organization conduct Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program environmental justice analyses of the impacts that planned transportation system investments will have on both minority (including low-income status populations) and non-minority areas? Discuss the assessment methodology and resulting documentation.

Environmental justice areas are identified in the biennial Regional Transportation Improvement Plan and the impact of the planned transportation system investments on these areas are discussed in the plan. Environmental justice areas were mapped using census data with an overlay of the planned transportation system investments.

31. Does your organization track demographic information of participants in its transportation planning program public involvement events?

OMEGA maintains attendance lists for all public meetings. However, OMEGA does not track demographic information of the participants in these meetings.

Technical Assistance

32. Provide the name, title, and contact information for the person who completed this questionnaire and the date the questionnaire was completed. Is this the person who should be contacted with follow-up questions? If not, please provide the name, title, and contact information for that individual.

Ms. Jeannette M. Wierzbicki, P.E. completed this questionnaire. Any questions or comments should be directed to Ms. Wierzbicki and her contact information is:

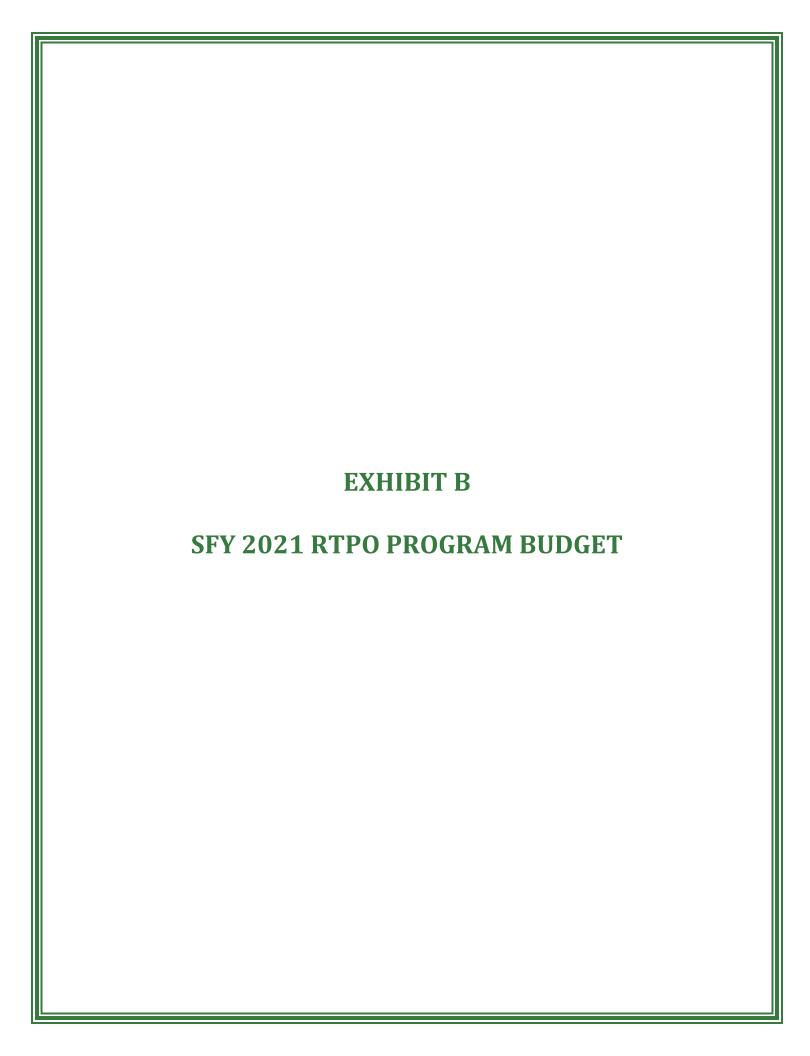
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33. Do you have any questions regarding this questionnaire? If so, please include them here along with your email address or telephone number and an ODOT representative will respond.

OMEGA does not have any questions regarding this questionnaire.

34. Would your organization like Title VI training or other Civil Rights technical assistance from ODOT? If yes, please explain.

Guidance for engaging the public to participate in the transportation planning process would also be appreciated. Since OMEGA does not receive funding for transportation system investments, public engagement in the planning process is difficult. OMEGA would also appreciate additional staff training from ODOT on Title VI.



OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION RTPO PROGRAM BUDGET State Fiscal Year 2021

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

				L		_	Revenue	Bu	dget		
	Overhead		Expense Budget	F	ederal STP			Lo	ocal Match		
Work Description	Rates (1,2)		Total Cost		(80%)	9	State (10%)		(10%)	То	tal Revenue
601: Short Range Planning											
Direct Labor		\$	29,288.50	\$	23,430.80	\$	2,928.85	\$	2,928.85	\$	29,288.50
Other Direct Costs		\$	2,739.00	\$	2,191.20	\$	273.90	\$	273.90	\$	2,739.00
Leave	19.44%	\$	5,693.68	\$	4,554.95	\$	569.37	\$	569.37	\$	5,693.68
Fringe Benefits	39.53%	\$	13,828.46	\$	11,062.77	\$	1,382.85	\$	1,382.85	\$	13,828.46
Indirect Costs	33.04%	\$	11,558.11	\$	9,246.49	\$	1,155.81	\$	1,155.81	\$	11,558.11
Total		\$	63,107.76	\$	50,486.20	\$	6,310.78	\$	6,310.78	\$	63,107.76
602: Transportation Improvement Plan											
Direct Labor		\$	2,956.28	\$	2,365.02	\$	295.63	\$	295.63	\$	2,956.28
Other Direct Costs		\$	-	\$	· <u>-</u>	\$	-	\$	_	\$	-
Leave	19.44%	\$	574.70	\$	459.76	\$	57.47	\$	57.47	\$	574.70
Fringe Benefits	39.53%		1,395.80	\$	1,116.64	\$	139.58	\$	139.58	\$	1,395.80
Indirect Costs	33.04%		1,166.64	\$	933.31	\$	116.66	\$	116.66	\$	1,166.64
Total		\$	6,093.41	\$	4,874.73	\$	609.34	\$	609.34	\$	6,093.41
605: Continuing Planning - Surveillance		_		<u> </u>							
Direct Labor		\$	1,874.40	\$	1.499.52	ے	187.44	\$	187.44	\$	1,874.40
Other Direct Costs			,		800.00	\$	100.00			-	-
	10.440/	\$	1,000.00	\$		\$		\$	100.00	\$	1,000.00
Leave	19.44%			\$	291.51	\$	36.44	\$	36.44	\$	364.38
Fringe Benefits	39.53%		884.99	\$	707.99	\$	88.50	\$	88.50	\$	884.99
Indirect Costs	33.04%		739.69	\$	591.76	\$	73.97	\$	73.97	\$	739.69
Total		\$	4,863.47	\$	3,890.77	\$	486.35	\$	486.35	\$	4,863.47
610: Transportation Plan											
Direct Labor		\$	6,205.04	\$	4,964.03	\$	620.50	\$	620.50	\$	6,205.04
Other Direct Costs		\$	250.00	\$	200.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	250.00
Leave	19.44%	\$	1,206.26	\$	965.01	\$	120.63	\$	120.63	\$	1,206.26
Fringe Benefits	39.53%	\$	2,929.69	\$	2,343.75	\$	292.97	\$	292.97	\$	2,929.69
Indirect Costs	33.04%	\$	2,448.69	\$	1,958.95	\$	244.87	\$	244.87	\$	2,448.69
Total		\$	13,039.68	\$	10,431.74	\$	1,303.97	\$	1,303.97	\$	13,039.68
615: Continuing Surveillance - Procedural											
Development											
Direct Labor		\$	5,001.76	\$	4,001.41	\$	500.18	\$	500.18	\$	5,001.76
Other Direct Costs		\$	5,400.00	\$	4,320.00	\$	540.00	\$	540.00	\$	5,400.00
Leave	19.44%		·	\$	777.87	\$	97.23	\$	97.23	\$	972.34
Fringe Benefits	39.53%		2,361.56	\$	1,889.25	\$	236.16	\$	236.16	\$	2,361.56
Indirect Costs	33.04%		1,973.84	\$	1,579.07	\$	197.38	\$	197.38	\$	1,973.84
Total		\$	15,709.51	\$	12,567.61	\$	1,570.95	\$	1,570.95	\$	15,709.51
625: Services		_		\vdash							
Direct Labor	1	\$	20,097.76	\$	16,078.21	\$	2,009.78	\$	2,009.78	\$	20,097.76
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Other Direct Costs	10 440/	\$ ¢	2,700.00	\$	2,160.00	\$	270.00	\$	270.00	\$	2,700.00
Leave	19.44%		3,907.00	\$	3,125.60	\$	390.70	\$	390.70	\$	3,907.00
Fringe Benefits	39.53%		9,489.08	\$	7,591.27	\$	948.91	\$	948.91	\$	9,489.08
Indirect Costs	33.04%		7,931.17	\$	6,344.94	\$	793.12	\$	793.12	\$	7,931.17
Total		\$	44,125.02	\$	35,300.02	\$	4,412.50	\$	4,412.50	\$	44,125.02

OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION RTPO PROGRAM BUDGET

State Fiscal Year 2021
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

							Revenue	Bu	dget		
	Overhead		Expense Budget	F	ederal STP			Lo	ocal Match		
Work Description	Rates (1,2)		Total Cost		(80%)	s	tate (10%)		(10%)	To	otal Revenue
630: Participation in Statewide Planning											
Direct Labor		\$	10,007.92	\$	8,006.34	\$	1,000.79	\$	1,000.79	\$	10,007.92
Other Direct Costs		\$	2,800.00	\$	2,240.00	\$	280.00	\$	280.00	\$	2,800.00
Leave	19.44%	\$	1,945.54	\$	1,556.43	\$	194.55	\$	194.55	\$	1,945.54
Fringe Benefits	39.53%	\$	4,725.20	\$	3,780.16	\$	472.52	\$	472.52	\$	4,725.20
Indirect Costs	33.04%	\$	3,949.42	\$	3,159.54	\$	394.94	\$	394.94	\$	3,949.42
Total		\$	23,428.09	\$	18,742.47	\$	2,342.81	\$	2,342.81	\$	23,428.09
665: Special Studies											
Direct Labor		\$	6,404.32	\$	5,123.46	\$	640.43	\$	640.43	\$	6,404.32
Other Direct Costs		\$	1,000.00	\$	800.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	1,000.00
Leave	19.44%	\$	1,245.00	\$	996.00	\$	124.50	\$	124.50	\$	1,245.00
Fringe Benefits	39.53%	\$	3,023.78	\$	2,419.02	\$	302.38	\$	302.38	\$	3,023.78
Indirect Costs	33.04%		2,527.34	\$	2,021.87	\$	252.73	\$	252.73	\$	2,527.34
Total		\$	14,200.43	\$	11,360.34	\$	1,420.04	\$	1,420.04	\$	14,200.43
674: Transit											
Direct Labor		\$	4,635.24	\$	3,708.19	\$	463.52	\$	463.52	\$	4,635.24
Other Direct Costs		\$	400.00	\$	320.00	\$	40.00	\$	40.00	\$	400.00
Leave	19.44%		901.09	\$	720.87	\$	90.11	\$	90.11	\$	901.09
Fringe Benefits	39.53%		2,188.51	\$	1,750.81	\$	218.85	\$	218.85	\$	2,188.51
Indirect Costs	33.04%		1,829.20	\$	1,463.36	\$	182.92	\$	182.92	\$	1,829.20
Total	33.0476	\$	9,954.05	\$	7,963.24	\$	995.40	\$	995.40	\$	9,954.05
697: Transportation Program Reporting											
Direct Labor		\$	12,660.68	\$	10,128.54	\$	1,266.07	\$	1,266.07	\$	12,660.68
Other Direct Costs		\$	400.00	\$	320.00	\$	40.00	\$	40.00	\$	400.00
Leave	19.44%		2,461.24	\$	1,968.99	\$	246.12	\$	246.12	\$	2,461.24
Fringe Benefits	39.53%		5,977.69	\$	4,782.15	\$	597.77	\$	597.77	\$	5,977.69
Indirect Costs	33.04%		4,996.28	\$	3,997.02	\$	499.63	\$	499.63	\$	4,996.28
Total	33.04/0	\$	26,495.89	\$	21,196.71	\$	2,649.59	\$	2,649.59	\$	26,495.89
Total		۲	20,433.63	۲	21,130.71	٦	2,049.59	٦	2,043.33	٦	20,433.83
TOTAL RTPO BUDGET FOR SFY 2021											
Direct Labor		\$	99,131.90	\$	79,305.52	\$	9,913.19	\$	9,913.19	\$	99,131.90
Other Direct Costs		\$	16,689.00	\$	13,351.20	\$	1,668.90	\$	1,668.90	\$	16,689.00
Leave	19.44%	\$	19,271.24	\$	15,416.99	\$	1,927.12	\$	1,927.12	\$	19,271.24
Fringe Benefits	39.53%		46,804.76	\$	37,443.81		4,680.48		4,680.48		46,804.76
Indirect Costs	33.04%		39,120.40	\$	31,296.32		3,912.04		3,912.04		39,120.40
Total		\$	221,017.30	\$	176,813.84	\$	22,101.73	\$	22,101.73		221,017.30

NOTES:

- (1) In accordance with OMEGA's Cost Allocation Plan, the Fringe Benefit Rate is equal to the total fringe benefit cost (excluding leave) divided by total salary costs (including leave).
- (2) In accordance with OMEGA's Cost Allocation Plan, the Indirect Cost Rate is equal to the total indirect costs (salary, leave, fringe benefits, and other indirect costs) divided by total direct labor (including leave).

OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION

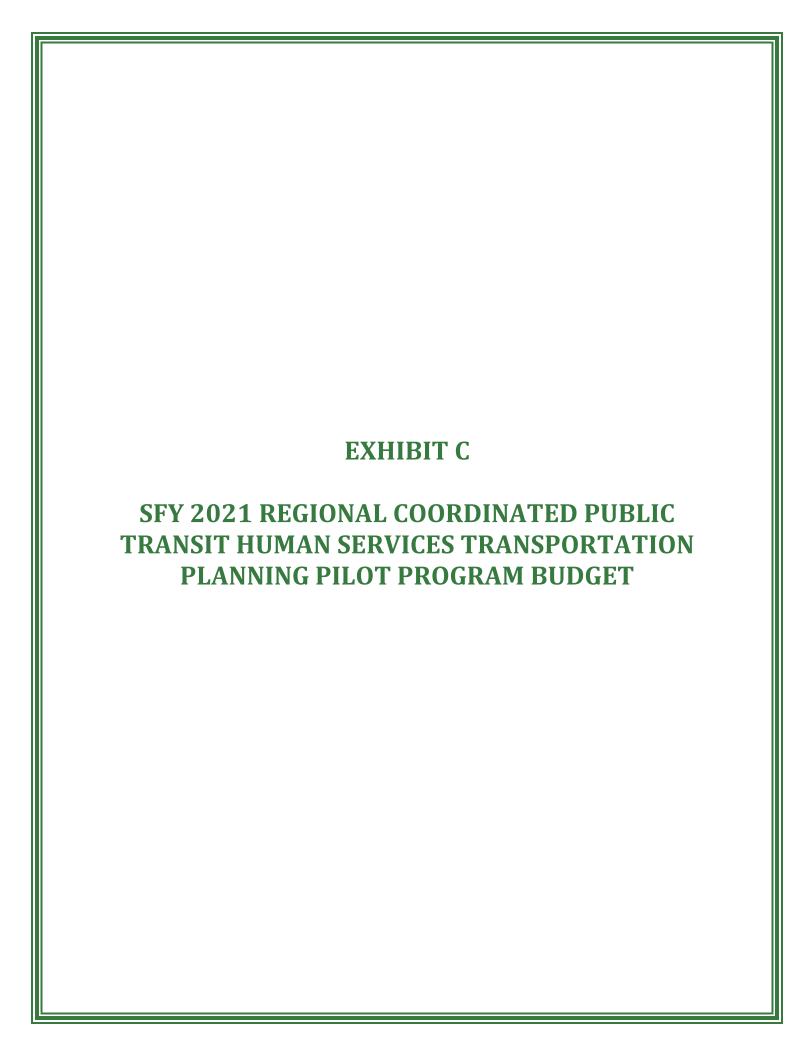
RTPO DIRECT LABOR BUDGET State Fiscal Year 2021

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

							Direct Labor H	lours Budgeted						
		Labor Rate											Total	Direct Labor
Employee	Title	per Hour	601	602	605	610	615	625	630	665	674	697	Hours	Budget
Buettner, Kevin	Transportation Director	\$ 26.03	504	60	0	120	60	320	96	96	40	100	1,396	\$ 36,337.88
Carmel, Megan	Transportation Planner/GIS Coordinator	\$ 23.43	528	48	80	120	60	320	96	40	40	88	1,420	\$ 33,270.60
Metz, Cindi	Assistant Executive Director/Finance Director	\$ 28.05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	96	\$ 2,692.80
Sammon, Sean	Transit Planner	\$ 23.87	0	0	0	0	40	0	96	0	100	0	236	\$ 5,633.32
Stillions, Hannah	EDA Program Manager/Development Specialist	\$ 21.51	48	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	96	\$ 2,064.96
Webb, Kennedy	Communications Manager	\$ 21.51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	96	\$ 2,064.96
Wierzbicki, Jeannette	Executive Director	\$ 33.73	82	8	0	8	32	96	88	88	8	96	506	\$ 17,067.38
Total Hours			1162	116	80	248	192	784	376	224	188	476	3,846	\$ 99,131.90
Direct Labor Cost			\$ 29,288.50	\$ 2,956.28	\$ 1,874.40	\$ 6,205.04	\$ 5,001.76	\$ 20,097.76	\$ 10,007.92	\$ 6,404.32	\$ 4,635.24	\$ 12,660.68		\$ 99,131.90

OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION RTPO NON-LABOR PROJECT DIRECT COSTS BUDGET State Fiscal Year 2021 July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

						Projec	t Direct Costs E	Budgeted				
Expense Account Title	Description/Justification	601	602	605	610	615	625	630	665	674	697	Total Costs Budgeted
Travel & Per Diem	Meetings, Conferences, Training, Mileage, Per Diem, & Other Travel Expenses	\$ 2,500.00				\$ 5,400.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 14,000.00
Supplies & Equipment	Software licenses & updates, traffic count supplies, bicycle/pedestrian supplies, other	\$ 200.00		\$ 1,000.00			\$ 200.00					\$ 1,400.00
Printing & Publications	Documents, presentation materials, etc.				\$ 250.00							\$ 250.00
Special	Freight Conference Support							\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00
Other Direct Costs	Conference calls, postage, reference materials, other	\$ 39.00										\$ 39.00
Total by Work Program E	Element	\$ 2,739.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 16,689.00



OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION

PART 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL COORDINATED PLAN

State Fiscal Year 2021

January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

				Revenue Budget							
Work Description	Overhead Rates ^(1,2)	_	pense Budget Total Cost	F	Federal STP (100%)	St	ate (0%)	Lo	cal Match (0%)	То	tal Revenue
674921	•										
Direct Labor		\$	47,813.96	\$	47,813.96	\$	-	\$	-	\$	47,813.96
Other Direct Costs		\$	4,568.00	\$	4,568.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,568.00
Leave	19.44%	\$	9,295.03	\$	9,295.03	\$	-	\$	-	\$	9,295.03
Fringe Benefits	39.53%	\$	22,575.19	\$	22,575.19	\$	-	\$	-	\$	22,575.19
Indirect Costs	33.04%	\$	18,868.81	\$	18,868.81	\$	-	\$	-	\$	18,868.81
Total		\$	103,120.99	\$	103,120.99	\$	-	\$	-	\$	103,120.99

NOTES:

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- (2) In accordance with OMEGA's Cost Allocation Plan, the Indirect Cost Rate is equal to the total indirect costs (salary, leave, fringe benefits, and other indirect costs) divided by total direct labor (including leave).

OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION PART 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF COORDINATED PLAN

State Fiscal Year 2021 July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

		Lab	or Rate	Total	D	irect Labor
Employee	Title	pe	per Hours Hours			Budget
Buettner, Kevin	Transportation Director	\$	26.03	40	\$	1,041.20
Carmel, Megan	Transportation Planner/GIS Coordinator	\$	23.43	240	\$	5,623.20
Metz, Cindi	Assistant Executive Director/Finance Director	\$	28.05	24	\$	673.20
Sammon, Sean	Transit Planner	\$	23.87	1,524	\$	36,377.88
Webb, Kennedy	Communications Manager	\$	21.51	40	\$	860.40
Wierzbicki, Jeannette	Executive Director	\$	33.73	96	\$	3,238.08
Total				1,964	\$	47,813.96

OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION PART 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF COORDINATION PLAN

State Fiscal Year 2021 January 1, 2020 to June 31, 2021

		To	otal Costs
Expense Account Title	Description/Justification	В	udgeted
	Meetings,, Mileage, Per Diem, &		
Travel & Per Diem	Other Travel Expenses	\$	4,000.00
Supplies & Equipment	Misc Supplies	\$	468.00
	Documents, presentation materials,		
Printing & Publications	etc.	\$	-
	Conference calls, postage, reference		
Other Direct Costs	materials, other	\$	100.00
Total by Element		\$	4,568.00