



**EASTGATE**  
Regional Council of Governments

# General Policy Board Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Virtual Webex Meeting

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.

## Agenda

Call to Order

Opening Remarks – Julie Green, Chair

Committee Summary Reports

Technical Advisory Committee – Gary Shaffer, TAC Chair

Citizens Advisory Board – Justin Mondok, Eastgate CAB Representative

Finance Executive Committee – Jim Kinnick, Executive Director

Business Meeting

Executive Director Report

Speakers: Shannon Fergus, MS Consultants, Inc., “Mahoning River Corridor Revitalization Plan”

Resolutions for Passage – there are no General Policy Board Resolutions at this time

Open Discussion

Eastgate staff will take your questions or comments relevant to the agenda topics by email after the meeting. You can also use the chat window to type your question/comment or raise your hand/enter the speaker queue.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the General Policy Board will be on April 26, 2021.

### 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.

# 2020 Summary of Projects and Initiatives

December/2020

## New Projects in Construction Total Over \$33,000,000:

1. MAH-Mahoning Ave. Bikeway	\$850K
2. Struthers Dam Removal	\$2.4M
3. SMAR2T BUILD Grant	\$30M

## Projects in Development Total Over \$98,000,000:

1. TRU-46/82 Interchange	\$25M
2. TRU-46 @ Market Street Intersection	\$6M
3. MAH-Western Reserve (I-680 to SR 7)	\$12M
4. MAH-224 (Boardman Corridor)	\$15M
5. Youngstown Dams Removal	\$6.0M
6. Warren Dams Removal	\$3.2M
7. Lordstown Smart Logistic Hub	\$30M
8. State Safety PSIP Plan	\$1.4M

## Grant Awards and Authorized:

1. EDA Cares Act Recovery Grant	\$400K
2. Broadband Feasibility (EDA/ARC)	\$220K
3. GM Economic Recovery Plan	\$750K
4. POWER Grant	\$1.5M

**TOTAL** **\$2,770,000**

## Additional Administrative Fees:

1. SMART2 BUILD Grant	\$36K Annually (3-years)
2. Recovery Grant	\$30K Annually (3-years)
3. CARES ACT	\$60K Annually (2-years)
4. Broadband Feasibility	\$10K

**TOTAL** **\$136K/Year**

## Initiatives:

1. Communities of Excellence
2. Ohio Smart Mobility Summit
3. Regional Economic Diversification Summit
4. Mahoning River Corridor Restoration Plan
5. Completion of the 3-Year CEDS Update
6. Streamlined Payroll System (Paychex)
7. Disaster Recovery Coordinator
8. Coronavirus Economic Recovery Coordinator
9. Planning Grants
10. Belmont Avenue Corridor Plan
11. No Increase in Community Member Dues
12. Lordstown Smart Logistics Hub BUILD Grant
13. Regional Transit System

# 2021 Initiatives and Opportunities

January/2021

1. Strategic Analysis of Agency Functions & Deliverables
  - a. Job Descriptions
  - b. Alignment
  - c. Services
  - d. Succession Plan
2. Ohio Smart Mobility Summit
3. Annual Meeting
4. Semi-Annual Legislator Day
5. Communication Plan
  - a. Website Updates
  - b. Social Media Presence
  - c. Electronic Newsletter
6. Streamline Newsletter/Link to Website
7. Establish Grant Writing Task Order for Member Communities
8. SR 46 Corridor Plan
9. Clean Ohio Funding for Stream Bank Improvements
10. Emphasis on CEDS Priorities
  - a. Educational Obtainment & Talent Development
  - b. Quality of Life & Community Vitality
  - c. Economic Completeness & Innovation
11. No Increase in Community Member Dues
12. Pursuit of the Regional Economic Diversification Summit Workstreams
  - a. Strategy Management
  - b. Reuse and Redevelopment
  - c. Workforce and Industry Assets
  - d. Mitigation of Unemployment Impacts
  - e. Business Development
13. Voltage Valley
  - a. Electrification, Automation and Logistics
  - b. Lordstown Smart Logistics Hub BUILD Grant
14. ODOT Statewide Planning & Research Grant
15. Lake to River Pipeline
16. Community of Excellence
17. Advocacy
18. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
19. Lordstown Staging Area
20. Upgraded Accounting Software
21. Vibrant NEO
22. GIS Mapping
23. ITS Architecture
24. Implementation of Broadband Projects
25. GM \$2.5M Investment

# 2021 Conceptual Projects

1. MAH-Mahoning Ave. @ Lipkey Road
2. TRU-80/62 Interchange
3. MAH-680/Shirley Road Interchange
4. TRU-IR 80/SR 304 Interchange
5. TRU-SR 11/Niles Vienna Road Interchange

# Eastgate 2021 General Policy Board Meeting Schedule

Monday, January 25, 2021

Monday, April 26, 2021

Monday, July 26, 2021

Monday, October 25, 2021

All General Policy Board meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

For those members that serve on the Finance Executive Committee of the General Policy Board, FEC meetings are held prior to the GPB meetings at 9:00 a.m.

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**MINUTES**

General Policy Board meeting held on October 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. using Webex for a virtual meeting due to the pandemic

**Members Present\***Due to the nature of a virtual meeting, we realize that all members may not show up by name on the participants list in Webex, so please keep in mind that this list may not include all who joined. We also had nine call-ins which may have been members attending.

Brown, Tito (Karim, Jordan); Ducro, J.P.; Harris, Dean; Franklin, Douglas (Makosky, Paul); Ginnetti, Pat; Hanley, Fred; Hill, Arno; Kozlowski, Casey; Kyle, Benjamin; Mahoning County Commissioners (DeAscentis, Anna); McIntosh, Shirley; Mientkiewicz, Steve; Noiro, Geri (Rebillot, Steve); Phillips, Nick; Princic, Kurt; Salamone, Mike; Sicafuse, Tim; Smith, Randy (Shaffer, Gary); Svette, Zachary; Timonere, Jim; Trumbull County Commissioners (Green, Julie); Winchell, Mark

**Eastgate Staff Present**

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

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**Call to Order/ Opening Remarks**

Julie Green called the meeting to order and thanked all who attended the first virtual meeting of the General Policy Board 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. He summarized items discussed and General Policy Board resolutions approved.

Citizens Advisory Board – Justin Mondok reported since the last General Policy Board meeting, Citizens Advisory Board meetings were held in September and October. He summarized items discussed and General Policy Board resolutions approved.

Finance Executive Committee- Jim Kinnick updated the board on Eastgate's remote work status and reported that all work continues to go on and staff are working at their best and continuing to push forward with all programs and take on new initiatives to help our member communities. He then discussed the current financial report and the financial status of the agency. The report was reviewed, and questions were answered at the Finance Executive Committee meeting held prior to the GPB meeting. It was also reported that there will not be a membership dues increase for the fifth consecutive year. The report shows that the agency is in a strong financial standing.

**Business Meeting**

**Executive Director Report**

Jim Kinnick provided an overview of Eastgate's discussed at the Finance Executive Committee meeting earlier that morning

as well as the EDA CARES Act funding and the status of the efforts with the two contractors hired with the funds, and provided a recap of the Regional Economic Diversity Virtual Summit which was held on September 1, 2020 at YSU. Lastly, he encouraged all members to reach out to staff if help is needed in their community.

**Speakers:**

Julie Green introduced Carmen Stemen from the Federal Highway Administration who provided an overview of Eastgate's federal certification review, followed by Mark Ragozine, Eastgate's Economic Development Planner who provided an update on the GM Recovery Grant effort, and lastly, she introduced Mike Hripko and James Dignan who are the contractors hired to perform the work outlined for the EDA CARES Act funds Eastgate has received.

**Resolutions for Passage**

GPB Resolution #027-2020

Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024 Transportation Improvement Program of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments to identify Safety Funding for the TRU US 62 and Bedford/Broadway Intersections

GPB Resolution #028-2020

Resolution of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments approving adoption of 2020 Established Statewide Targets for Safety Performance Management Measures

GPB Resolution #029-2020

Resolution recommendation 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 2021 for the Appalachian Regional Commission

GPB Resolution #031-2020

Resolution approving the FY2020 Unified Planning Work Program Progress Report of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments

GPB Resolution # 032-2020

Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024 Transportation Improvement Program of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments to add the Western Reserve Transit Authority Federal Transit Administration Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Section 5312-Aim Grant Award, (additional capital and modify projects)

All resolutions were passed through an email to the General Policy Board members following the meeting.

**Open Discussion**

There were no items for open discussion.

**Adjournment**

Julie Green adjourned the meeting.