



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

September 14, 2023

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

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

Mr. Kevin Buettner reviewed the FY 23 Work Plan Completion Report and highlighted the major work elements: RTIP 2024 to 2027, 14 of 21 funding applications approved bringing \$2.29 million to communities, and initiated the Social Return on Investment Research project for non-emergency medical transportation and employment transportation.

Mr. Buettner also mentioned that in the FY 24 Work plan that the SROI be moved from cost code 674924 to 674024.

Mr. Chris Young, P.E., P.S. motioned to recommend approval of the FY 23 Work Completion Report and administrative change to FY 24 Work Plan, seconded by Mr. Fred Wachtel, P.E., P.S.. Motion passed.

Mr. Buettner reviewed the slate of projects for the RTPO Capital Allocation Program. Top four projects are:

1. East Liverpool Riverfront Trail Phase 1.2
2. Uhrichsville 3rd St Bridge
3. Berlin Sidewalks
4. Port Washington Sidewalks
5. Village of Tuscarawas Cherry Street Sidewalks (tied with Port Washington)

Mr. Bachman expressed concerned that two bridges scored lower than pike/ped projects. Discussed importance of safety for all projects including bike/ped. General consensus that scoring criteria needs to be revised and will be focus of November TAC meeting. Mr. Bachman asked whether or not Port

Washington will proceed since amount available is less than requested. Mr. Buettner will check and Village may scale back. West Lafayette is fully funded and will no longer be considered.

Mr. Joe Bachman moves to approve the slate as presented and if any of the top four drops out next project on list is funded. Mr. Wachtel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Buettner emphasized that OMEGA will work diligently with TAC to develop more equitable scoring criteria across all modes of transportation.

Funds need to be encumbered by June 30, 2025.

Public comment period opens tomorrow and will be presented to OMEGA Executive Board on December 5, 2023.

Mr. Buettner reviewed the project solicitation schedule for inclusion in long range plan. Projects to be approved at March 2024 OMEGA Executive Board meeting.

Mr. Buettner announced that OPWC applications due October 27, 2023 and ODOT TAP Letters of Interest Due October 31, 2023.

Mr. Wachtel asked about urban boundary process. OMEGA will coordinate with counties GIS coordinators (map office) and county engineers and municipalities. Mr. Joe Bachman asked about rationale for urban boundaries? Within urban boundaries will fund one functional classification lower. Will also include Regional Planning in discussion.

Sam Wallace, FHWA, indicated that census bureau determines urbanized areas for funding allocation. Want to make sure that transportation network is logical, "fill donut holes". ODOT will review initially for local review and input. ODOT has developed web-based process to make adjustments.

Functional classification review will be next year. Mr. Doug Bachman has a road on the federal aid system with an ADT of 40 and would like to change to replace with Industrial Park Road with ADT of 1,400. Sam indicated that functional class does not have to be replacement, but can be in addition to existing. Do not have to replace.

Concern: Bridge inspection guidelines now focused on how to complete form rather than actual inspection.

Next meeting November 16, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 11:00