

EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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MINUTES

General Policy Board meeting held on October 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

Barzak; Brown; Darko; Ducro; Franklin; Ginnetti*Durbin; Hanley; Harp; Harris; Iudiciani; Kozlowski; Melfi; Mientkiewicz; Moliterno*Partika; Neiro; Princic; Salamone; Samulka; Smith*Shaffer; Sicafuse; Stocker; Svette; Timonere; Trumbull County Commissioners*Green; Wollet; Woofter; Young

Members Absent

Augustein; Bennet; Duffett*Calhoun; Hill; Mahoning County Commissioners*DeAscentis; McIntosh; Jurko; Kale; Phillips; Pirko; Puckett; Spencer; Mayor of Washingtonville; Whittington; Winchell

Others Present

Baker, Dawn – Congressman Bill Johnson’s office; Dunbar, Patricia – Friends of Mahoning River; Gerberry, Steven – Trumbull County Engineer’s office; Hripko, Mike – YSU; Lown, Sara – Western Reserve Port Authority; Mascarella, Kim – Howland Township; Morus, Debbie – Western Reserve LLC.; Nelson, Charles – Nelson Development; Simon, Jack - Trumbull County Engineer’s office; Siskowic-Jurkovic, Diane – Senior Levy Administration; St. George, Darlene – Howland Township; VanEpps, Daniel – Stark County Broadband Task Team; Waddell, Lyle – Village of Newton Falls

Eastgate Staff Present

Ballone; Davis; Dyer; Esenwein; Gollner; Kinnick; Mondok; Pompeo; Reyes-Chapman; Ragozine; Rueberger; Sympon; Taylor; Zook; Zubyk

Call to Order

Julie Green called the meeting to order after it was established that a quorum was present, as Pat Ginnetti was not able to make the meeting. She then led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

Julie Green entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the GPB meeting held on July 29, 2019. Motion was made by Zachary Svette. Seconded by Jim Iudiciani. Motion carried unanimously.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Included in these Minutes

Julie Green reported on the recommendations for nominations of 2020-2021 officers for the General Policy Board and the Finance Executive Committee. Recommendations were made by the Finance Executive Committee for the open positions of: Vice Chair and the three At-large positions. Recommendations for the GPB were: Commissioner J.P. Ducro for Vice Chair. It was noted that Eastgate’s Bylaws state that the FEC Chair will be filled by the Vice Chair from the previous year, and the Chair of the General Policy Board will serve as the Chair of the Finance Executive

Committee. Following the bylaws, Julie Green will serve as the Chair of the General Policy Board and Finance Executive Committee for 2020-2021, and nominations for 2020-2021 the remaining officers of the Finance Executive Committee were: J.P. Ducro, Vice Chair, Casey Kozlowski as the Ashtabula County representative, Anna DeAscentis as the Mahoning County representative, Gary Shaffer as the Trumbull County representative, Paul Makosky as the City of Warren representative, Chuck Shasho as the City of Youngstown representative, and Jim Timonere for the City of Ashtabula representative. The FEC recommend to the General Policy Board adding a position to the FEC titled: Immediate Past Chair. The GPB approved this position and approved amending Eastgate's Bylaws to include this position on the FEC. A motion to enable Eastgate to amend the agency bylaws to reflect this new position on the FEC was made by Zachary Svette and seconded by Terry Stocker. Eastgate staff will move forward with amending the agency bylaws to reflect this change. Patrick Ginnetti will fill the newly formed position on the FEC. The at-large members nominated were: Mark Winchell, Steve Mientkiewicz, and Dean Harris. The township trustee representative nominated was Fred Hanley.

Election of 2020 – 2021 Officers

Julie Green accepted a motion to accept the nominations as stated in the nominating report. A motion was made to accept the nominating report by Zachary Svette. Seconded by Casey Kozlowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Opening Remarks

Julie Green 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 since the last General Policy Board meeting, Technical Advisory Committee meetings were held in September and October. Some of the programs and topics discussed at these meetings include the following: The Fiscal Year 2019 Work Program Completion Report, the Mahoning River Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy, the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund, and the CMAQ Program Project List. Also, there was discussion on updating Eastgate's Safety Performance Measures using the targets established by ODOT, the Warren Parking Study was presented and discussed, and the Appalachian Regional Commission allocation and applications were presented. Reoccurring topics included an overview of applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program, the Multimodal Connectivity Pilot grant was discussed, and the draft was presented, and updates were provided on Eastgate's Economic Development Program and OPWC Program activities. There was also a presentation on Ohio's Framework for Autonomous and Connected Vehicles and a presentation on Federal Highway's Virtual Public Information initiative. GPB Resolutions reviewed and approved by the Committee were: #028 through #034-2019. Intergovernmental Review Resolutions reviewed and approved by the Technical Advisory Committee were: #027-2019 and #035-2019.

Citizens Advisory Board – Randy Samulka reported that since the last General Policy Board meeting, Since the last General Policy Board meeting, the Citizens Advisory Board met in September and October. In September, the CAB had a discussion with the Eastgate Executive Director, heard a presentation from Keith Moore from the Federal Highway Administration on new tools for Virtual Public Engagement, and a presentation from Eastgate's Stephen Zubyk on the Youngstown SMART2 Network BUILD Grant project. In October, the CAB heard a presentation from the GPD Group and EnviroScience regarding the Mahoning River Corridor Study. Following the presentation, the board members had the opportunity to provide input and feedback on the project. In coming months, the CAB will be hear information about Streetlight Data ad its applications and the OPWC. The CAB discussed TAC items including: Mahoning River Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy Plan, Clean Ohio Round 14, Economic Development Program, Ohio Public Works Commission Program Year 2020, FY 2021-2024 TIP Development, Transportation Alternatives Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, Federal Highway Administration Multimodal Connectivity Pilot, Appalachian Regional Commission, Updating the Safety Performance Measures, Fiscal Year 2019 Completion Report Summary, and the Warren Parking Study. The CAB approved the following resolutions: #028-#029-2019, and #031-#034-2019. The CAB did not approve resolution #030-2019 with 5 votes in favor and 7 in opposition. This resolution failed to pass due to opposition to Project PID #85005 in reference to the intended use of eminent domain to acquire right-of-way for the project construction.

Finance Executive Committee- Jim Kinnick discussed the current financial report and the financial status as of October 4, 2019. The report and budget were reviewed, and questions were answered at the Finance Executive Committee. The report shows that the agency is in a strong financial standing. He also summarized other items discussed at the Finance Executive Committee meeting held that morning, including the nominations made for the slate of officers for the 2020-2021 term as recommended by the Finance Executive Committee earlier that morning. He then reported on the financial status which was reviewed and approved at the FEC meeting.

Business Meeting

Executive Director Report

Jim Kinnick thanked Mayor Terry Stocker, Mayor James Woofter, and Mayor John Darko for their leadership, as well as those in attendance for their continued guidance and support of the programs and initiatives. Julie Green also thanked the Mayor's for their dedication and leadership on Eastgate's Board. Jim Kinnick then went on to discuss the GPB Resolution #034-2019 approving the 2019 work program completion report and reported on the highlights of Eastgate's work in 2019. He then went on to provide a year-end report of much of the work completed by Eastgate staff such as the BUILD Grant, the GM Recovery Plan/Grant, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and the work of the newly formed CEDS Advisory Council, the Statewide Safety Initiative, a Mahoning River Update along with Eastgate's Environmental Program updates, the Warren Parking Study, an overview of the ARC Program, GIS mapping on Opportunity Zones, the 2020 AV/CV Showcase event, and the Technology Takes the Wheel event. The Multimodal Connectivity Pilot Project was also discussed along with Eastgate's efforts to promote regionalism in public transit, the 2020 Census, and finally he discussed the Communities of Excellence plan/effort.

He then introduced Chuck Dyer who is the Administrator for the Ohio Department of Transportation's Office of Transit in Columbus. Chuck Dyer gave a presentation on ODOT's priorities to encourage and promote regionalism in public transit efforts across the State of Ohio. He discussed why it is important and provided information on two successful pilot projects in the State, and other success efforts made in regions across the State. In concluding, he announced a \$2 million-dollar award to the Western Reserve Transit Authority to begin offering fixed route transit service in Trumbull County.

The Mayor of Warren, Doug Franklin was then introduced. The City of Warren with support from all the communities in Trumbull County relinquished their official designation as the recipient of transit funds for Trumbull County which was necessary for the Western Reserve Transit Authority to receive the grant from ODOT to provide transit to all Trumbull County residents. He announced that the future will bring a fix to a broken system, but most importantly will make the county compliant and fundable which was all possible with the cooperation of those involved coming together as one voice. The two speakers garnered many congratulations and thanks for their tireless dedication to help the residents of Trumbull County.

Resolutions for Passage

GPB Resolution #028-2019

Resolution to amend the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (AWQMP) to adopt updated wastewater treatment planning prescription language for Trumbull County in accordance with Section 208 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). A motion was made by Randy Samulka. Seconded by Zachary Svette. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #030-2019

Resolution supporting the Inclusion of new Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Projects and project additions to the development of the Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024 Transportation Improvement Program of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. A motion was made by Zachary Svette. Seconded by Mike Salamone. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #032-2019

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 2020 for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). A motion was made by J.P. Ducro. Seconded by Randy Samulka. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #033-2019

Resolution of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments approving adoption of established Statewide Targets for Safety Performance Management Measures. A motion was made by Zachary Svette. Seconded by Mike Salamone. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #034-2019

Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Unified Planning Work Program Progress Report of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. A motion was made by Don Barzak. Seconded by Zachary Svette. Motion carried unanimously.

GPB Resolution #036-2019

Resolution of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments to Concur with the City of Warren to terminate their "Designated Recipients Status" for Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program Funds. A motion was made by James Melfi. Seconded by Doug Franklin. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Discussion

There were no items for open discussion.

Adjournment

Julie Green entertained a motion for adjournment. A motion was made by James Woofert. Seconded by Doug Franklin. Motion carried unanimously.

General Policy Board Chairman

Date Approved