

## **Lake Erie West Planning Advisory Group Agenda & Notes**

Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 1:00 pm, hybrid meeting

**1. Welcome and introductions** – David Gedeon, Lake Erie West

**2. LRTP Projects & Implementation Summary** – Sean Sammon, Lake Erie West

The Lake Erie West 2055 Plan is in the implementation phase. Lake Erie West staff analyzed the seven 2055 goals, objectives, and strategies. Eighty-eight strategies were divided into 21 short term, 39 ongoing, and 28 long-term. A chart of short-term goals and strategies was shared with the group. The timeline of the 2055 plan and 2055 update shows the current plan in implementation and the 2055 update development beginning in July 2028 and completed in June 2030.

The seven 2055 goals include safety, infrastructure condition, congestion and reliability, economic growth, environmental sustainability, personal mobility, and equity. Charts were shared showing 2055 Plan implementation by goals, and short/ongoing goal implementation.

For 2055 Plan projects, charts were shared showing projects completed in 2026 and projects with a near term end construction date.

**3. Performance Measures** – Sean Sammon/Raj Nagisetty, Lake Erie West

ODOT and MPOs must establish quantifiable performance targets covering pavement and bridge conditions, travel time reliability, emissions, and congestion including excessive delay and percent of non-single occupancy vehicles. MPOs must adopt ODOT's targets or propose their own targets by September 11, 2026. Information and charts on 2026 to 2029 targets from ODOT were shared with the group. Lake Erie West has always met all ODOT-set targets in the past and the group decided to continue with adopting ODOT's targets moving forward.

**4. Building Access: Aligning Transportation, Housing, & Workforce – Update** – Marissa Bechstein, Lake Erie West

Marissa gave an overview of the Housing and Workforce study. From the study Lake Erie West hopes to understand cross county commuting patterns; identify mismatches between housing supply, workforce, and jobs; evaluate transportation access and constraints; translate findings into clear opportunities for housing developers and employers. The study will cover 6 counties: Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wood in Ohio and Monroe in Michigan. Data collection and analysis, community engagement, and results analysis are the important pieces of the study development process.

**5. Transportation Legislative Agenda – Updating Policy Documents** – Marissa Bechstein/Annsley Mann, Lake Erie West

Annsley gave a preview of Lake Erie West's Regional Policy Agenda, which will take the place of the previous Transportation Legislative Agenda and the Agenda for Lake Erie. The Regional Policy Agenda will create a unified and cohesive document that highlights regional priorities. The five focus areas are infrastructure, community development, workforce and economic development, water quality and the environment, and schools and education. The document is planned to be completed at the end of 2026.

#### **6. Projects Update – ODOT, Regional, Local – ODOT & Attendees**

Some ODOT project updates from Ben Cordes included the US 23/Monroe St interchange progress; I-475 repairs near Perrysburg; US 20/I-75 project planning; I-475 widening ready for funding; and I-475 from US 24 to I-75 feasibility study.

#### **7. Miscellaneous topics for discussion/member announcements – All Attendees**

The Lake Erie West Active Transportation Plan (ATP) is in the final stages, which includes the public comment period through June 1. The ATP will be presented at the TAC meeting June 3 for their recommendation of approval, then to the MPO Policy Board June 17 for adoption. Lake Erie West has Request for Proposal (RFP) for ped/bike trail maintenance. Regional trails will be assessed this summer for needed maintenance. Lake Erie West is working on a data dashboard that could help provide regional data. There was a question about providing signs for businesses to let customers know they are open during construction projects. ODOT and the Toledo Chamber provide signage for large projects disrupting business.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

#### **Tentative schedule for 2026 Lake Erie West Planning Advisory Group meetings:**

\*Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 1:00pm (online only)

\*Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 1:00 pm (in-person only)