



MPO Policy Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Submitted for approval on September 23, 2026

Members Present: Michael Aspacher, Steve Fine, Kevin Fuller, Jim Jacobs, John Jennewine, Laura Koprowski, Bob Mack, Pat McColley, John Musteric, Mike Pniewski, Steven Salander, Matt Snow, Mary Westphal; **Members Excused:** Nick Komives, Neil MacKinnon, Royce Maniko, Mike Melnyk, Tim Pedro, Chelsea Ziss; **Staff Present:** Dave Gedeon, Lisa Householder, Sean Sammon, Yaw Kwarteng, Jennifer Allen, Maeve Horn, Nathan Springer, Stephen Yankyera

Call to Order/Welcome – The MPO Policy Board met on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 11 a.m. in the Lake Erie West Boardroom. Chair Mike Pniewski called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes – A ***motion*** was made by Mike Aspacher and ***seconded*** by John Musteric to approve the minutes from April 8, 2026, meeting as submitted. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

Amendment #7 to the FY 2026 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Lisa Householder presented Resolution No. 2026-27, Amendment #7 to the FY 2026-2029 TIP, a copy of which was included in the agenda packet. This amendment adds an ODOT District 2 sponsored project (PID 96482, Monclova Road bridge project) to the FY 2026-2029 TIP. This project was active during a previous TIP cycle. Construction on the bridge is complete. However, a final reimbursement of \$7,500 is due to be paid to the railroad. This project does not utilize Lake Erie West-managed funds. A ***motion*** was made by Kevin Fuller and ***seconded*** by John Musteric to approve Resolution No. 2026-27. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

STBG & CMAQ Scoring and Ranking Ad Hoc Committee – Solicitation for Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality programs was announced on May 18th. Applications are due on August 7th. At its June 3rd meeting, the TAC nominated the following to serve on the STBG/CMAQ Scoring and Ranking Ad Hoc Committee.

- Rick Bailey, TARTA
- Tim Grosjean, City of Toledo
- Mick Murray, City of Bowling Green
- Doug Parrish, Metroparks Toledo
- Paul Roman, City of Oregon
- Joe Shaw, City of Sylvania
- Matt Sommerfeld, ODOT
- Brian Thomas, City of Perrysburg
- Lake Erie West Staff: Dave Gedeon, Lisa Householder, Sean Sammon

Chair Pniewski nominated Jason Sisco from the Lucas County Engineer's Office, to serve on the ad hoc committee. A ***motion*** was made by Mike Aspacher and ***seconded*** by Kevin Fuller to approve the formation of the committee and the appointment of the individuals noted above. ***The motion passed unanimously.*** The ad hoc committee is scheduled to review,

score, and rank projects submitted for the STBG and CMAQ programs on Thursday, August 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Lake Erie West Boardroom.

Adopting PM2 and PM3 Performance Targets (Resolution No. 2026-18) – Mrs. Householder presented Resolution No. 2026-18, Adopting the Ohio Pavement/Bridge Condition (PM2) & Travel Time Reliability/CMAQ Emission Reduction (PM3) Performance Targets, a copy of which was included in the agenda packet. A ***motion*** was made by Mike Aspacher and ***seconded*** by Jim Jacobs to approve the resolution. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

Adopting the 2026-2030 Regional Active Transportation Plan (Resolution No. 2026-19) – Sean Sammon, Lake Erie West's transportation planning program manager, gave a brief presentation on the proposed Regional Active Transportation Plan. Resolution No. 2026-19, Approving the 2026-2030 Regional Active Transportation Plan, was included in the agenda packet. Also included in the agenda packet was a 1-page fact sheet about the plan. After brief comments by several board members and Raymond Tylicki, a member of the public, a ***motion*** was made by Mary Westphal and ***seconded*** by Kevin Fuller to approve the resolution. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

Public Comment Period – Raymond Tylicki requested Lake Erie West have conversations with GoBus administrators, Hocking Athens Perry Community Action's Transportation Division and ODOT Office of Transit, about updating its routes to include the Toledo Amtrak train station. GoBus connects Ohio's rural and mid-sized communities to metropolitan areas including Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati. There are limited stops along the GoBus route. There is one stop in Bowling Green and two in Toledo.

Lake Erie West Update – Staff announced upcoming events.

- The Lake Erie West Summer General Assembly is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 20 from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm at the Catawba Island Country Club. Early bird registration is \$25 per person and ends June 26th. After June 26th, registration will be \$35 per person. Logon to www.LakeErieWest.org to register.
- The Ohio Conference on Freight is scheduled to take place August 24-26 in Columbus. MORPC is hosting the conference. For more information or to register logon to <https://ohioconferenceonfreight.com>.
- Lake Erie West issued an RFP to update its website. Board members were welcomed to provide feedback to staff.

Roundtable – Mike Pniewski stated that the current federal surface transportation authorization bill that is established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) expires on September 30th. The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure passed the Build America 250 Act, so it is currently on the floor of the House. It is not known if the bill will pass the Senate before the House recesses in August.

Next Meeting – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board has been changed from September 16th to September 23rd at 11 a.m. in the Lake Erie West Boardroom.

Adjournment – The chair called for an adjournment the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Michael P. Pniewski, Chair, MPO Policy Board
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