



## LICKING COUNTY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (LCATS)

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### LCATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Tuesday, October 9, 2007*  
*9:30 a.m., Licking County Administration Building – Room D*

#### **Attending:**

Allison Terry, Village of Granville  
Steve Herb, Ohio Equities  
Helen Hall, City of Newark Transit  
Lorretta Frenton, Licking County Transit Board  
John Groff, City of Heath  
Brian Morehead, City of Newark  
Tim Lollo, Licking County  
Dave Dicks, St. Albans Township Resident & MORPC Regional Connections Steering Committee  
Randy Comisford, ODOT District 5  
Julie Gwinn, ODOT District 5  
Jerry Brems, Licking County Planning Commission (LCPC)  
Sandra R. Mapel, Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS)  
Marty Dowell, Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS)

#### **Agenda items:**

##### **1. Long Range Transportation Plan**

- **Elements of Transportation Plan** ~ Discussion included highlighting the sections of the Transportation Plan and how it will be more visual and include more elements. The following is a draft outline of chapters for the T-Plan/elements that must be addressed for the plan to be considered comprehensive according to the interpretations of the US DOT:
  - a. Trend Analysis
  - b. Economic Development Support
  - c. Multi-modal
  - d. Safety
  - e. Security
  - f. Management and Operations
  - g. Environmental Coordination / Consultation
  - h. State of the Transportation System
  - i. Preservation Needs of the System
  - j. Financial Analysis
  - k. Project Listings
  - l. Appendix Development
    - i. Air Quality
    - ii. Environmental Justice Evaluation

iii. Public Involvement

- **Updating of Long Range Plan Goals and Objectives** ~ The following are the eight planning factors included in SAFETEA-LU:
  - a. Economic Vitality
  - b. Safety
  - c. Security
  - d. Mobility
  - e. Environmental Stewardship & Coordination
  - f. Multi-Modal
  - g. Preservation
  - h. Management & Operations

Goals & Objectives for the T-plan should address all the above areas and still meet the unique characteristics of the Newark Urbanized area. Sandie Mapel presented a draft set of goals and objectives for consideration based on comments from the prior transportation visioning sessions, comments received over time, and the planning factors. The following were recommended changes adopted by the TAC:

- Include an opening statement that includes language about coordination with surrounding regions.
  - On the third goal, first objective, change metropolitan area to LCATS Service area.
  - On the third goal, third objective, add 'and future', so it reads, "Design a transportation network to meet the changing *and future* needs of the community."
- **Fiscal Analysis/Financial Constraints for Long Range Transportation Plan** ~ discussion included various options for inflation rates within the fiscally constrained plan. The impact of the selection of the inflation rate will affect the 'cap limits' of projects and hence, the amount of funds that may be required by local jurisdictions. Selected inflation and revenue increase rates do not need to exactly match MORPC, but should be reasonably consistent. The TAC recommended that the following be utilized:
    - a. Maintain ODOT Predicted Cost Inflation FY 08-FY12 rates, then use 4% for each year after for construction type projects
    - b. Use a consistent 4% for each year for transit vehicle purchases, as the significant issues with diesel engines and supply have been addressed in 2006 and 2007. More stable price increases are expected.
    - c. Use a revenue increase of 1% per year, coming from a variety of sources, such as innovative financing techniques.
- **Timeline for Plan Development** ~ discussion included:
    - a. October – Develop Goals and Objectives; begin project list development
    - b. November – Outreach for development, collect same data from public as collected from public officials during the July 2006 and July 2007 Transportation Visioning events. This will be held via displays and information in the central downtown area and perhaps a survey online that is advertised in the newspaper. This was left to staff's discretion.
    - c. December – Project list ready for Air Quality analysis; recommendations by TAC, based on existing scoring criteria. Only the first 4-5 year window of projects will be formally scored. The other projects will be put into various funding categories, such as funded from 2008-2012 (current TIP), with identified funding, funded 2012-2018/2020 projects, funded 2018/2020-2030 projects, and projects without specific funding identified. The 2018/2020 are air quality conformance SIP dates and will be coordinated with MORPC from an AQ perspective by staff.

- d. January – Prepare displays, maps of information, etc. and ask for input/concerns, etc.; Input from Environmental stakeholder group and early coordination.
  - e. March – Complete draft document
  - f. April – 30-day comment period
  - g. May – Adoption of LCATS Transportation Vision 2030
- **GIS Needs for Plan Development** ~ Sandie Mapel indicated to the committee that there is a significant need for GIS and visualization in the next T-Plan and that we may need support from the TAC members in acquiring that expertise either through contract or hiring of an intern.
  - **Project List Review and Additions** ~ In order for the T-plan to be developed the local jurisdictions will need to provide staff with the following in order to begin compiling project lists and funding pots of funds for inclusion/consideration in the plan. Each member of the TAC was asked to supply the following by **November 6, 2007**:
    - a. Review and update project list for additions/changes/deletions
    - b. Estimates of projects in 2007 dollars – LCATS staff will calculate adjustments for future year inflation
    - c. List of funding sources used for transportation projects and amount generally available in 2007 dollars.
2. **GIS-LBRS Discussion** ~ Sandie Mapel briefly updated the group on the presentations and some potential sources of funding for LBRS. The cost is currently anticipated at approximately 400-450 thousand for a county the size of Licking County.
  3. **Speed Trailer Reservations** ~ discussion included:
    - a. Reservation Form handed out, must be a government entity
    - b. Would like to give TAC members first chance for selecting locations that may be valuable for their jurisdictions.
    - c. Suggested locations:
      - i. Cumberland Trails
  4. **Other Business / Public Comment** ~ discussion included:
    - a. Dave Dicks handed out a map of the Intended and Encouraged Growth with Environmental Constraints from Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) "Draft Regional Connections Report" for the TAC to consider

**REMINDER OF UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- **Thursday, November 1, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., Licking County Building, Room D, GIS Subcommittee**
- **Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Licking County Building, LCATS Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting**
- **Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., Licking County Building, LCATS Policy and TAC Meeting**