

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES**

**Dayton Metro Library  
215 E. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402**

**August 3, 2023  
9:00 AM**

**Members/Voting Alternates**

Robert Beeler, AES-Ohio  
Greg Blatt, Dayton Realtors  
Anthony Bornhorst, Shelby County  
Scott Brown, ODOT District 8  
John Bruns, City of Union  
Nancy Byrge, City of Huber Heights  
Rick Dobson, City of West Carrollton  
Judy Dodge, Montgomery County  
Elmer Dudas, City of Springboro  
Joanna Garcia, City of Beavercreek  
Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township  
Forrest Greenwood, City of Bellbrook  
Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineer  
Sarah Hackenbracht, GDAHA  
Karen Hesser, Five Rivers MetroParks  
Pat Higgins, City of Germantown  
Sarah Hippensteel-Hall, Miami Conservancy Dist.  
Amber Holloway, City of Vandalia  
Larry Holmes, Darke County  
Brian Housh, Village of Yellow Springs  
Matt Joseph, City of Dayton  
Sonja Keaton, City of Brookville  
Tony Klepacz, City of Kettering  
Kevin Knepp, City of Fairborn  
Sara Lommatzsch, City of Riverside  
Sarah Mays, City of Xenia  
Mary McDonald, City of Trotwood  
Mardie Milligan, City of Sidney  
Paul Murphy, Sinclair College  
Robin I. Oda, City of Troy  
Matt Parrill, ODOT District 7  
Cindy Pearson, City of Piqua  
Mehdi Sharzi, CenterPoint Energy  
Woody Stroud, Greene County Transit  
Beth Van Haaren, Bethel Township  
Rachael Vonderhaar, Preble County  
Deborah Wallace, Beavercreek Township

**Other Alternates/Guests**

Chrisonna Anderson-Lutz, Greene Co Eng.  
Mike Bowers, Darke County  
Michelle Caserta-Bixler, Shelby County  
Tom Kelley, United Way of Greater Dayton  
Shawn Mason, American Structure Point  
Steve Naas, County Corp  
Jessica Olson, GDRTA  
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy

**MVRPC Staff**

Serena Anderson  
Paul Arnold  
Nick Cannistraci  
Brad Daniel  
Chanda Davis  
Jakob Denney  
Savannah Diamond  
Jessi Hansen  
Laura Henry  
Martin Kim  
Leslie King  
Matt Lindsay  
Mike Lucas  
Brian Martin  
Taylor O'Rourke

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors met on August 3, 2023 at 9:02 a.m. at Dayton Metro Library, 215 E. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402. All members and news media were notified of the meeting pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson Simmons called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Self-introductions were made and a quorum was established for the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Board of Directors meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 1, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Bruns made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2023 Board meeting. Mr. Housh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON ACTION ITEMS**

None

## **IV. MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Resolution 23-029: Recommended Adoption of Amendment #1 to MVRPC's SFY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Arnold referred to the 1st amendment to the SFY 2024-2027 TIP and the numerous project changes made by MVRPC and ODOT. He referred to the packet showing the tables broken down by county as well as the statewide line item project tables. Mr. Arnold stated that staff and the Technical Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Amendment #1 for the SFY 2024-SFY 2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Ms. Keaton made a motion to adopt the first amendment of the SFY2024-SFY2027 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **B. Resolution 23-030: Recommended Approval of MVRPC TRAC projects for CY2023**

Mr. Daniel provided information regarding MVRPC TRAC Projects for CY2023. He explained that The TRAC can only fund projects that are included or consistent with the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The TRAC also takes into consideration regional and local priorities by requesting MPOs to submit project priority lists. In addition, all projects need to be approved, reviewed, or commented on by the appropriate MPO. Mr. Daniel then explained that MVRPC staff has completed its review of the single CY2023 TRAC project submitted this year in accordance with the Policy. The project received involves widening and rehabilitating I-70 from Upper Lewisburg-Salem Road near Brookville to State Route 48 in Englewood, and the entire Miami Valley strongly supports the completion of this project. Mr. Daniel stated that staff and the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the MVRPC TRAC Projects for CY2023.

Ms. Lommatzsch made a motion to approve the MVRPC TRAC projects for CY2023. Ms. Vonderhaar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. Update on the Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant**

Mr. Lindsay delivered a comprehensive update pertaining to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. He stated that MVRPC staff has successfully concluded the preparation of the entire application package and submitted it to U.S. EPA on May 31, 2023. It was later announced that the grant application was approved and MVRPC should be entering into a cooperative agreement with US EPA in the next month. While we wait for the grant agreement between MVRPC and US EPA to be finalized, staff has been working to develop and release a Request for Proposals (RFP) package seeking consultant support for the work. The RFP is available on the MVRPC web site and has also been posted on the Ohio Department of

Transportation's LPA Bids page, the American Planning Association's RFP list page, and on BidPrime.com. The deadline to submit proposals is August 17, 2023. The intention is to have a firm or team of firms under contract in September to get the work underway.

Mr. Lindsay also announced information about the upcoming [Water and Environment Subcommittee](#) meeting on August 9th. He stated the Subcommittee will include all the representatives from the wastewater committee but also representatives of local environmental organizations, and academia. It will fulfill the role of the former committee with respect to the water quality plan, but also be able to address the CPRG work, and other environmental matters that come before our Region. Lastly, Mr. Lindsay opened the floor for questions and discussed Environmental Equity.

## **B. Tour de Gem 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cycling Classic**

Mr. Tom Kelley, President and CEO of United Way of the Greater Dayton Area, and Mr. Steve Naas, President of County Corp, presented information regarding the [Tour de Gem 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cycling Classic](#). Mr. Kelley first explained that the Tour de Gem is a fundraising cycling event for local Nonprofits to raise money and bring awareness to their important missions. This is a fun, family-friendly way for cyclists of all ages and abilities to have a positive impact in their community and explore the many GEMs the Dayton region has to offer. Mr. Naas then shared the various maps of all the routes. Lastly, Mr. Kelley invited Board members to donate or register to attend this year's event on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **A. Executive Director's Update**

Mr. Martin announced that Mr. Jakob Denney, MVRPC's Administrative Assistant, has been accepted into Cardiff University in England and will leave MVRPC to pursue a Master's degree in International Planning. Mr. Denney's last day will be September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Martin then reviewed the [August ED's Update](#):

- MiamiValleyRoads.org - Two Major Reconstruction
- GIS Expertise and Member Services at MVRPC
- Drive Electric Dayton and MVRPC's Air Quality Awareness Program
- Grants & Funding Resources
- Miami ValleyGovjobs.org
- Adult Changing Tables
- Upcoming MVRPC Meetings

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Simmons adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

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**Brian O. Martin, AICP**  
Executive Director

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**Sara Lommatzsch**  
Vice Chairperson

**Date:**