

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-01
A RESOLUTION OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
APPROVING THE ERIE COUNTY BICYCLE AND PESTRIAN PLAN

WHEREAS, This Committee is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Erie County and the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, the MPO refers to a forum for cooperative transportation decision making for the metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, The Erie Regional Planning in conjunction with local transportation providers and users in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) planning area which includes all of Erie County and a portion of Lorain County has prepared a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as part of the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, The Erie Regional Planning MPO has performed an extensive public involvement process consistent with the MPO Public Involvement Policy including public meetings, interviews with stakeholders, questioners sent to stakeholders, user surveys, surveys on the World Wide Web, committee meetings, and deliberation upon the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in regular committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, The Erie Regional Planning MPO has seriously considered the many comments received from individuals, organizations and committee membership in developing the recommendations of this plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan has been submitted to and reviewed by the MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee has analyzed this request and found it to be consistent with the long range plans of the Erie Regional Planning Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That this Policy Committee hereby approves the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan; and
- 2) That this Committee authorizes the MPO staff to take any and all actions that in their judgment are necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution and to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the MPO.



Patrick Shenigo, 2020 Chairperson
Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Erie Regional Planning Commission

January 23, 2020
Date

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-02
OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY
COMMITTEE OF THE ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SFY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR CITY OF VERMILION PROJECT
PID 110361 LOR-CR624-0.99 (SUNNYSIDE ROAD)

WHEREAS, this Committee is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Erie County and the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this Committee to approve federally-funded transportation projects from Erie County which appear on the TIP; and

WHEREAS, the MPO previously awarded \$825,606 Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for the resurfacing of Sunnyside Road in the City of Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, \$762,098 of the awarded STP funds would be used for project Construction and \$63,508 used for project Construction Engineering in SFY 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vermilion has requested the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to move PID 110361 LOR-CR624-0.99 (Sunnyside Road) from SFY 2022 to SFY 2021;

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Committee has considered and approved amending the TIP to approve the changes for the identified project; and

WHEREAS, approving the TIP amendment will ensure the project is completed on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee has analyzed this request and found it to be consistent with the long range plans of the Erie Regional Planning Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That this Committee approves an amendment to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as requested by the City of Vermilion to move \$762,098 of previously awarded Surface Transportation Program funds for project construction and \$63,508 of previously awarded Surface Transportation Program funds for project construction engineering to SFY 2021.
- 2) That this Committee authorizes Erie Regional Planning Commission staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Erie Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Patrick Shenigo, 2020 Chairperson
Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Erie Regional Planning Commission

January 23, 2020

THE CITY OF VERMILION



December 23, 2019

James Forthofer, Mayor

Mr. Steve Poggiali
Regional Planning Director
Erie County Services Center
2900 Columbus Avenue
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Re.: LOR-CR624-0.99 (Sunnyside Road) PID No. 110361
Request to Change Project Schedule

Dear Mr. Poggiali:

As you are aware, the City was awarded funds for FY 2022 to resurface Sunnyside Road from 350' north of Jerusalem Road to 800' north of the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. The project has been programmed with ODOT, and the Scope of Services including project delivery schedule has been completed.

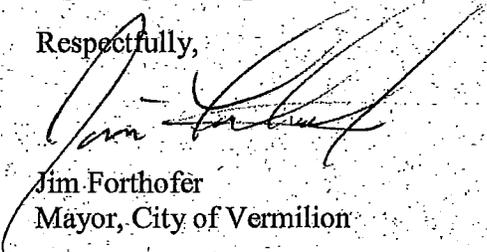
This schedule currently has approximately 7 months between Stage 2 completion and the City filing the PS&E package with ODOT District 3, and an additional 3 months between ODOT filing the project with Central Office and the sale date. This lag time is only included because the soonest award date that could be set is July 1, 2021 to comply with the FY2022 funding allocation.

The schedule for this project could easily accommodate filing the PS&E package with ODOT District 3 and selling the project at earlier dates than what the schedule currently shows. This would allow for an early CY2021 sale date when there may be a more favorable bidding environment. It would also allow the contractor to start construction in the spring of CY2021 instead of in the middle of the summer.

Therefore, the City would like to request to have this project moved up one (1) year to FY2021 if this can be accommodated by the MPO. The City of Vermilion greatly appreciates the MPO's selection of the Sunnyside Road project for funding, and we look forward to your favorable consideration of this request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this request.

Respectfully,


Jim Forthofer
Mayor, City of Vermilion

Cc: Carrie Whitaker, P.E., ECRPC
Tony Valerius, Public Service Director, City of Vermilion
Chris Howard, P.E., CPESC, City Engineer

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-03

OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE CONTINUING COMPREHENSIVE LAND-USE AND TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR ERIE COUNTY, OHIO.

A RESOLUTION OF SELF-CERTIFICATION OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee of the Continuing Comprehensive Land-Use and Transportation Program of the Erie County Regional Planning Commission (ERPC) who is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Sandusky urbanized area by the Governor acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with locally elected officials of Erie County and as evidenced in the Agreement of Cooperation Number 15402 between the Ohio Department Of Transportation, Board of County Commissioners of Erie County, Ohio and the Erie Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the federal regulations published as 23 CFR 450 require that the metropolitan transportation planning process shall include activities to support the development and implementation of a Regional Transportation Plan and a Transportation Improvement Program and subsequent transportation planning activities to the degree appropriate for the area; and

WHEREAS, the federal regulations published as 23 CFR 450 requires ERPC as the MPO for the Sandusky Urbanized area, to annually self certify through its Policy Committee that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with the following applicable requirements.

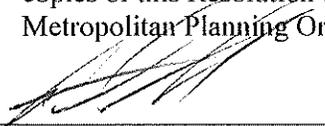
- a. That the planning process shall be consistent with Sections 8(e) and 3(e) of the Federal Transit Act concerning the involvement of the appropriate public and private transportation providers (49 USC 1607 and 1602 (e));
- b. That the planning process shall be consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI assurance executed by each State under 23 USC 344 and 29 USC 794;
- c. That the planning process shall be consistent with Section 105(f) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 regarding the involvement of minority business enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded projects (Public Law 97-424, Section 105(f) and 49 CFR Part 23);
- d. That the planning process shall be consistent with Section 16 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 1612), Section 165 (b) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, as amended, and 49 CFR 27 which call for special efforts to plan public mass transportation facilities and services that can effectively be used by elderly and disabled persons
- e. That the planning process shall be in conformance with the applicable requirements of Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7504, 7506 (c) and

WHEREAS, the federal regulations published as 23 CFR 450 further require that the State and the Metropolitan Planning Organization shall certify that the planning process is being carried out in conformance with all the applicable requirements of 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 1607, which indicate ". . .the Secretary (of the United States Department of Transportation) shall cooperate with the State and local officials in the development of transportation plans and programs which are formulated on the basis of transportation needs with due consideration to comprehensive long-range land use plans, development objectives, and overall social, economic, environmental, system performance, and energy conservation goals and objectives, and with the consideration to their probable effect on the future development of urban areas of more than 50,000 population. The planning process shall include an analysis of alternative transportation system management and investment strategies to make more efficient use of existing transportation facilities and development of long-term financial plans for regional urban mass transit improvements and the revenue available from current and potential sources to implement such improvements. The process shall consider all modes of transportation and shall be continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive to the degree appropriate based on the complexity of the transportation problems," and

WHEREAS, *Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations* requires that recipients of Federal funds make a meaningful effort to involve low-income and minority groups in the process to make decisions regarding the use of federal funds; and also requires that they attempt to identify and address any disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects on minority and low-income groups, which may result from the implementation of their plans and programs, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That this Committee certifies that the Metropolitan Planning Organization's metropolitan transportation planning process complies with the metropolitan planning requirements as set forth above.
- 2) That this Committee authorizes Erie Regional Planning Commission staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.



Patrick Shenigo, 2020 Chairperson
Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Erie Regional Planning Commission

April 23, 2020

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Erie Regional Planning Commission is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with local officials in Erie and a portion of Lorain Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization refers to a forum for cooperative transportation decision making for the metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, Erie Regional Planning in conjunction with the local and state representation has prepared The State Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program as part of the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, Erie Regional Planning has outlined and detailed a number of different transportation work products contained in Category 600's to be completed between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 also known as State Fiscal Year 2021; and

WHEREAS, The planning products and programs in the State Fiscal Year 2018 Unified Planning Work Program are all fiscally constrained within the budget constraints of the approved Ohio Department Of Transportation Consolidated Planning Grant; and

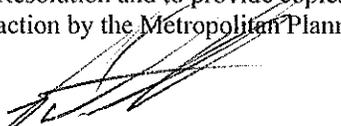
WHEREAS, All Work Plan products and programs are compatible and further the goals of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, This Committee is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the State Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program has been submitted to and reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee and the Policy Committee:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That this Policy Committee hereby approves the State Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Work Plan and submittal of the plan to the appropriate agencies; and
- 2) That this Committee authorizes the Erie Regional Planning Commission Director and staff to take any and all actions that in their judgment are necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution and to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.



Patrick Shenigo, 2020 Chairperson
Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Erie Regional Planning Commission

April 23, 2020

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-05
OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF
THE ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
CONCURRENCE WITH THE CLEVELAND/AKRON AIR QUALITY AREA
TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION**

WHEREAS, the Erie Regional Planning Commission is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with local officials in Erie and a portion of Lorain Counties; and

WHEREAS, nonattainment and maintenance areas through a process called transportation conformity are required to demonstrate that emissions resulting from planned transportation system improvements will not exceed an area's emissions budget; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) establishes air pollution standards pursuant to the Clean Air Act for the preservation of public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Lorain County is included in the US EPA Cleveland-Akron 8-Hour Ozone and PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area designations, and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) must reestablish conformity for the 2008 and 2015 8-Hour ozone standards and the 2006 and 2012 fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) standards as a result of the adoption of SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Programs and long range transportation plan amendments; and

WHEREAS, conformity is determined on a nonattainment area rather than a sub-area basis and each of the area's planning partners must approve a new conformity finding for the area based on these updates; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to US EPA regulations 40 CFR Part 93, Regional Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs in non-attainment areas are required to demonstrate transportation conformity with the State Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, The attached air quality conformity analyses compares the projected transportation motor vehicle emissions against the budgets identified in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for each standard for the pertinent portions of the counties of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit; and

WHEREAS, the air quality analysis also reflects an AMATS Transportation Plan revision to include a new add lane project on SR-8 and I-77, in Akron (PID 102329); and

WHEREAS, the conformity analyses demonstrate that the NOACA, AMATS, and ERPC Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and Long Range Transportation Plans in the eight county Cleveland-Akron air quality nonattainment area are in conformity with USEPA air quality standards; and

WHEREAS, the necessary coordination between the Cleveland/Akron Air Quality Area partners (Erie Regional Planning Commission for the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermillion; AMATS; for Portage and Summit Counties; NOACA for Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina Counties; and ODOT for Ashtabula County) has occurred to establish conformity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Committee affirms its approval of the attached air quality conformity analysis for the eight county Cleveland-Akron air quality non-attainment area for 2008 and 2015 8-hour Ozone standard.
2. That this Committee affirms its approval of the attached air quality conformity analysis for the eight county Cleveland-Akron air quality non-attainment area for 2006 and 2012 PM_{2.5} standards.
3. That this Committee affirms the consistency between the Lorain County portion of the ERPC Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and the State Implementation Plan (SIP).
4. That this Committee affirms interagency consultation has occurred between its non-attainment partners (NOACA, AMATS, and ODOT) to ensure conformity analyses.
5. That this Committee authorizes the Staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee of the Erie Regional Planning Commission.



Patrick Shenigo, 2020 Chairperson
Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee
Erie Regional Planning Commission

April 23, 2020

Executive Summary

Ozone and PM_{2.5} Conformity Analyses for Transportation Plans, Programs, and Projects in the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, Ohio Metropolitan Area

**Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS)
Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)
City of Vermilion, Lorain County portion (ERPC)**

What is required?

Nonattainment areas, through a process called transportation conformity, are required to demonstrate that emissions resulting from planned transportation system improvements will not exceed an area's emissions budgets. The United States Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) issues formal transportation conformity determinations to nonattainment areas following a quantitative analysis. The analysis demonstrates that emissions from vehicles traveling on the planned transportation system are less than the area's emissions budget (or other emissions target in the absence of an approved budget). Transportation conformity determinations ensure the transportation sector contributes to an area's progress toward national air quality standards.

The Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) must reestablish conformity for the 2006 and 2012 fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) standards and for the 2008 and 2015 8-Hour ozone standard as a result of the adoption of SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Programs and long range transportation plan amendments. Because conformity is determined on a nonattainment area, rather than a sub area basis, each of the area's planning partners must approve a new conformity finding for the area based on these updates. The analysis for each standard covers the pertinent portions of the counties of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit. The current analyses reflect a comparison of projected transportation emissions against the approved budgets for each standard.

Why are these tests required?

These tests are required because all areas with a current or former designation of nonattainment must maintain conformity findings for the designated pollutants. The tests ensure that transportation planning efforts are not hindering efforts to bring the area into attainment of the standards or maintain attainment of the standards.

What tests are conducted?

The tests compare the projected emissions in the given area against the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) identified in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for each standard.

The first test compares projected emissions of ozone precursors (volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x)) to the MVEBs for those pollutants. The second test is a comparison of projected emissions to the MVEBs for PM_{2.5} and NO_x.

For all tests, projected emission levels beneath the respective budgets are considered to conform to the goals of the Clean Air Act.

What are the results of the tests?

The results of the tests, as displayed in the following tables, are that the area's existing plans, programs, and projects meet the conformity requirements.

Conformity Analysis Summary

8-Hour Ozone

Attainment status: 2015 8-Hour Ozone standard – marginal nonattainment area (Federal Register / Vol. 83, No. 107 / Monday, June 4, 2018)

SIP Status: Federal Register /Vol. 82, No. 4 /Friday, January 6, 2017 – direct final rule adequacy finding for Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES) based 2008 ozone standard MVEB
 No submittals required under 2008 8-Hour ozone standard until approved budgets are received. The budgets found adequate for 2008 standard will satisfy the 2015 tests, per U.S. EPA.

8-Hour Geography: Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, Summit Counties, OH

Conformity Tests: 2008 Standard 8-Hour budget tests

Analysis Years: 2021 1st Analysis year
 2030 Interim and SIP Budget year
 2040 Plan(s) horizon year

| 8-Hour Ozone Test | 2021 Emissions | 2030 8-Hour Budget | 2030 Emissions | 2040 Emissions |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| AMATS | tons / day | | | |
| VOC | 9.11 | | 4.22 | 3.76 |
| NOx | 12.21 | | 5.29 | 4.21 |
| NOACA | tons / day | | | |
| VOC | 16.20 | | 9.77 | 6.58 |
| NOx | 22.13 | | 10.90 | 7.47 |
| Totals | tons / day | | | |
| VOC | 25.31 | 30.80 | 13.98 | 10.35 |
| NOx | 34.34 | 43.82 | 16.19 | 11.68 |

8-Hour Ozone

Attainment status: 2008 8-Hour Ozone standard – maintenance area (Federal Register / Vol. 82, No. 4 /Friday, January 6, 2017)

1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard - maintenance area (Federal Register Notice Final Rule Tuesday, September 15, 2009)

SIP Status: Federal Register /Vol. 78, No. 53 /Tuesday, March 19, 2013 – direct final rule adequacy finding for MOVES based 1997 Ozone standard MVEB
No submittals required under 2008 8-Hour Ozone standard until approved budgets are received. The budgets found adequate for the 1997 standard will satisfy both 1997 and 2008 tests for the time being per U.S. EPA.

8-Hour Geography: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, Summit Counties, OH

Conformity Tests: 1997 Standard 8-Hour budget tests

Analysis Years: 2021 1st Analysis year
2030 Interim and SIP Budget year
2040 Plan(s) horizon year

| 8-Hour Ozone Test | 2021 Emissions | 2030 8-Hour Budget | 2030 Emissions | 2040 Emissions |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| AMATS | tons / day | | | |
| VOC | 9.11 | | 4.22 | 3.76 |
| NOx | 12.21 | | 5.29 | 4.21 |
| NOACA | tons / day | | | |
| VOC | 16.20 | | 9.77 | 6.58 |
| NOx | 22.13 | | 10.90 | 7.47 |
| Ashtabula Co. | tons / day | | | |
| VOC | 1.26 | | 0.58 | 0.54 |
| NOx | 1.87 | | 0.84 | 0.72 |
| Totals | tons / day | | | |
| VOC | 26.57 | 30.80 | 14.56 | 10.89 |
| NOx | 36.21 | 43.82 | 17.04 | 12.40 |

PM_{2.5} 2006 Standard

Attainment/ 2006 Annual PM_{2.5} Standard – maintenance area (Federal Register / Vol. 78, No. 144 / Friday, July 26, 2013)

SIP Status: Cleveland area to attainment for 1997 and 2006 PM_{2.5} Standards – FR notice included an adequacy finding for the MOVES based MVEBs

Geography: Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, Summit Counties, OH, and Ashtabula Township (Ashtabula County, OH)

Conformity Tests: Budget tests

Analysis Years: 2022 PM_{2.5} Budget Year
2030 Interim year
2040 Plan(s) horizon year

| PM_{2.5} Test | 2022 Budget | 2022 Emissions | 2030 Emissions | 2040 Emission |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| AMATS | tons / year | | | |
| Direct PM _{2.5} | | 133.88 | 108.62 | 108.04 |
| NOx | | 2,736.88 | 1,872.30 | 1,664.22 |
| NOACA | tons / year | | | |
| Direct PM _{2.5} | | 343.76 | 264.33 | 224.07 |
| NOx | | 9,977.68 | 5,457.77 | 3,787.06 |
| Ashtabula Twp. | tons / year | | | |
| Direct PM _{2.5} | | 2.19 | 1.68 | 1.68 |
| NOx | | 50.33 | 35.26 | 32.81 |
| Area Totals | tons / year | | | |
| Direct PM _{2.5} | 880.89 | 479.83 | 374.64 | 333.79 |
| NOx | 17,263.65 | 12,764.89 | 7,365.34 | 5,484.09 |

PM_{2.5} 2012 Standard

Attainment status: 2012 Annual PM_{2.5} Standard – maintenance area (80 FR 2205 / January 14, 2015)
SIP Status: Federal Register /Vol. 83, No. 246 /Wednesday, December 26, 2018 – approval of SIP and finding in support of MOVES based 2012 standard PM_{2.5} MVEB
Geography: Cuyahoga and Lorain County, OH
Conformity Tests: 2012 SIP Maintenance Plan tests
Analysis Years: 2022 PM_{2.5} Budget year
2030 Interim and PM_{2.5} Budget year
2040 Plan(s) horizon year

| PM _{2.5} Test | 2022 Budget | 2022 Emissions | 2030 Budget | 2030 Emissions | 2040 Emissions |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Direct PM _{2.5} | 406.79 | 243.93 | 270.57 | 192.28 | 162.50 |
| NOx | 9,432.04 | 7,093.52 | 4,907.54 | 3,721.28 | 2,561.28 |

For additional detail on these topics, visit the following US EPA websites:

- <http://www.epa.gov/air/ozonepollution/> (general ozone information)
- <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/ozone/ozonetech/> (technical ozone information)
- <http://www.epa.gov/air/particlepollution/fastfacts.html> (fast facts on particulate matter)
- <http://www.epa.gov/air/particlepollution/basic.html> (general particulate matter information)
- http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/pm/s_pm_index.html (technical particulate matter information)

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-06

OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REAFFIRMING THE 2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND APPROVING THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND AFFIRMING THE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Ohio, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with local elected officials, has designated the Policy Committee of the Erie Regional Planning Commission as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Erie County and the City of Vermillion portion of Lorain County; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has, pursuant to 23 United States Code §134 and 49 United States Code 5303, prepared the 2040 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, which was approved in July 2015, and

WHEREAS, the MPO has, pursuant to 23 United States Code §134 prepared a Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2021, and

WHEREAS, Lorain County is included in the US EPA Cleveland-Akron 8-Hour Ozone and PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area designations, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to US EPA regulations 40 CFR Part 93, Regional Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs in non-attainment areas are required to demonstrate transportation conformity with the State Implementation Plan, and,

WHEREAS, conformity analyses and determinations for USEPA's 2008 and 2015 8-hour ozone standard, and the 2006 and 2012 annual fine particulate matter air quality standards for the SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long Range Transportation Plan must be completed in cooperation with the other MPOs and ODOT for the designated non-attainment areas as more fully described in the attached and,

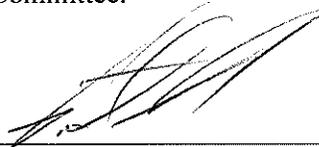
WHEREAS, the air quality analysis also reflects an AMATS Transportation Plan revision to include a new add lane project on SR-8 and IR-77, in Akron (PID 102329); and

WHEREAS, this analysis demonstrates that the AMATS, NOACA, and ERPC Regional Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs conform to the State Implementation Plan, pursuant to 40 CFR 93.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Committee reaffirms its approval of the 2040 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan as the Transportation Plan for Erie County and the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermillion.

2. That this Committee approves of the Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2024 as the Program of projects being implemented with federal transportation funds in Erie County and the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermilion.
3. That this Committee affirms the consistency between the 2040 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2024.
4. That this Committee affirms the consistency between the Lorain County portion of the ERPC 2040 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan and the State Implementation Plan (SIP).
5. That this Committee authorizes the Staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee.



Patrick Shenigo, 2020 Chairperson
Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Erie Regional Planning Commission

April 23, 2020

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-07

**OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY
COMMITTEE OF THE ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MPO AND THE MID-
OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, this Committee is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Erie County and the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this Committee to approve federally-funded transportation projects from the MPO region which appear on the TIP as well as other financial, legislative and policy MPO activities; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Council (MORPC) has requested a transfer of \$600,000 in Surface Transportation Project (STP) funds to advance projects as described in the attached document; and

WHEREAS, the MORPC has requested the funding transfer in SFY 2020 with repayment of the funds to the ERPC MPO in SFY 2021; and

WHEREAS, a sufficient amount of Surface Transportation Program funds is forecasted to be available to accommodate the proposed transfer; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee has analyzed the request and found it to be consistent with the long range plans of the Erie Regional Planning Commission; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That this Committee approves the request from MORPC to execute a Memorandum of Understanding to transfer STP Funds in the amount of \$600,000 to advance projects as described in the attached document.
- 2) That ERPC funds will be transferred in SFY 2020 with repayment in the amount of \$600,000 from MORPC in SFY 2021.
- 3) That this Committee authorizes Erie Regional Planning Commission staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.



Patrick Shenigo, 2020 Chairperson
Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Erie Regional Planning Commission

April 23, 2020

**ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
and the
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding records agreement between the Erie Regional Planning Commission (ERPC) and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) regarding a loan of Ohio SFY 2020 suballocated Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) budget. Based upon the current projects' schedules and estimates, MORPC needs \$600,000 in SFY 2020 4TA7 budget to aid in the advancement of its SFY 2020 STBG program.

ERPC agrees to lend MORPC \$600,000 in SFY 2020 STBG budget to aid in the advancement of MORPC SFY 2020 projects. MORPC agrees to repay this loan with \$600,000 in SFY 2021 STBG budget. The table below records these transactions. Note, this agreement involves transfer of budget in ODOT's Summary of Allocation program management accounts; there are no actual monetary transactions.

| Budget Transfer Schedule | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| | | SAC | Amount |
| SFY 2020 | MORPC | 4TA7/MR06 | \$600,000 |
| | ERPC | 4TA7/SA03 | (\$600,000) |
| SFY 2021 | MORPC | 4TA7/MR06 | (\$600,000) |
| | ERPC | 4TA7/SA03 | \$600,000 |

Steve Poggiali, Executive Director
Erie Regional Planning Commission



Date 4-23-20

Thea Ewing, Director of Transportation Systems & Funding
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



Date 04/13/2020

Sara Downs, Deputy Director
ODOT Division of Finance

Date _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-08
OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY
COMMITTEE OF THE ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR FY 2021-2024 TO MOVE FUNDING
BETWEEN PHASES AND APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE
PERKINS TOWNSHIP STRUB ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT PID 105034

WHEREAS, this Committee is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Erie County and the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this Committee to approve federally-funded transportation projects from Erie County which appear on the TIP; and

WHEREAS, this Committee previously awarded \$91,360 of MPO Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding for the project's PE/DD, Utilities, Environmental, and Right of Way phases and \$339,680 for the Construction/Construction Engineering phases; and

WHEREAS, Perkins Township is requesting that \$91,360 be moved from the PE/DD, Utilities, Environmental, and Right of Way phases to the project's construction phase in SFY 2022; and

WHEREAS, Perkins Township has also requested additional MPO Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding for the SFY 2022 construction/construction engineering phases in the amount of \$50,000 for PID 105034 Strub Road Sidewalk Project; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this Committee to approve federally-funded transportation projects from Erie County which appear on the TIP; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Committee has considered and approved amending the TIP to add the additional funding for the identified project to the project's construction phase in SFY 2022; and

WHEREAS, approving the TIP amendment will ensure the project is completed on a timely basis; and;
and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee has analyzed this request and found it to be consistent with the long range plans of the Erie Regional Planning Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That this Committee approves an amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as requested by Perkins Township for PID 105034 to move \$91,360 from PE/DD, Utilities, Environmental, and Right of Way phases to the SFY 2022 Construction and Construction Engineering phases of the project.
- 2) That this Committee approves an amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as requested by Perkins Township to approve an additional \$50,000 in TAP funding for PID 105034 Strub Road Sidewalk Project SFY 2022 Construction and Construction Engineering phases.
- 3) That this Committee authorizes Erie Regional Planning Commission staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Erie Metropolitan Planning Organization.



Patrick Shenigo, 2020 Chairperson
Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Erie Regional Planning Commission

June 25, 2020



Perkins Township

Board of Trustees

May 28, 2020

Carrie Whitaker, PE
Senior Transportation Planning Engineer
Erie Regional Planning Commission/
Metropolitan Planning Organization
2900 Columbus Avenue
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

*Re: Safe Routes to School Grant
PID 105034
Perkins Township*

Dear Ms. Whitaker:

This letter is being sent as a follow-up to a conference call on May 27th with you, ODOT District 3 staff and Township staff on the above-referenced subject.

Please be advised that the Board of Township Trustees is scheduled to award a contract to the Adaptive Engineering Group (AEG) for consulting services related to the preliminary design, final engineering design, right-of-way acquisitions, etc. required to implement the grant award by ODOT under its Safe Routes to School program as well as the funding previously committed to this project by the MPO and the Township.

With respect to this project's funding, it is the Township's understanding that the MPO may have additional funding available that could potentially be awarded to this important sidewalk safety project.

Perkins Township very much appreciates the MPO's past financial commitment toward this Safe Routes to School sidewalk project, and respectfully requests that the MPO consider providing any additional funding that may be available at this time. Based on recent discussions with ODOT, it is noted that this project is scheduled for State Fiscal Year 2022.

Should you have any questions or require anything else on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey L. Ferrell

Chair

Board of Township Trustees

cc: S. Poggiali, Director, Erie Regional Planning Commission
T. Coleman, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees
J. Lang, Trustee
G. Boyle, Township Administrator
R. Crawford, Public Works Director
A. Ohlemacher, Executive Coordinator
B. Henley, Administrative Assistant, Public Works Dept.

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Planning for the future of Erie County

July 15, 2020

Mr. Michael Schafrath
Ohio Department of Transportation
ODOT District 3
906 Clark Avenue
Ashland, OH 44805

Dear Mr. Schafrath,

The Erie County Regional Planning Metropolitan Planning Organization (ERPC MPO) Policy Board has authorized its Executive Director to approve administrative modifications. Administrative Modification 2020-02 makes modification to ERPC's SFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The purpose of this letter is to notify ODOT and FHWA that an administrative modification has been authorized and approved.

Modifications included in this Administrative Modification meet the criteria identified by the FHWA and ODOT regarding federal/statewide TIP modification procedures. Per these procedures, ERPC is issuing changes related to performance measures as Administrative Modification 2020-02 modifying the following:

- PID 105034 D03 Perkins Township Inf—change CO SFY 2022 funding from \$726,000.00 to \$735,645.00
- PID 105034 D03 Perkins Township Inf—change PE DD SFY 2021 funding from \$112,000.00 to \$110,214.00
- PID 107223 ERI US 006 16.07 Phase 2—change CO SFY 2021 funding from \$1,618,421.00 to \$1,800,866.13
- PID 110361 LOR CR 246 0.990 (Sunnyside Rd)—change CO SFY 2021 funding from \$1,032,007.60 to \$1,017,115.13

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Poggiali', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Steve Poggiali
Executive Director

ERPC Statement of Change

Agency: Erie County Regional Planning Commission (ERPC) MPO

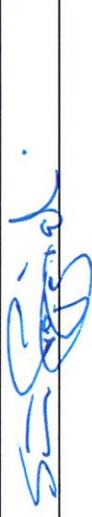
Amendment Type: Administrative Modification

Admin Mod # 2020-02

Date Prepared: 7/15/2020

| Existing or New Project | PID # | Sponsor Agency | Project Title | Programming | | Fund Source | Description of Change |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | Current | Proposed | | |
| Existing | 105034 | Perkins Township | D03 SRTS Perkins Township Inf | CO 2022 | CO 2022 | 4TC7/SA03/4HJ7 | CO funding changed to \$735,645.00 |
| Existing | 105034 | Perkins Township | D03 SRTS Perkins Township Inf | DD 2021 | PE DD 2021 | 4HJ7 | PE DD funding changed to \$110,214.00 |
| Existing | 107223 | City of Huron | ERI US 006 16.07 Phase 2 | CO 2021 | CO 2021 | 4PF7/4TA7/SA03 | CO funding changed to \$1,800,886.13 |
| Existing | 110361 | City of Vermillion | LOR CR 264 0.990 (Sunnyside Rd) | CO 2021 | CO 2021 | 4TA7/SA03 | CO funding changed to \$1,017,115.13 |

ERPC Executive Director Signature



RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-09
A RESOLUTION OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE ERIE
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING THE 2045
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) required that all transportation programs in urban areas of more than 50,000 population be prepared by the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) based on a continuing, comprehensive, transportation planning process carried on cooperatively between state and local communities; and

WHEREAS, the MPO refers to a forum for cooperative transportation decision making for the metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, Erie Regional Planning in conjunction with the local and state representation has prepared a 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update as part of the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, Erie Regional Planning has performed a public involvement process consistent with the MPO Public Involvement Policy and state orders restricting public gatherings (due to COVID 19);

WHEREAS, the public involvement included a public meeting, online presentations, stakeholder surveys, public surveys, website postings, social media postings, newspaper advertisements, and presentation of the transportation plan in various regular MPO committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, Erie Regional Planning has seriously considered the many comments received from individuals, organizations and committee membership in developing the recommendations of this plan; and

WHEREAS, the projects and programs in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update are fiscally constrained; and

WHEREAS, This Committee is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermilion is included in the Erie Regional Planning Commission MPO boundary and the ERPC 2045 Transportation Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, Lorain County is part of nonattainment areas for ozone and fine particulates; and

WHEREAS, the ERPC 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update must address transportation conformity for the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, the requisite Transportation Plan and TIP conformity analyses for this geography are conducted by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) and the most recent US DOT conformity determination for the Cleveland-Akron air quality area for 2008 and 2015 ozone and 2006 and 2012 PM 2.5 is dated March 18, 2020 with federal approval on June 29, 2020 as determined by inter-agency consultation first initiated on October 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the ERPC 2045 Transportation Plan Update recommendations do not include new capacity additions within the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermilion and, therefore, the update remains consistent with the March 2020 conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan has been submitted to and reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee and the Policy Committee:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Policy Committee hereby approves the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and submittal of the plan to the appropriate agencies; and
2. That this Policy Committee hereby determines that the ERPC 2045 Transportation Plan Update recommendations for the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermillion conform to the Ohio State Implementation Plan.
3. That this Committee authorizes the Erie Regional Planning Commission Director and staff to take any and all actions that in their judgment is necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution and to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.



Patrick Shenigo, 2020 Chairperson
Erie Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Erie Regional Planning Commission

July 23, 2020

Date

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-10
OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY
COMMITTEE OF THE ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
AMENDING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND
APPROVING TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AS REQUESTED BY THE
CITIES OF SANDUSKY AND VERMILION

WHEREAS, this Committee is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Erie County and the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this Committee to approve federally-funded transportation projects from Erie County which appear on the TIP; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sandusky has requested MPO Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for the W. Monroe Street Project, E. Water Street Project, and the E. Perkins Avenue Project in the City of Sandusky; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vermilion has requested MPO STP funding for the Vermilion Road Phase 4a Project and the Sunnyside Road Rehabilitation Phase 2 Project in the City of Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Committee has approved \$340,823 in STP funding to be utilized for the construction phase in SFY 2024 for the W. Monroe Project in the City of Sandusky; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Committee has approved \$474,477 in STP funding to be utilized for the construction phase in SFY 2024 for the E. Water Street Project in the City of Sandusky; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Committee has approved \$449,020 in STP funding to be utilized for the construction phase in SFY 2025 for the E. Perkins Avenue Project in the City of Sandusky; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Committee has approved \$881,445 in STP funding to be utilized for the construction phase in SFY 2024 for the Vermilion Road Phase 4a Project in the City of Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Committee has approved \$689,367 in STP funding to be utilized for the construction phase in SFY 2025 for the Sunnyside Road Rehabilitation Phase 2 Project in the City of Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Committee has approved requesting to borrow \$200,000 in STP funds from another MPO in SFY 2025 with repayment in SFY2026 to advance these projects; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Committee has considered and approved amending the TIP to approve the funding for the identified projects; and

WHEREAS, approving the TIP amendment will ensure the project is completed on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee has analyzed this request and found it to be consistent with the long range plans of the Erie Regional Planning Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That this Committee approves an amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as requested by the City of Sandusky and City of Vermilion to include the five (5) projects further described in the attached; and

- 2) That this Committee authorizes Erie Regional Planning Commission staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Erie Metropolitan Planning Organization.



Patrick Shenigo, 2020 Chairperson
Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Erie Regional Planning Commission

July 23, 2020

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020 PROGRESS REPORT

WHEREAS, the Erie Regional Planning Commission is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization by the Governor, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with local officials in Erie and a portion of Lorain Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization refers to a forum for cooperative transportation decision making for the metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, Erie Regional Planning in conjunction with the local and state representation has prepared the State Fiscal Year 2020 Progress Report as part of the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, Erie Regional Planning has outlined and detailed a number of different transportation work products completed between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 also known as State Fiscal Year 2020; and

WHEREAS, The planning products and programs in the State Fiscal Year 2020 Unified Planning Work Program are all fiscally constrained within the budget constraints of the approved Ohio Department Of Transportation Consolidated Planning Grant; and

WHEREAS, All products and programs are compatible and further the goals of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, This Committee is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the State Fiscal Year 2020 Progress Report has been submitted to and reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee and the Policy Committee:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That this Policy Committee hereby approves the State Fiscal Year 2020 Progress Report and submittal of the report to the appropriate agencies; and
- 2) That this Committee authorizes the Erie Regional Planning Commission Director and staff to take any and all actions that in their judgment are necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution and to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Patrick Shenigo, 2020 Chairperson
Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Erie Regional Planning Commission
September 24, 2020

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-12
OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY
COMMITTEE OF THE ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SFY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR PID 107223 ERI-6-16.17 THE US 6
REPAVING AND INTERSECTION IMPORVEMENTS PROJECT - PHASE 2 IN
THE CITY OF HURON

WHEREAS, this Committee is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Erie County and the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this Committee to approve federally-funded transportation projects from Erie County which appear on the TIP; and

WHEREAS, PID 107223 is currently programmed for the second phase of the US 6 Repaving and Intersection Improvements Project in the City of Huron; and

WHEREAS, the ERPC MPO had previously awarded 4TA7 funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the construction phase of the project in SFY 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huron has requested to move the project's construction phase to SFY 2022; and

WHEREAS, the previously awarded amount of \$500,000 4TA7 funding for the construction phase will be moved from SFY 2021 to SFY 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City's request for moving the construction phase and associated funding is expressed in the attached; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Committee has considered and approved amending the TIP to approve the changes for the identified project; and

WHEREAS, approving the TIP amendment will ensure the projects are completed on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee has analyzed this request and found it to be consistent with the long range plans of the Erie Regional Planning Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That this Committee approves an amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as requested by the City of Sandusky to approve moving \$500,000 4TA7 construction phase funding for PID 107223 ERI-6-16.17 from SFY 2021 to SFY 2022.
- 2) That this Committee authorizes Erie Regional Planning Commission staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Erie Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Patrick Shenigo, 2020 Chairperson
Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Erie Regional Planning Commission
September 24, 2020

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-13 OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SFY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR PID 105033 MEIGS STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF SANDUSKY

WHEREAS, this Committee is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Erie County and the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this Committee to approve federally-funded transportation projects from Erie County which appear on the TIP; and

WHEREAS, PID 105033 is currently programmed for reconstruction of Meigs Street in the City of Sandusky; and

WHEREAS, the ERPC MPO has previously awarded 4TA7 funding in the amount of \$160,576 SFY 2020 for Preliminary Engineering (including environmental), \$25,980 for SFY2020 Detailed Design, \$755,418.07 for SFY 2022 Construction, and \$94,197.41 SFY 2022 Construction Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the recent project construction estimate has increased from \$1,063,178.78 to \$1,969,746.76 in SFY 2022 due to the addition of a waterline into the project; and

WHEREAS, this TIP amendment is required by the Ohio Department of Transportation as the most recent project estimate for construction is greater than 50% of the existing estimate; and

WHEREAS, the previously awarded amount of 4TA7 funds described above for PID 105033 will remain unchanged; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Committee has considered and approved amending the TIP to approve the changes for the identified project; and

WHEREAS, approving the TIP amendment will ensure the projects are completed on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee has analyzed this request and found it to be consistent with the long range plans of the Erie Regional Planning Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That this Committee approves an amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for PID 105033 as the project construction estimate has increased from \$1,063,178.78 to \$1,969,746.76 in SFY 2022 which is more than 50% of the original estimated construction cost.
- 2) That this Committee authorizes Erie Regional Planning Commission staff to provide copies of this Resolution to the appropriate agencies as evidence of action by the Erie Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Patrick Shenigo, 2020 Chairperson
Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Erie Regional Planning Commission
September 24, 2020



August 21st, 2020

Steve Poggiali, Director
Erie Regional Planning
2900 Columbus Avenue
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Mr. Poggiali,

Due to the financial and logistical constraints COVID-19 has placed on the city of Huron, as well as recent regulatory modifications regarding limited access highways, I am officially requesting consideration for the delay in funding for the second phase of the US 6 repaving project (ERI-6-16.07 PID 107223).

Financial Impact:

This project is being funded through partnership with the State, MPO, and the city. The city's contribution towards the project would be funded by internal transfers from surplus income tax collections and gas tax receipts. Due to COVID-19, we are projecting a decrease in income tax revenues of 10% (\$300,000) and a 25% reduction in gas tax receipts (\$200,000) for a total of \$500,000 in reduced revenues. In order to maintain the city's fiscal solvency, all discretionary expenditures and capital projects have been placed on hold for the remainder of the year to ensure sufficient funding to continue essential governmental functions. Even with halting discretionary and capital expenditures, we are anticipating a significant drop in General Fund balance, taking us from a fund reserve of 28% of annual expenditures down to 15%.

Due to decreased revenues, the city is unable to make internal revenue transfers to offset capital expenditures in 2021. Based on existing fund balances and projected revenue decreases, moving forward with the project in 2021 would result in a negative Capital Fund balance. Should the current projections hold true, contributing the city's share in 2021 would have a detrimental impact on our overall financial situation. Our expectation is that revenues will rebound in 2021 allowing the city to realize a year of budgetary activity affording the ability for the city to fund its local contribution in 2022.

Logistical Impact:

The US 6 corridor is a highly traveled and critical thoroughfare within the community. As the main east/west connection, it is highly impactful on of all residents, businesses, and local schools. Due to the strong public interest, the city initiated a comprehensive public outreach program with the first phase of this project (ERI-6-17.52 / PID 100421). These efforts included meeting the public involvement requirements of the project as set forth by ODOT as well conducting a public open house and public comment effort for interested members of the community. In addition, the city administration held multiple in-person meetings with all interested parties along the corridor. The city feels that it has set forth a precedent for the desired level of public coordination for Phase 2 of the project. While we've sufficiently met the requirements for public outreach as set forth by ODOT, COVID-19 greatly reduced our ability to have further in-person outreach events with the public and impacted parties.

The city administration feels that the additional efforts conducted during the planning process of Phase 1 proved invaluable in the planning and design of the project. Should this request for delay be granted, the additional time would give the city the opportunity to conduct further public education efforts and ultimately result in a more successful project.

Modified Project Scope:

During the design phase, the city explored multiple proposed treatments for the Center St. / Jim Campbell / US 6. The Council and administration had finalized the design scope in the fall of 2019. Once approved, our engineering firm began the detailed engineering phase of the project. Since this time a regulatory modification at the State level led the city to explore an alternative solution – constructing direct access to US 6 from Jim Campbell through a break in the limited access highway. Based on our initial review, this solution seems to be the most palatable solution and one favored by the administration over our initial conceptual design. Due to the scope of the project and the modification of regulatory circumstances, the city feels the additional time is necessary to fully vet the proposed modification in effort to construct the best overall project. The city has engaged District 3 to discuss the proposed modification. The District has indicated a willingness to explore the potential modification, however, additional time is necessary.

Due to the aforementioned reasons, the city is requesting consideration from the MPO to move the existing funding allocated for this project from FY 2021 to FY 2022. I appreciate the committee's attention to this matter and look forward to future discussions regarding this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Spafford
Interim City Manager
City of Huron

cc: Russ Critelli, City Engineer (via email)
Bob Weaver, Deputy Director ODOT District 3 (via email)