



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

November 17, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairman Mr. Tom Konst. Mr. Konst asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Mr. Fred Wachtel, P.E., P.S. motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Joe Bachman, P.E., P.S. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Kevin Buettner provided an update on the RTIP and reviewed the schedule for development of the plan.

Mr. Josh Sliker and Mr. Buettner reviewed the submission of the project profiles for incorporation in the Long-Range Transportation Plan. Joe Bachman mentioned that Newcomerstown has an additional project to submit and will be added to the list for inclusion in the Long-Range Transportation Plan Mr. Fred Wachtel, P.E., P.S. motioned to approve the projects' inclusion, Mr. Joe Bachman, P.E., P.S. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Buettner provided an update on the Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) and mentioned some updates: K-12 is now eligible, 50% of student body or 250 students within 2 miles of school will be more competitive, and funding increased to \$500,000. He also mentioned several potential school districts that may be good candidates to develop School Travel Plans and pursue funding through the SRTS program.

Mr. Buettner also provided an update on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to include the new carbon reduction program for villages (population of 4,999 or less). Mr. Wachtel asked if the County could apply on behalf of small communities and townships. Mr. Buettner will double check both the applicant eligibility and that TAP applies to any public road. Mr. Joe Bachman asked if buggy lanes and bike lanes would be eligible for the carbon reduction program and Ben Boyer indicated that it would. Additional discussion about the program occurred.

Mr. Buettner provided an update on the Township Safety Program. All townships that have not received funding under this program will now be eligible. However, ODOT will consider crash severity

and number of crashes when reviewing applications. OMEGA will be able to assist with sign inventory, review with township, curve advisory speeds, and preparation of application. Villages within townships will also be able to participate. OMEGA has a flyer available on program and will send to County Engineers. Buettner and Sliker explained which signs would be eligible for the program. OMEGA assistance first come/first served.

Mr. Buettner also mentioned the meeting dates for 2023. Chairman Konst asked for and received consensus on proposed dates.

Deadlines for upcoming grant programs and potential Freight Plan were also mentioned. Chairman Konst also asked about a travel tourism transportation plan possibly incorporate with regional tourism initiative.

Mr. Wachtel asked about township stimulus program to see if ODOT provided any updates or results on the program. Mr. Boyer stated he would work with ODOT Central Office to determine if there is any follow-up report from the program. Two of the applications for OMEGA were approved in Guernsey and Holmes Counties and Mr. Wachtel indicated that one project he assisted with in Coshocton County was funded.

The Appalachian Community Grant Program was also discussed especially focused on active transportation and the connectivity with Tri-County Active Transportation for Coshocton, Holmes, and Tuscarawas Counties.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.