



# Logan-Union-Champaign regional planning commission

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## TELECONFERENCE

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Good afternoon,

Directions to join this teleconference have been posted online on the RTPO page [www.lucplanning.com/rtpo](http://www.lucplanning.com/rtpo) under Current & Upcoming Public Comment Periods, under the Open House dial-in button. All RTIP materials can be accessed on the same page.

My name is Brad Bodenmiller and I'm the Director at LUC Regional Planning Commission. Back in 2016, LUC was designated as one of five Ohio Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (called RTPOs)—not every county is included in an RTPO designation. Our designation as an RTPO does not provide us with funding for transportation projects, but one benefit is we receive a small portion of funding to do transportation planning and studies. We've been able to use the funding to create a Transportation Plan back in 2015 and to also look at locally important transportation issues. As I mentioned, not all areas of our State have an RTPO and our RTPO area only covers Logan and Champaign counties. Union County, which is an LUC member, is another RTPO area. Anyone is welcome to call or email questions or to access the RTIP materials. Our phone number is (937) 666-3431 and LUC's emails are hosted on our website. My email is [bradbodenmiller@lucplanning.com](mailto:bradbodenmiller@lucplanning.com).

There is a large Statewide planning process called the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, or STIP; often referred to as TIP. It serves two main purposes. First, it presents the State's fiscally balanced, transportation program; it includes federal and State-funded projects scheduled for some phase of implementation or construction. Second, it is a reference document required by the federal government for federal funding.

The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (called the RTIP) filters all the Statewide Transportation Improvements and presents only those projects planned for our two counties, Logan and Champaign counties; again, not Union County. It is not a wish-list of projects our region wants to see, but it is a list of projects planned for implementation or construction. We

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did include the RTPO projects from our 2015 Transportation Plan, although those projects are unfunded at this time; those projects are included; those projects have not received funding.

The RTIP is generated at least every four years as part of the State's process. Back in October, LUC held an open house for local governments, where local governments could comment on the Transportation Improvement Program and learn about project selection and Department of Transportation funding opportunities.

Typically, during the public comment period of the RTIP, an open house is held. There is usually a hardcopy of the RTIP document available, a large map of each county showing the projects planned—for example, this is the map for Champaign County and this is the map for Logan County and these are the unfunded RTPO projects for both counties—and there are also comment sheets available. The idea behind the open house is that people can come through and look at these documents and leave comments if they would like to. There are not formal presentations during those open houses, but I thought some background information today might be helpful to anyone joining the teleconference or looking for information about the teleconference later.

Today's in-person, public component of the open house was cancelled as a result of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. As an alternative, we've posted all of the RTIP information online on our website at [www.lucplanning.com/rtpo](http://www.lucplanning.com/rtpo).

The large maps we would have printed for the open house are incorporated in the draft RTIP on page 35 of the PDF—this is a copy of the RTIP and this shows you where those maps are, that I mentioned on page 35. The maps have also been uploaded as a separate document you can download from the green button on our RTPO page by clicking on the “Open House Exhibits” button.

In the past, these maps are what folks look at the most when attending our RTIP open house. If you look at the maps, you'll see project numbers identified on each of the maps. So, for example, in Logan County you can see along 33, and several other places like 235, there is a Project ID Number. You can find these maps and those Project ID Numbers on page 35 of the PDF of the RTIP. Those Project ID Numbers or PIDs are ODOT numbers and you can learn more about the individual project by going to page 19 of the RTIP PDF. For example, you can see on page 19 of the RTIP PDF, the next 15 pages are projects listed by Project ID; and you can find out more information about each project. So, for example, PID 103819 in Champaign County is a bridge preservation activity, including bridge repair, replacing deck edges, wingwalls, resurfacing abutments, and so forth. Transit projects start on page 38 of the RTIP PDF. Again, the information is in the same style as the other Project ID Numbers. If you are looking for more information about an unfunded RTPO project—which are these here on the map and you can

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see there are identification numbers—you'll have to refer to our 2015 Transportation Plan which you can find under "Studies Completed" on our RTPo page. Project information starts on page 111 of the PDF.

The purpose of the public comment period from March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup> is to provide transportation partners and the public a chance to review the RTIP document and comment on the RTIP and transportation projects proposed over the next four years. If you have a question, you're welcome to contact our office at (937) 666-3431 or email me we'll try to find an answer for you. If you would like to make a comment, please print and complete a comment sheet. There are directions on the comment sheet explaining where to email or mail it, but please make sure we receive it by April 10<sup>th</sup> because that is the last day for comments. Comment sheets being emailed go to [heathermartin@lucplanning.com](mailto:heathermartin@lucplanning.com). Comment sheets being mailed go to LUC Planning PO Box 219 East Liberty, OH ~~43311~~ 43319. Project materials can be mailed upon request. Again, our phone number is (937) 666-3431.

Thanks for listening and I apologize for the unusual format.

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This information was shared during a teleconference on March 31, 2020, between 4p-6p. This is a script of the presentation and a video recording is also available.

For materials and exhibits referenced, see: [www.lucplanning.com/rtpo](http://www.lucplanning.com/rtpo).

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