

# RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING

## RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF October 30, 2024

REGIONAL PLANNING		COORDINATING COMMITTEE	
Louis Andres		Jack Butler	
Bob Bianchi	Present	Aurelio Diaz	
Terri Brenkus	Present	Lawrence Hall(Non voting)	Present
Julie Chaya		Chris Kocher	
Donnie Clark	Present	Randy Lane(Non voting)	
Tom Craft	Present	Robert Weaver / (Scott Ockunzzi)	Present
Don Daugherty		Nate Vogt(Non voting)	
Dorey Diab		Greg Vogt	
Adam Gove	Present	Stephanie Zader	
Todd Hall			
Randy Hutchinson			
John Jaholnycky	Present	<b>PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL</b>	
Bob Jarvis	Present	Tim Bowersock (Non voting)	Present
Kris Knapp	Present	Joe Gies	Present
Steve Mclauglin	Present	Chriss Harris (Non voting)	
Cliff Mears	Present	Brian McCartney(Non voting)	Present
Deborah Mount		Charles Pscholka(Non voting)	
Rebecca Owens		Marion Zaugg(Non voting)	
Jodie Perry	Present		
Ed Pickens	Present		
Sam Sauder	Present		
Steve Schag	Present		
Matthew Stanfield	Present		
Lee Tasseff			
Trae Turner			
<b>GUESTS</b>			
Larry Weirich	Chad Coward	Jay Burton	
Adam Gongwer	Mark Rufener		
Ed Sauder	Cassandra Fryman		

**Staff Member:** Betsy Chapman, Jean Taddie, Jotika Shetty, Lyndsie Martin,

Carol Coovert, Jason Werner, Pong Wu

1. Meeting called to order at 12:00pm. Roll Call taken and Quorum (12) confirmed.
2. Approval of Minutes of the August 28, 2024 Meeting – A (See document 2.1 from packet)

***Tom Craft made a motion to approve the Minutes from the August 28, 2024 Full Commission Meeting. Ed Pickens seconded the motion. The motion carried.***

3. TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
(Business of the Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO)

1. Public Transportation Report – I presented by Jean Taddie
  - 1) New AVL program for transit
    1. Allows riders to find where their bus is in relation to their location and if they are on time or delayed
    2. Works with Apple and Android
    3. Alerts riders of road closures and route adjustments
    4. System will call out next stops to the riders so the driver does not have to
    5. Also includes signs for the hearing impaired
  - 2) Working to connect with Google maps and other interfaces
2. Technical Advisory Committee Report – A (See document 3.2 from packet) – presented by Pong WU
  - 1) Resolution 25-07: Adopting FY2024 Annual OWP/UPWP Completion Report (document 3.2.1 from packet)
  - 2) Resolution 25-08: Adopting FY2024 Annual List of Federally Obligated Project Report (document 3.2.1 from packet)
  - 3) Resolution 25-09: Adopting Loan Application for Shortfall in FY25 TIP Projects and Project Related Amendments
    1. Roughly a \$1.2 million shortfall
    2. 1 year, no interest loan to help us complete all projects scheduled for FY25

***John J made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-07 thru 25-09 as presented. Bob Jarvis seconded the motion. The motion carried.***

3. Function and Products of an MPO – I (See document 3.3 from packet) – presented by Pong Wu
4. Other Transportation Updates from the Floor – I – No Reports

4. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

1. President's Report – I Presented by Adam Gove
  - 1) Reiterate to all attending, make sure everyone is paying attention, slow down in work zones, and keep eyes on the road to avoid another tragedy in the area
  - 2) Resolution 25-10: Establishing Meeting Notice Procedure and Adopting Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025 (See document 4.1.1 from packet)

**Jodie Perry made a motion to approve Resolution 25-10 as presented. Joe Gies seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

2. Executive Director's Report – I (See document 4.2 from packet) – presented by Jotika Shetty
  - 1) Issue 2 SCIP Bond Ballot Initiative – May 2025
    1. The OPWC funding renewal for next 10 years
    2. Current ballot is on year 9 of 10
    3. It is extremely important for all of us to put the word out and make sure voters are aware of what it means for our community
    4. Proposed amount is \$2 billion – an increase from the last ballot approved
  - 2) Gave guidance on how members should complete the ballot for OPWC proposed projects
  - 3) Acknowledged Tim Bowersock's Retirement from the City of Mansfield
  - 4) Might require a special meeting for the shortfall loan application once paperwork is ready – keep an eye on your email for further details
5. OPWC PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS (See document 5.1 from packet)
  1. Mifflin Township presented by John J
    - 1) Replace 36 inch and 2 24 inch culverts on Laver Rd
    - 2) \$135,000 ask – half the project estimated cost
  2. Madison Township Road Department presented by Larry Weirich
    - 1) Lincoln Terrace Pipe Replacement and Paving Project
    - 2) 9 roads submitted for repaving – 2.1 miles total
    - 3) \$125,000 ask from OPWC
  3. Monroe Township – Stout Road factsheet in packet
  4. Richland County presented by Chad Cower
    - 1) Pavement improvement project \$500,000 grant for 13.25 miles of roadway
    - 2) Lexington Springmill/Home Road
      1. Majority covered through federal safety funds
      2. Help cover deficit after federal funds – asking for \$500,000
      3. Bike Trail – moved up over the north leg of the roundabout and reconnect on the west side. All included in the initial study and plans for the project
      4. Tunnel option was not considered
  5. Plymouth Village presented by Mayor Fryman
    - 1) Repaving project
    - 2) Broken into 3 phases to help make the project easier to tackle and fund
    - 3) Village will be contributing \$50,000 and partnerships will also be contributing \$50,000
    - 4) Would alleviate the standing water issues and disintegration
    - 5) Asking for \$500,000 grant
  6. Mansfield City presented by Bob Bianchi
    - 1) Three traffic signal replacements
      1. Cline Ave & Marion Ave

- 2. Fourth St & Brookwood Way
- 3. Springmill St & Mulberry St
- 2)Asking for \$425,000 grant

- 7. Ontario City presented by Kris Knapp
  - 1)\$290,000 grant / \$210,000 loan
  - 2)2 areas to finish water line project
    - 1. Loop neighborhoods together
    - 2. Lowes/Aldi waterline issue on Lexington-Springmill Road – currently turned off until it can be fixed (East side currently)
  - 3)City funding \$444,290 towards project if project is approved


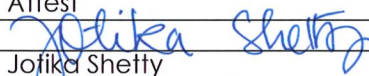
- 8. Shelby City presented by Joe Gies
  - 1)Stormwater project on State Street
  - 2)Will serve 9 acre area
  - 3)Retention pond was created but wasn't enough to fix the issue
  - 4)Asking \$226,000 grant

6. COMMUNITY AND MEMBER UPDATES

- 1. Mobility Management Program Changes Update – No report at this time – will report in May
- 7. Others from the Floor and comments – No Reports
  - 1. Question about funding available for OPWC proposals – listed on the ballots
- 8. Adjournment

***Teri Brenkus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:47pm. Cliff Mears seconded the motion. The motion carried.***

Date of Next Meetings: Executive Committee: November 13, 2024  
 Full Commission: Tent. January 29, 2025

By 	Attest 
Adam Gove	Jofika Shetty
President	Executive Director