

EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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MINUTES

BUILD Partners Meeting, March 7, 2019 at
8:00 a.m. in Eastgate's office, City Centre
One Building, 100 East Federal Street, Suite
1000, Youngstown.

Present:

Kedar Bhide, City of Youngstown
Mike Hripko, YSU
Cynthia Jones, DriveOhio (by phone)
Jim Kinnick, Eastgate
Dominic Marchionda, YSU
Justin Mondok, Eastgate
Gery Neirot, ODOT District 4 (by phone)
Charlie Nelson, Nelson Development
Genna Petrolla, Eastgate
Lisa Pompeo, Eastgate
Chad Root, ODOT District 4 (by phone)
Charles Shasho, City of Youngstown
Patrick Smith, DriveOhio (by phone)
Stephen Zubyk, Eastgate

Welcome and Introductions

Jim Kinnick opened the meeting and introductions were made by those in attendance. He then recapped the last meeting.

Project Status

Jim Kinnick reported that the grant has been transferred to FHWA, and that Eastgate had a conference call with FHWA and ODOT. He then discussed the status of aligning the Federal Aid Project Number aligned with one Project Identification Number (PID). The process will continue to be discussed, and the group does not expect a delay with the anticipated groundbreaking of Spring 2020.

Project Management

Chuck Shasho reviewed and discussed the RFQ review and selection process. The subcommittee used a Quality Based Scoring Process to review five consultant submissions. The review team scored each proposal individually, and all were totaled with GPD scoring the highest. The City of Youngstown will contact GPD to begin to move forward, and Chuck Shasho will be the spokesperson for anything regarding the consultant selection process.

Subcommittee Reports

Autonomous Shuttles/DriveOhio Subcommittee – General Discussion

Ken Sympson reported that the subcommittee discussed a visit to Columbus to learn about their Smart Cities initiative to get more ideas on Vendor Day. He will follow up to see who will want to attend and will put a few possible dates together for the trip.

Streetscape/Technology Subcommittee

Justin Mondok reported that the subcommittee is looking at the design of the Mahoning Avenue Bikeway to see if the theme of the BUILD project can be carried over for the Bikeway. He also discussed right-of-way issues concerning transit waiting areas. The subcommittee continues to gather input on possible add-on wish list items. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13th at 10 am.

Finance/Other Funding Subcommittee

Genna Petrolla gave a status update including a meeting with Rich Granger from DriveOhio. She will present the goals they discussed at a future meeting.

Open Discussion

Jim Kinnick mentioned the rebranding of the project and informed the group that the rebranding will be put on hold until the consultant is on board. Chuck Shasho reported that the Fifth Avenue waterline project will begin in April with an expected completion in the fall. Discussion also took place on when the grant dollars can begin to be spent. ODOT District 4 is working with ODOT Central Office to begin the initial conversation on PID and identifying the project on the April STIP amendment. There was discussion on the possibility of utilizing local money committed outside of the initial project scope.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.