

LPA Advisory Group Meeting Highlights– 5-22-24

1. **Local Let Program Update** – General PowerPoint presentation, to be provided later. MPO funding is funding half of the overall Local-let projects. There will be 861 projects overall in SFY2025 totaling \$2.7 billion. Local-let manual update expected to be complete by December 2024.
2. **MPO Funding Update** – General PowerPoint presentation, to be provided later. Covered funding sources that MPOs get. Solutions to better MPO program delivery: institute performance measures and targets, dashboard available to all MPOs, overprogramming, MPO Capital Program Management Training module.
3. **Rail Indemnification Contract Language** – Carryover update from last meeting. Issue resolved with help from ODOT and decision is that the liability is placed on the contractor.
4. **Update on Internal QAR Process** – As of October, dept. will be selecting 6 local let projects per district per quarter to review.
5. **Partnering Reviews** – Started 12 years ago. Discussion with Locals on how they administer specific projects to find best practices. Six are done per year.
6. **FHWA CORE Curriculum** – Training sessions will be available around the end of July through August.
7. **LPA Days** – One central location in Columbus, plus four others throughout the State. Dates and info still to come. Probably will be in late October-November.
8. **Capital Programs Update:**
 - Small City-** Currently seeking applications.
 - Municipal Bridge** – PE money will be available to Locals. Project limit increase from \$2 mil to \$2.5 mil. PE 80/20. Con 95/5. July 1 to Aug 15th solicitation.
9. **Ohio Rail Commission Grade Crossing Elimination Program** – \$100 million one-time program. Meant to provide safety improvements and help communities apply for grant funding. Still accepting applications. \$14.8 million has been awarded to four projects plus a \$5 million consultant contract for studies. Another \$6 million is currently pending award. Complaints about crossings can be submitted to Public Utilities Commission online.
10. **LTAP Update** – New funding source available to LTAP through FHWA for environmental training. To be pursued through FHWA. Working on Ohio Supplement to MUTCD updates...expected over the next two years. Training to be provided on construction daily diaries. Creating construction

inspection training program, should be available in 12-14 months. Project manager training program is available as well.

- 11. Around the Room Updates** – Brought up question of PROWAG regarding what project types are considered triggers. Was told that for now, ODOT is going by 2011 revisions until they receive input from DOJ and USDOT. Was told that Don Fisher from the ODOT Department of Roadway Engineering should be the contact for questions.