

**Erie Regional Planning Commission**  
**MPO Combined Technical Advisory and Policy Committees**  
**Meeting Minutes May 27th, 2021**

PRESENT: Matt Rogers, Erie County Engineers Office; Tony Valerius, City of Vermilion; Bob England, Erie County Health Department; Carmen Stamen, Federal Highway Administration; Hank Solowiej, Erie County Administrator; Andrew Shepler, Mike Schafrath, Mark Strohm, Ohio Department of Transportation; Angela Byington, Perkins Township; Erik Engle, Mike Spafford, City of Huron; Josh Snyder, John Orzech, and Aaron Klein, City of Sandusky; Carrie Whitaker, Nicole Grohe; ERPC staff.

The meeting was held online on WebEx due to social distancing restrictions stemming from COVID-19. Ms. Whitaker called the virtual meeting to order at 2:00 PM. She introduced herself, reviewed the voting procedures, and then reviewed the meeting agenda.

**Agenda Item #1 Consideration of the April 22nd, 2021 Combined Technical Advisory and Policy Committee Meeting Minutes:** Ms. Whitaker requested the committee consider the approval of the minutes from the combined April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 TAC and Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Byington motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Valerius seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion was passed with no further discussion.

**Agenda Item #2: Consideration of Resolution 2021-08 NOACA Air Quality Conformity Determination:** Ms. Whitaker explained that the ERPC MPO's planning area has a portion located within Lorain County (the City of Vermilion) and as such falls under the Cleveland-Akron non-attainment air quality area. As a result of this, ERPC was contacted by NOACA (the MPO for Lorain County) who has requested coordination through the consideration of Resolution 2021-08 which re-establishes containment conformity for NOACA as listed in their long-range plan eNeo2050. Ms. Byington motioned to approve Resolution 2021-08 re-establishing conformity for the 2008 and 2015 8 hour ozone standard and the 2006 and 2012 PM 2.5 standards as listed in NOACA's long-range plan eNeo2050 and Mr. Valerius seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion was passed with no further discussion

**Agenda Item #3: SFY 2025 Transportation Alternative Project Recommendations:** Next Ms. Whitaker discussed that the MPO project selection committee meet and scored the submitted projects for SFY 2025. She stated that there was \$656,527 requested and that the MPO only had \$320,000 to award. She stated that the project selection committee recommended that the Policy and TAC committee approve the Vermilion Safe Routes to School project as it scored the highest in the scoring process. She inquired if anyone had any questions regarding the projects. Ms. Byington asked if the Vermilion project could still move forward if it was not awarded the full amount of money. Mr. Valerius stated that it could not. Ms. Byington motioned to approve the Vermilion Safe Routes to School Project for SFY 2025 in the full requested amount and Mr. Rogers seconded the motion. All voted aye and none opposed, the motion passed. No further discussion was held on this item. She reviewed the projects and details as follows:

Project Sponsor	Project Location	Project Description	SFY	Total Project Cost	MPO Requested Funding	Functional Classification	Notes
City of Vermilion	Vermilion Safe Routes to Schools Phase 2	Install sidewalks along Langfitt, West River, Sweetbriar, Larchmont, Pineview, and Mapleview	2025	\$524,326	CO - \$320,000	Urban Local	
City of Sandusky	Meadowood Subdivision	Install new sidewalks along portions of E. Oldgate, Heritage, and Fox Run in Meadowood Subdivision	2024/2025	\$193,253	PE - \$1,500 (2024) DD - \$7,000 (2024) CO - \$81,126.50 (2025) CE - \$7,000 (2025) Total = \$96,626.50	Urban Local	City ranks this project as their priority project
City of Sandusky	Hancock Elementary Neighborhood	Replace out of spec sidewalks, install high visibility crosswalk with pedestrian activated flashing beacon (RRFB), ADA curb ramps	2024/2025	\$209,801	PE - \$2,500 (2024) DD - \$7,500 (2024) CO - \$87,400.50 (2025) CE - \$7,500 (2025) Total = \$104,900.50	Urban Local	

### Agenda Item #3 Updates:

**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.

**Coordinated Transportation Plan:** Ms. Grohe also stated that the local Coordinated Plan for the MPO needs updated this year. She stated that GLCAP staff will be assisting with the process. She shared a survey link with the committee and explained that they are seeking feedback from transit users and those who have difficulty using transit services. A variety of methods will be used to collect data including focus groups. She added that the committee is especially interested in those who are considered lower income, elderly and lacking access to a vehicle. She added that the next Coordinated Transportation Plan steering committee would be held on 6/17/21. She concluded stating the plan should be completed by the end of the year.

**ODOT Safety Funding Program:** Ms. Whitaker noted that ODOT's abbreviated safety funding program is set to resume July 1st and ODOT is planning to open the major safety funding application cycle again this fall.

No other business or further discussion was held and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

  
Nicole Grohe, Planner