



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

June 9, 2021

OMEGA Zoom Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Mr. Max Crown. Mr. Crown asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Mr. Fred Wachtel, P.E., P.S. motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Tom Konst seconded the motion.

Ms. Megan Carmel provided an update on the final Tri-County Active Transportation Plan. Since last meeting, OMEGA conducted the final stakeholder meeting as well as public meetings via Zoom and Facebook Live. The public comment period ended on June 7, and comments received were incorporated into the plan. The plan also contains two Safe Routes to School initiatives, one for the northeast Coshocton County parochial schools, and the second for Ridgewood Local Schools in West Lafayette.

Interactive maps will be created and shared with the group in the coming months. Mr. Crown requested a motion for recommending the OMEGA Executive Board approve the Tri-County Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Joe Bachman motioned, and Mr. Chris Young seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Kevin Buettner provided an update on the Regional Safety Plan. The plan is not finalized yet but will be by the September TAC meeting. The consultants, ODOT, and OMEGA are working with the applicants to put together abbreviated safety project applications.

Mr. Kevin Buettner provided an update on the SFY 2022 work plan. There will be five Safe Routes to School initiatives. Two mentioned in the Active Transportation Plan, with the cities of Zanesville, Cambridge, and Salem rounding out the five plans. OMEGA will also begin implantation of the Regional Safety Plan and Tri-County Active Transportation plan. There is no RTIP until 2023. OMEGA will be building a Resiliency & Sustainability toolkit that will include transportation. This toolkit will help communities pursue funding and make applications more competitive under the new federal administration.

Mr. Buettner provided an update state transportation budget. RTPs now have a suballocation for this biennium; OMEGA will be allocated \$572,321 in both SFYs 2022 & 2023. Permitted uses include planning, design, environmental, right of way, and construction.

Eligibility includes:

- Federal aid routes (unless safety project or bike/ped project)
- No roads classified as local or minor collector
- Project must be in LRTP or RTIP
- Local share must be determined by TAC and approved by Executive Board
 - With toll revenue credits the federal share may be increased to 100%

Next steps are to develop selection criteria by next TAC meeting. OMEGA staff requested 3-5 members of TAC to review/meet briefly in July or August to discuss proposed criteria. Mr. Joe Bachman, Mr. Max Crown, Mr. Chris Young, and Ms. Jill Lengler volunteered to be on committee.

Mr. Buettner Reviewed regional unfunded needs as of June 2021. Transportation has jumped from roughly half up to 60% of regional needs; all projects are listed by county on OMEGA's transportation webpage.

Mr. Buettner reviewed upcoming meetings and grant announcements.

Mr. Crown adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Next meeting is on September 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and may be in person or a hybrid meeting.