

**Erie Regional Planning Commission
MPO BPAC Meeting Minutes
June 8th, 2021**

PRESENT: Maggie McCutcheon, Erie County Health Department; Steve Shoffner, Erie County Commissioners; Gary Boyle, Perkins Township; Ann and John Daniel, Citizens; Tim King, Nicole Grohe; ERPC staff.

Ms. Grohe called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. The meeting was in a hybrid format with the option of participants meeting online or via web-ex. She then proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation.

Agenda Item #1 Approval of March 9th, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Ms. Grohe presented the minutes from the March 9th, 2021 meeting. Mr. Shoffner motioned to approve the minutes and Ms. Daniel seconded the motion; all voted aye, motion passed. No further discussion was held on this item.

Agenda Item #2 Bicycle Gaps and Generators Workshop Discussion: Ms. Grohe reviewed the Gaps and Generators Workshop that occurred last week. She invited Ms. McCutcheon to discuss the workshop. Ms. McCutcheon discussed the workshop and the recommendations that were derived from it. She stated that she has been working with Toole Design staff and plans to do a walk audit in the future. She indicated that funding would be available (approximately \$100,000) in the future to implement some of the recommendations. She stated that they are still accepting comments on the gaps and generators map and invited the committee to review it. She then discussed some of the other programs in the Creating Healthy Communities Grant. No further discussion was held on this item.

Agenda Item #3 Updates:

Transportation Alternative (TA) Program Solicitation: Ms. Grohe noted the MPO has completed the project selection process for the project Transportation Alternative (TA) Program for SFY 2025. She then presented the projects that were submitted and stated that the City of Vermilion's Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) was funded as it scored the highest in the process. She added that the MPO approved the adoption of the project at the MPO meeting last month.

2022 Coordinated Transportation Plan Update: Ms. Grohe next informed the committee that the Erie County Coordinated Transportation Plan Update needs to be done this year. The Erie County mobility manager, from the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP), is spearheading the plan update. She stated that the next stakeholder meeting is scheduled to occur on 6/17 and that feedback is now being collected. She shared the survey link with the committee.

2021 Active Transportation Month: Ms. Grohe reviewed this year's Active Transportation Month activities. She stated that educational booths were set-up at the Erie County Office Building and Services Center. She added that the booths were well attended and that she had to restock them several times. Additionally, a virtual Panel Discussion was held on 5/17. She stated that with COVID-19 outreach activities have been limited, but she is hopeful that in the future more direct methods could be reapplied.

MPO Projects: Ms. Grohe then reviewed the status of each of the MPO funded projects through State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025. She mentioned that the US 6/Cedar Point Drive intersection had received funding from ODOT's Safety Program to advance the design and construction of a roundabout in SFY 2024.

Earmark Program: Ms. Grohe also shared with the committee that the county had applied for earmark funding through the local legislative offices. She stated that awards have not yet been made.

Ms. Grohe mentioned the next BPAC meeting is scheduled for September 1th, 2021. No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,



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