

**EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**City Centre One Building - 100 E. Federal Street, Suite 1000**  
**Youngstown, Ohio 44503**  
**(234) 254-1508**

**MINUTES**

Technical Advisory Committee meeting held on February 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Eastgate's office, City Centre One Building, 100 East Federal Street, Suite 1000, Youngstown.

**MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Blasco, Kim  
Calhoun, Wade  
Harris, Dean  
Ginnetti, Pat\*Durbin, Bob  
Green, Julie\*Coggins Nicholas  
Makosky, Paul  
Princic, Kurt\*Billett, Pat  
Salamone, Mike  
Shaffer, Gary  
Shasho, Chuck\*Karim, Jordan  
Young, Aaron

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Migliozzi, Frank  
Noirot, Gery  
O'Shaughnessy, Mike\*Beniston, Krista  
Olmi, Kristen  
Svette, Zachary  
Terrerri, Faith  
Wittman, Don

**EASTGATE STAFF PRESENT**

Ballone, Michele	Pompeo, Lisa
Davis, Ed	Ragozine, Mark
Dyer, Stephanie	Reyes-Chapman, Mirta
Esenwein, Joann	Rueberger, Luke
Gollner, Jeffrey	Sympson, Ken
Mondok, Justin	Taylor, Grant
	Zook, Kathy
	Zubyk, Stephen

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Bakalar, Dave – Thomas Fok & Associates  
Faulkner, Bob – Trumbull County  
Fercana, Terry - EDG  
Gerberry, Steven – Trumbull County Engineer's Office  
Haney, Jack – Village of Sebring  
Hripko, Mike - YSU  
Hughes, Brian – MS Consultants  
Iudiciani, James – Village of Lowellville  
Kogelnik, Chris – CT Consultants  
Klecha, Dan – GPD Group  
Maki, George – E.L. Robinson Engineers  
McCartney, Rachel - YSU  
Medina, Jesenia - DLZ  
Partika, Randy – Western Reserve Port Authority  
Pennell, Jordan – Senator Sherrod Brown's Office  
Phillips, Katie – Trumbull County Planning Commission  
Rapp, John – City of Canfield  
Robertson, Kevin – City of Niles  
Rodriguez, Judy - WRTA  
Smith, Jeff – CT Consultants

### **Call to Order**

Gary Shaffer called the meeting to order after it was established that a quorum was present, and then welcomed everyone to Eastgate for the February meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee. Those in attendance then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Gary Shaffer entertained a motion for approval of the minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting held on January 9, 2020. Motion was made by Nicholas Coggins. Seconded by Judy Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Transit Regionalization - New Route Overview**

Mirta Reyes-Chapman provided an overview of the new fixed route service that the WRTA will be starting in Trumbull County in March and gave a general overview of the service including the routes, costs, and new offerings at the WRTA. She also gave an overview of the public meetings held for the new service.

### **ARC Program Partnerships and Updates**

Kathy Zook discussed the program areas that ARC will be partnering with other agencies to accomplish including broadband and partnering with the Ohio EPA as they look to gather information and data on the waterlines and wastewater treatment plants. In March, the Committee will hear from Buckeye Hills who is also a Local Development District for ARC on their broadband initiative as many of Eastgate's member communities have asked Eastgate to look into this topic. Following the March meeting, Eastgate will host a lunch and learn with an OEPA Water GIS presentation with Russell Flagg from OEPA's Office of Drinking and Ground Waters. The OEPA is asking for assistance from the Appalachian Districts in verifying their out of date data regarding the following areas that do not have water, the size of existing lines, and treatment/processing stations.

### **Clean Ohio Round 14 Update**

Stephanie Dyer provided a Round 14 Clean Ohio Program update informing the group that the District 6 received five applications for projects with a total Clean Ohio Program fund request of approximately \$1.2 million. She noted that

the total funding available is approximately \$3.1 million. The NRAC members will meet on February 14, 2020 to discuss the applications with the respective applicants available to provide information. The final scoring meeting for Round 14 will be on March 13, 2020.

### **OPWC Program Update**

Ed Davis gave the TAC an update on the OPWC program reporting that the District 6 committee met last month for a special meeting to discuss the funding for the current slate of projects. The committee reviewed the funding allocation and current balances and decided not to change the list of funded projects. The committee also discussed changes to the district scoring methodology to follow the Ohio Revised Code. There will be a special meeting next month to finalize scoring categories for “fees and assessments” and “readiness to proceed”. He also reported that last month, Eastgate attended an OPWC workshop for the on-line portal for final applications. Testing for the portal will continue through 2020 and be ready for 2021. Training for the new project submission portal will be conducted locally for all communities to attend.

### **Census Update – Helpful Links**

Jeffrey Gollner provided information on the latest developments with the 2020 Census including the website providing the 2018 ACS data release, and how to use the new data.census.gov website. He also presented the Census page on Eastgate’s website and demonstrated how to access the information on the site. More Census updates will follow as we approach the date of the 2020 Census. Members were reminded of the importance of an accurate and complete census count as much of the data is used to obtain grants for our communities.

### **Multimodal – Sidewalk Gap Map**

Jeffrey Gollner presented the newly designed sidewalk map which provides detailed information on not only the sidewalk network in Eastgate’s planning area but highlights the gaps in the system where a sidewalk ends abruptly. There are various layers that can be applied to the map including transit routes and stops.

### **Fiscal Year 2020 Planning Grant – Project Highlight**

Justin Mondok provided a highlight of the Canfield Loop Feasibility Study, prepared with funding from the Fiscal Year 2020 Planning Grant program, by showcasing the components of the plan and how the resulting document helps prepare the City for future projects.

### **Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024 TIP Development - DRAFT Overview**

Stephen Zubyk provided an overview of the first draft of the 2021 - 2024 Transportation Improvement Program. He explained to the committee the importance of the document, Eastgate’s roles as the MPO, and provided some upcoming dates for submittals. Mr. Zubyk gave the committee a brief overview of each chapter of the draft included the listing of highway projects, fiscal analysis tables, and environmental justice analysis. April 2nd, 2020 was announced to the committee as the date for the FY 2021-2024 TIP public meeting.

### **GPB Resolutions for Passage**

There were no GPB resolutions for passage.

### **Announcements**

Staff reminded those in attendance of Eastgate’s 2020 Annual Meeting which will be held on March 26, 2020 at Stambaugh Auditorium. Flyers were made available and registration is now open, and all were encouraged to register for the event. Staff also announced the kickoff event for WRTA’s new fixed route service in Warren on March 2, 2020. All were invited to attend and RSVP for the event.

**Adjournment**

Gary Shaffer entertained a motion for adjournment. A motion was made by Bob Durbin. Seconded by Nicholas Coggins. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Technical Advisory Committee Chair**

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**Date Approved**