

**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 March 5, 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  
Green, Julie  
Makosky, Paul  
Noirot, Gery\*Rebillot, Steve  
Olmi, Kristen  
O'Shaughnessy, Mike\*Beniston, Krista  
Princic, Kurt  
Rodriguez, Judy Salamone, Mike  
Shaffer, Gary  
Shasho, Chuck\*Karim, Jordan  
Svette, Zachary  
Wittman, Don

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ginnetti, Pat  
Migliozi, Frank  
Terrerri, Faith  
Young, Aaron

**EASTGATE STAFF PRESENT**

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

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Albrecht, Dennis – LJB  
Allphin, Bret – Buckeye Hills Regional Council  
Bakalar, Dave – Thomas Fok & Associates  
Beese, Laura - ODOT  
Burgoyne, Tony – GPD Group  
Day, Rich – Village of Lowellville  
DeFranco, Steve – Ohio EPA  
Diorio, Gary – MS Consultants  
Faulkner, Bob – Trumbull County  
Fercana, Terry - EDG  
Flagg, Russell – Ohio EPA  
Iudiciani, Sr., James – Village of Lowellville  
Klecha, Dan – GPD Group  
Lisowski, Ed - EDG  
Lown, Sarah – Western Reserve Port Authority  
Mascarella, Kim – Howland Township  
McCartney, Rachel - YSU  
Medina, Jesenia - DLZ  
Phillips, Nick – City of Campbell  
Preston, Steve – MS Consultants  
Rapp, John – City of Canfield  
Robertson, Kevin – City of Niles  
Schubert, Eric – CT Consultants  
Trainer, Matt – Ohio University George Voinovich School  
VanEpps, Daniel – Stark County Area Broadband Task Force

### **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 March 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 February 6, 2020. Motion was made by Zachary Svette. Seconded by Judy Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update**

Mark Ragozine provided a brief overview of the CEDS update process that began in August and is coming to a close with a draft of the 2020-2022 CEDS now up on Eastgate's website. He recommended that TAC members, and guests check out the draft, and provide any comments and/or suggestions that they have via email. He also discussed the three-county broadband feasibility application that Eastgate will be sending to the Economic Development Administration.

### **Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024 TIP Development – STBG Funding**

Stephen Zubyk reminded the committee of the importance to encumber any funds still in FY 2020. He explained that any funds not encumbered prior to July 1st will have to go through an amendment process and will not be available until October.

### **Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transit TIP Development**

Mirta Reyes-Chapman presented the draft list of transit projects for the Fiscal Year 2021-2024 TIP/STIP pointing out that Eastgate's TIP reflects the City of Warren terminating their FTA Section 5307 designation and the WRTA terminating their FTA Section 5310 designation. Eastgate anticipates the designation changes to take place by the end of March. Due to the changes in funding levels and local match for the FTA Section 5310 for the Trumbull County Transit Board, they will not be included in this TIP/STIP because they do not meet fiscal constraint analysis.

### **Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program – Discussion and Presentation of Draft**

Ken Sympson discussed and presented a summary of the draft FY2021 Work Program. TAC members were informed that the full draft was available on the Eastgate website and requested that any comments regarding the draft document be submitted by the end of April.

### **2020 Eastgate Safety Plan**

Grant Taylor reported that Eastgate's 2020 Safety Plan is complete and, on the website, and will be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee at the April meeting.

### **Executive Director Report**

Jim Kinnick thanked the crowd in attendance and mentioned the guest speaker and Lunch and Learn event and thanked the speakers for providing the Committee with information that can help our local communities and entities. He then briefly discussed the initial planning stages of an effort by Eastgate, the Western Reserve Port Authority, Regional Chamber and YSU to consider submitting a second BUILD Grant application to look at a possible multi-modal transportation hub in Lordstown, Ohio to capture the great interest and momentum going on in the Village. He also mentioned that the TRU 46/82 DDI Intersection project is moving forward and will begin in Fiscal Year 2023 and Eastgate's upcoming Annual Meeting. He also thanked and congratulated the WRTA and Mike Salamone from Trumbull Transit for the success in getting fixed route transit service into Trumbull County. He explained the process and dedication it took by a group of officials from Mahoning and Trumbull County to get this accomplished.

### **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.

### **Broadband – Solving the Last Mile Puzzle – Bret Allphin, Development Director, Buckeye Hills Regional Council**

Eastgate welcomed Bret Allphin from Buckeye Hills Regional Council who provided a comprehensive presentation on broadband in rural areas in Ohio. A brief question and answer period followed.

### **GPB Resolutions for Passage**

GPB Resolution #010-2020

Resolution Adopting the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Eastgate Region: 2020-2022. This resolution did not need approval for passage at this time as it is only in draft form.

GPB Resolution #011-2020

Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments to add additional State Preservation Funds to the Mahoning SR 7 Resurfacing Project. Motion was made by Zachary Svette. Seconded by Kristen Olmi. Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

Gary Shaffer and Eastgate staff congratulated Don Wittman on his retirement from the City of Cortland and thanked him for his years of help and dedication to the region. Jeffrey Gollner reminded those in attendance that the Census will begin in one week. He also announced that the Census Bureau is looking for public places to offer a place for Americans to complete the Census. If any members have upcoming events and are willing to provide this, they can check the Census Bureau’s site, or contact Eastgate for more information.

**Adjournment**

Gary Shaffer entertained a motion for adjournment. A motion was made by Zachary Svette. Seconded by Don Wittman. Motion carried unanimously.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Technical Advisory Committee Chair**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date Approved**