

Erie Regional Planning Commission
MPO Combined Technical Advisory and Policy Committees
Meeting Minutes June 24th, 2021

PRESENT: Matt Rogers, Erie County Engineers Office; Dave Foster, Erie County Regional Planning Commission; Nick Katsoris, First Energy; Tony Valerius, City of Vermilion; Bob England, Erie County Health Department; Carmen Stamen, Federal Highway Administration; Steve Shoffner, Erie County Commissioner; Andrew Shepler, Mark Strohm, Ohio Department of Transportation; Gary Boyle, Adam Panas, Perkins Township; Josh Snyder, John Orzech, Aaron Klein, City of Sandusky; Carrie Whitaker, ERPC staff.

A hybrid meeting was held where attendees were allowed to participate in-person or through WebEx online as some agencies are still working remotely due to COVID 19 precautions. Ms. Whitaker called the hybrid meeting to order at 2:00 PM. She introduced herself and requested those attending the meeting in person to introduce themselves. She then announced those attendees that were participating via WebEx. She then proceed with the presentation that began with an overview of the meeting agenda.

Agenda Item #1 Consideration of the May 27, 2021 Combined Technical Advisory and Policy

Committee Meeting Minutes: Ms. Whitaker noted that the minutes were revised to include Mr. Rogers as present for the May 27th meeting. She then requested the committee to consider the approval of the revised minutes. Mr. Klein motioned to approve the May 27, 2021 revised minutes and Mr. Rogers seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion was passed with no further discussion.

Agenda Item #2: Consideration of Resolution 2021-10 SFY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment for PID

113957 W. Monroe Street Project: Ms. Whitaker explained that the City of Sandusky has requested to move the construction phase of the W. Monroe Street Project back from SFY 2024 to SFY 2025. Mr. Snyder indicated that moving the project back would allow the city to determine the most desired storm sewer routing along the project. Ms. Whitaker noted that request did not involve any change in previously approved MPO project funding. Mr. Boyle inquired if other phases of the project would need moved. Mr. Snyder indicated they are not adjusting other phases at this time. Mr. Shoffner asked if the project could take longer than the one year requested. Mr. Snyder stated that it would be possible it could take longer but wouldn't know until the project is further along in its design. Mr. Boyle motioned to approve Resolution 2021-10 to move the construction phase for PID 113957 W. Monroe Street to SFY 2025. Mr. Foster seconded the motion; all voted aye and the motion was passed with no further discussion.

Agenda Item #3 Updates:

Administrative Modifications: Ms. Whitaker explained that two administrative modifications were executed for project cost adjustments for the Sandusky Monroe Street project (Decatur to

Meigs) and the Meigs Street project (E. Water to Washington). Mr. Klein explained the project estimates changed as a result of design being further along. Ms. Whitaker noted that no change in previously MPO project funding amounts were adjusted as part of the changes. No further discussion was held on this item.

ODOT Safety Funding Program: Ms. Whitaker stated 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. She also stated that Perkins Township is updating their Safe Routes to School Travel Plan and is holding a public meeting on Monday June 28th at 530 p.m. at the Township Offices. No further discussion was held on this item.

Ohio EPA Diesel Mitigation Grant – Application Cycle Opens: Ms. Whitaker provided an overview of the Ohio EPA Diesel Mitigation Grant. She said that Ohio EPA is now accepting applications for funding through their website with applications due by 3 p.m. on August 13th. More information on the grant is available on the Ohio EPA website; no further discussion was held on this item.

Coordinated Transportation Plan: Ms. Whitaker stated that the local Coordinated Transit Plan was being updated this year and she provided a survey link for those that may be interested in providing comment regarding the plan update.

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

Respectively Submitted,

Carrie Whitaker, Sr. Transportation Planning Engineer

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