

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 3, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome

As we begin the meeting, the audio for the entire audience will be muted to help make sure that everyone can hear us by limiting background noise.
2. Safe Routes to Schools – Discussion of the New SRTS Application Period and the New Webpage and Crash Tool
3. Local Roads Safety Program Update – New Round of Applications Open for Safety Studies
4. Time and Delay Study - Five Points Roundabout Post Construction
5. Upcoming TIP Projects - Showcase of Upcoming Fiscal Year 2021 and 2021 Transportation Improvement Program Projects
6. Broadband Feasibility Study Update
7. Clean Ohio Fund Round 15 Update
8. OPWC Program - Update on Current Round of Funding
9. Executive Director Report
10. GPB Resolutions for Passage
11. Announcements
12. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2021. Nomination and election of 2021 TAC Officers will take place at this meeting.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE OR ACCOMMODATION

Persons attending the meeting who are hearing or visually impaired and have special requirements or a condition that requires special assistance or accommodations should contact us as soon as possible. Advanced notice is necessary for us to make arrangements to accommodate these special needs.

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Meeting Summary

Virtual Technical Advisory
Committee meeting held November
3, 2020 using Webex.

Call to Order

Gary Shaffer called the meeting to order.

ARC Program Updates and Funding Awards

Kathy Zook provided an overview of Eastgate's ARC funding reporting that there will be a total of \$1.7 million in total funding available and staff will move forward with the application process. All ARC program information is available on Eastgate's website. She also gave an overview of the ARC POWER Awards, stating that two projects out of the 51 funded occurred in Eastgate's district totaling approximately \$1.5 million. She provided an overview of the two projects that were funded.

Clean Ohio Fund Round 15

Stephanie Dyer reported that the Clean Ohio Round 15 applications were due in two weeks, with \$3.2 million available for this funding round. She reminded those submitting applications of the importance of appraisals being included in the submitted application. That is mandatory. All applications will be submitted electronically due to the pandemic. She provided instructions on how to submit the applications using Eastgate's website.

Fiscal Year 2022 Planning Grant - Presentation on Upcoming Planning Grant Including Available Funding, Dates and Application Process

Justin Mondok provided information on the Fiscal Year 2022 Planning Grant including funding information, the principles of the grant, eligibility (only planning activities are eligible), and the program schedule. More information will be provided as Eastgate staff move through the process.

Transit Coordination and Regionalization – Status of 5310 Coordination Plan Development for Mahoning and Trumbull County

Mirta Reyes Chapman reported that the FTA 5310 regional coordination plan for Mahoning and Trumbull counties is being updated. The process of regionalizing transit in Mahoning and Trumbull counties was again discussed and the transit service plan is currently being developed for Trumbull County with a tentative due date of December 2020.

FTA 2021 AIM Grant-Enhancing Life with Automated Transportation for Everyone – Discussion on Research Grant with WRTA and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

Mirta Reyes Chapman reported that the WRTA was awarded this grant in the amount of \$2,331,000 to deploy electric autonomous vehicles in the SMART2 project loop and will be implemented in 2022.

ODOT District 4 US 224 Safety Study – Presentation on US 224 Roadway Improvements

Grant Taylor presented details of the preliminary US 224 safety study and provided information on the project area.

2021 TIP Funding Rounds - Information on Current Funds Available and Future Applications for the STBG, CMAQ, and TAP Programs

Stephen Zubyk provided an overview and update of the Fiscal Year 2021 funding rounds for the STBG, CMAQ, and TAP programs, providing an overview of each funding program including the amounts available for each, what is eligible, and when and how to submit projects.

OPWC Program – Update on Current Round of Funding Including Project Scoring and Upcoming Meetings

Ed Davis updated the TAC on the current round of OPWC funding, stating that 54 projects were submitted this year, and grant and loan totals were also explained as well as upcoming meeting dates for the District 6 committee. Anyone wanting a current project list can contact Eastgate for more information.

Executive Director Report

Jim Kinnick first recognized the staff's teamwork on the success of getting the ARC POWER grant, the WRRSP funding to remove dams in the Mahoning River in the cities of Youngstown and Warren, and staff's work on the US 224 safety project which if funded in 2025 would be an approximate funding amount of close to \$15 million. That project is still in the preliminary stages currently. He also reported on becoming a member of the Governor of Ohio's Safety Council, provided a CARES Act overview, and the internal work that Eastgate staff are doing with EDA as staff utilizes Eastgate's CARES Act grant. He also stated with using those funds, Eastgate will look to offer grant writing assistance to help our member communities. Lastly, he mentioned the feasibility study for the Lake-to-River Pipeline and the committee developed to study this possible effort.

GPB Resolutions for Passage

GPB Resolution #033-2020

IGR Log #20-009

Resolution supporting through the Intergovernmental Review Process, an application by the City of Girard to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfield Cleanup Grant for site remediation of the former Ohio Leatherworks in Girard, Ohio (\$499,722)

GPB Resolution #034-2020

IGR Log #20-010

Resolution supporting through the Intergovernmental Review Process, an application by the Trumbull County Board of Commissioners to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works Economic Adjustment Assistance Program for the Golden Triangle Infrastructure Improvement Project (\$3,287,964)

All resolutions discussed and reviewed through a virtual meeting platform are then emailed to members for their approval.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

Gary Shaffer then adjourned the meeting.