

EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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MINUTES

General Policy Board meeting held on January 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments office at 100 East Federal Street, Suite 1000, Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Members Present *Alternate for voting member present

Darko; Ducro; Duffett*Calhoun; Franklin*Makosky; Ginnetti; Hanley; Harp; Harris; Iudiciani; Kozlowski; Mahoning County Commissioners*DeAscentis; Mientkiewicz; Moliterno; Phillips; Picuri; Princic*Billet; Salamone; Samulka; Sicafuse; Smith*Shaffer; Stocker; Svette; Timonere; Trumbull County Commissioners*Green; Waddell; Wollet; Woofter; Young

Members Absent

Augustein; Bennet; Brown; Hill; Jurko; Kale; McIntosh; Melfi; Mayor of Niles; Pirko; Puckett; Spencer; Mayor of Washingtonville; Whittington; Winchell

Others Present

Barna, Jim – DriveOhio; Baryak, John – Newton Falls; Durbin, Bob – Mahoning County Engineers Office; Faulkner, Bob – Trumbull County Transit Board member; Flaney, Anthony – City of Niles; Gerberry, Steven – Trumbull County Engineer's office; Germanuik, Genevieve – Citizens Advisory Board; Granger, Rich – DriveOhio; Hughes, Brian – MS Consultants; Kidd, Phil – Youngstown CityScape; Kogelnik, Chris – CT Consultants; McClellan, Matt – DriveOhio; Morgan, Martha – Village of Poland; Neiro, Gery – ODOT; Nelson, Charlie – Nelson Development; Pennel, Jordan – Senator Sherrod Brown's office; Thomas, Terry – Community Bus Service; VanEpps, Daniel – CSTUCIC; Verich, Michael – Trumbull County Transit; Voderberg, Peter - DriveOhio

Eastgate Staff Present

Ballone; Davis; Daugherty; Dyer; Esenwein; Gollner; Kinnick; Krzys; Mondok; Petrolla; Pompeo; Reyes-Chapman; Sympson; Taylor; Zubyk

Call to Order

Pat Ginnetti called the meeting to order after it was established that a quorum was present. He then led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

Pat Ginnetti entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the GPB meeting held on October 29, 2018. Motion was made by Fred Hanley. Seconded by Randy Samulka. Motion carried unanimously.

Opening Remarks

Pat Ginnetti thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and proceeded to the Committee Summary Reports.

Committee Summary Reports

Technical Advisory Committee- Gary Shaffer reported that Technical Advisory Committee meetings were held in November, December and January. Some of the programs and topics discussed at these meetings include the following: The 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan development, the GIS Portal, Funding Performance Measures, the 2019 CMAQ Program schedule, and Eastgate's Corridor Planning Initiative. Reoccurring topics included the Fiscal Year 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program, the 201 Facility Planning Area proposed amendments, the Eastgate planning grant, Alternative Fuel Corridors, updates to Eastgate's website, and the ARC Program. GPB Resolutions reviewed and approved by the committee were: #033 and #034-2018, #043-2018 which was reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee and approved through Administrative Modification, #044 through #046-2018, and #002 through #004-2019. Intergovernmental Resolutions reviewed and approved by the Technical Advisory Committee were #035 through #041-2018, #047-2018, and #001-2019.

Citizens Advisory Board – Randy Samulka reported that since the last General Policy Board meeting, the CAB met in November, December, and January. In November, the CAB heard from Keland Logan, Executive Director of The Colony, on green infrastructure initiatives in Youngstown. In December, the CAB reviewed the responsibilities of the metropolitan planning organization and attendees prepared potential work product ideas for Eastgate, including road diets and walkable connections for commercial corridors, passenger rail service, ride-hailing pick up locations, and smart infrastructure. In January, Jim Kinnick provided an overview of over \$80 million in new investment in the region through projects such as the SMART² Network, diverging diamond at SR-46/SR-82, dam removal, and safety projects. The CAB discussed TAC items including District 6 Public Works, Appalachian Regional Commission, Clean Ohio Program, Eastgate Planning Grant, Alternative Fuel Corridors, GIS Portal, WRTA myStop, Transportation Improvement Program, Lower Mahoning River, 201 Facility Planning Areas, Pymatuning Creek, 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. General Policy Board Resolutions reviewed were #033-2018, #034-2018, #043-2018, #044-2018, #045-2018, #046-2018, #002-2019, #003-2019, and #004-2019.

Finance Executive Committee- Jim Kinnick discussed the current financial report and the financial status as of January 2019. The report was reviewed, and questions were answered. He also reminded the Board that elections for Chair and Vice Chair are now on a two-year interval, so no elections will be made at this meeting.

A motion accepting the committee summary reports was made by Fred Hanley. Seconded by J.P. Ducro. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Report

Jim Kinnick thanked those in attendance for their continued guidance and support of the programs and initiatives. He then gave an overview of the direction of the agency for 2019 including the successful awarding of the BUILD Grant, Safety Projects that Eastgate is partnering with ODOT to secure funding for, the successful funding of the DDI in Trumbull County, the success of beginning to remove legacy dams along the Mahoning River, all totaling approximately \$80 million of funding received for Eastgate member communities in 2018. He also discussed Eastgate now offering Corridor Planning, our involvement in discussion of a multi-county transit corridor from Ashtabula County to Columbiana County, the proposed alignment of Economic Development efforts, and Economic Development efforts for the proposed idling of the General Motors plant in Lordstown. Lastly, he invited those in attendance to Eastgate's 2019 Annual Meeting. Information will be emailed to members in the near future.

Pat Ginnetti then introduced Mike Salamone, the Trumbull County Transit Administrator for the Partnering Agency Update.

Speakers

Mike Salamone gave a brief overview of the status of Trumbull County Transit.

Pat Ginnetti then introduced Jim Barna, Rich Granger, and Peter Vonderberg from DriveOhio as the featured speakers. The three provided a very informative presentation on DriveOhio and the autonomous shuttle initiatives. Those in attendance

then had a question and answer period.

Resolutions for Passage

GPB Resolution #033-2018

Resolution recommending to the State of Ohio Governor's Office of Appalachia and Ohio Development Services Agency to support funding for the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments Local Development District full-application priority of projects in Fiscal Year 2019 for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). A motion was made by Zachary Svette. Seconded by Fred Hanley. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #034-2018

Resolution recommending to the State of Ohio Governor's Office of Appalachia and Ohio Development Services Agency to support the priority of projects for the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments Local Development District Fiscal Year 2019 Regional Job Training (RJT) Program. A motion was made by Zachary Svette. Seconded by Fred Hanley. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #046-2018

Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments to move the Bedford Road Project into Fiscal Year 2019 and add additional construction funding. A motion was made by Fred Hanley. Seconded by Casey Kozlowski. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #002-2019

Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments to add right-of-way phase and increase funding for the Mecca Street Resurfacing Project. A motion was made by James Woofter. Seconded by Zachary Svette. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #003-2019

Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments to include compliance for PM2 and PM3 Performance Management Targets. A motion was made by Zachary Svette. Seconded by James Woofter. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #004-2019

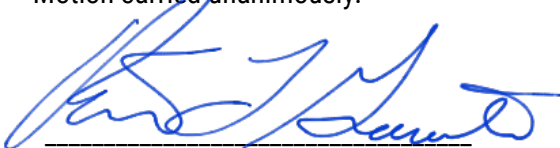
Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments to add safety funding to various phases of the SR46/SR 82 Diverging Diamond Interchange and the SR46/Warren Sharon Road Projects. A motion was made by James Woofter. Seconded by Fred Hanley. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Discussion

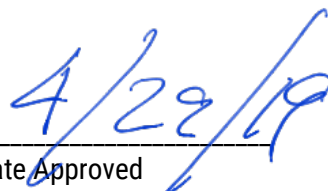
There was discussion on broadband issues, and the area needing a spokesperson for what the area needs for broadband.

Adjournment

Pat Ginnetti entertained a motion for adjournment. A motion was made by Randy Samulka. Seconded by Zachary Svette. Motion carried unanimously.



General Policy Board Chairman



Date Approved