

EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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MINUTES

General Policy Board meeting held on April 29, 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

Ducro; Franklin*Makosky; Ginnetti; Hanley; Harris; Iudiciani*Day; Kozlowski; McIntosh; Moliterno; Neiro; Pirko; Princic*Billet; Salamone; Smith*Shaffer; Timonere; Trumbull County Commissioners*Green; Winchell; Wollet; Woofter

Members Absent

Augustein; Bennet; Brown; Darko; Duffett*Calhoun; Harp; Hill; Jurko; Kale; Mahoning County Commissioners*DeAscentis; Melfi; Mientkiewicz; Phillips; Puckett; Samulka; Sicafuse; Spencer; Stocker; Svette; Waddell; Mayor of Washingtonville; Whittington; Young

Others Present

D"Avignon, Tricia – Boardman Township; Durbin, Bob – Mahoning County Engineers Office; Gerberry, Steven – Trumbull County Engineer's office; Germanuik, Genevieve – Citizens Advisory Board; Hurayt, Gerald – Citizens Advisory Board; Rebillot, Steve – ODOT District 4; Root, Chad – ODOT District 4; Thomas, Terry – Community Bus Service; VanEpps, Daniel – CSTUCIC; Verich, Michael – Trumbull County Transit;

Eastgate Staff Present

Ballone; Dyer; Esenwein; Kinnick; Mondok; Pompeo; Reyes-Chapman; Sympson; Taylor

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 January 28, 2019. Motion was made by Fred Hanley. Seconded by Mark Winchell. 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 Technical Advisory Committee meetings were held in February, March and April. Some of the programs and topics discussed at these meetings include the following: The Multimodal Connectivity Pilot program, the Transportation Improvement Program Performance Management Report, the Fiscal Year 2020 Work Program and discussion on 2020 work products, the U.S.

Census boundary changes, 208 Plan Proposed Amendments, Lower Mahoning River Watershed Plans, and the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. Reoccurring topics included Eastgate's Corridor Planning Initiative, Eastgate's 2020 Planning Grant, Eastgate's Safety Plan, updates to Eastgate's website including a preview of the new Data Hub, updates on Eastgate's Economic Development Program activities, and the ARC Program. GPB Resolutions reviewed and approved by the committee were: #005 through #008-2019 and #013 and #014-2019. One Intergovernmental Review Resolution was reviewed and approved by the Technical Advisory Committee, #019-2019.

Citizens Advisory Board – Justin Mondok reported that since the last General Policy Board meeting, the Citizens Advisory Board met in February, March, and April. In February, the CAB heard from Bethia Burke, Vice President of the Fund for Our Economic Future, who discussed a report entitled "The Two Tomorrows" that focuses on Economic Growth and Opportunity. In March, the CAB hear a presentation from Eastgate's Stephanie Dyer and the Environmental Design Group's Christina Znidarsic. The presentation was an overview of the Non-Point Source Implementation Strategy Plans currently in progress for two of the Mahoning River's sub-watersheds. In April, the CAB visited Kent State University at Trumbull Campus and heard a presentation from Dr. Lance Grahn. Dr. Grahn outlined the campus' new initiative, ProsperTC and discussed the strategic vision for the University as it looks to continue making improvements and be creative in expanding educational opportunity. The CAB discussed TAC items including District 6 Public Works, Appalachian Regional Commission, Clean Ohio Program, Eastgate Planning Grant, Alternative Fuel Corridors, Transportation Improvement Program, Lower Mahoning River Watershed Plans, 201 Facility Planning Areas, Safety Plan Update, Eastgate's Corridor Planning program, and the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program. In coming months, the CAB will be discussing the Eastgate Retrospective project and the Youngstown SMART2 Network BUILD Grant. The CAB approved all resolutions brought before the board over the last quarter. The CAB approved action on a few special topics, including; submitting comments in reference to the design of the Fifth Avenue Improvement Project, the creation of CAB subcommittees that will allow committee members additional time to discuss topics at depth, and submission of a letter in opposition to the proposed location of the Enterprise Park Development.

Finance Executive Committee- Jim Kinnick discussed the current financial report and the financial status as of April 2019. The report was reviewed, and questions were answered. He also summarized items discussed at the Finance Executive Committee meeting held that morning.

A motion accepting the committee summary reports was made by J.P. Ducro. Seconded by Fred Hanley. 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 Economic Development Alignment effort, the BUILD project, Eastgate's 2019 Annual Meeting, and the Regional Chamber's Columbus Drive-In where Eastgate met with Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and newly appointed Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director Laurie Stevenson. Also discussed was efforts in place to provide a coordinated approach to funding safety projects, and an overview of the applications received by Eastgate for corridor planning.

Pat Ginnetti then introduced Gery Noirot the Deputy Director of ODOT's District 4 office.

Speakers

Gery Noirot gave an overview of initiatives he and his staff will be undertaking in the upcoming year and introduced staff who Eastgate and its members will be working with moving forward. Under his direction, the District will focus on congestions and what can be done to mitigate congestion, asset management, and partnering with DriveOhio to support the connected vehicle efforts in the State.

Pat Ginnetti then introduced Ferzan Ahmed, the Executive Director of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission as

the featured speaker. Director Ahmed provided an overview of Turnpike services and future plans and projects that will be coming in future years.

Lastly, Pat Ginnetti introduced Tricia D'Avignon, the Assistant Director of Zoning and Development for Boardman Township who spoke on the township's Connecting Boardman Plan which was funded through a successful award of Eastgate's Planning Grant.

Resolutions for Passage

GPB Resolution #006-2019

Resolution to amend the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan to designate the Village of West Farmington as the Primary Management Agency for the Village of West Farmington 201 Facility Planning Area in accordance with Section 208 of the Clean Water Act. A motion was made by James Woofter. Seconded by Mark Winchell. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #007-2019

Resolution to amend the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan to adopt the Village of West Farmington 201 Facility Planning Area in accordance with Section 208 of the Clean Water Act. A motion was made by Jim Pirko. Seconded by Fred Hanley. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #008-2019

Resolution to modify the Boardman 201 Facility Planning Area (FPA) and Struthers 201 FPA Boundaries and elimination of the New Middletown 201 FPA in accordance with the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan and Section 208 of the Clean Water Act. A motion was made by Jim Pirko. Seconded by John Moliterno. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #014-2019

Resolution of the Fiscal Year 2020 Planning Grant recommendations for funding. A motion was made by Fred Hanley. Seconded by Mark Winchell. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #015-2019

Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments and the State of Ohio for the continuation of the Urban Transportation Planning Process. A motion was made by Fred Hanley. Seconded by Jim Pirko. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #016-2019

Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Unified Planning Work Program of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, State of Ohio. A motion was made by Fred Hanley. Seconded by Jim Pirko. Motion carried unanimously.

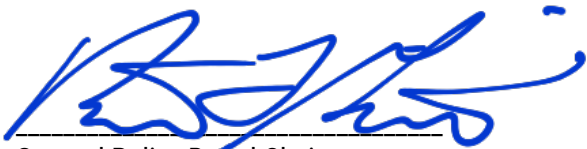
Open Discussion

Julie Green reported some upcoming events that will be happening in Trumbull County. Eastgate will post each on our website for those interested in more information.

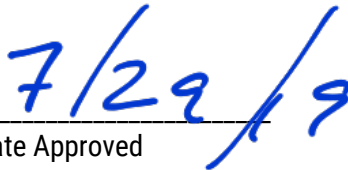
Adjournment

Pat Ginnetti entertained a motion for adjournment. A motion was made by Mark Winchell. Seconded by Fred Hanley. Motion

carried unanimously.



General Policy Board Chairman



Date Approved