

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION TO ADD \$440,605 IN OTPPP AWARD TO SUPPORT THE PURCHASE OF A BIODIESAL VEHICLE TO PID 95669 IN FY 2016

WHEREAS, the Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor of Ohio, and in cooperation with local elected officials of Allen County are acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT); and,

WHEREAS, the MPO has, pursuant to Section 134, Title 23 of the United States Code and Section 1607, Title 49 of the United States Code, caused a transportation plan to be prepared reflecting the Year 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and requisite transportation systems management element; and,

WHEREAS, the MPO identified specific objectives in 2040 Plan including: (1) Increasing the accessibility and mobility options available to people; (2) Protecting and enhancing the environment, promoting energy conservation, and improving the quality of life by promoting consistency between transportation improvements and state and local plans; and, (3) Emphasizing the preservation of the existing transportation system services; and,

WHEREAS, ODOT established the Ohio Transit Preservation Partnership Program (OTPPP) as a discretionary program with an emphasis on transit preservation and projects selected on a competitive basis; and,

WHEREAS, the MPO has, pursuant to the aforementioned sections of the United States Code, prepared a Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2016 through 2019; and,

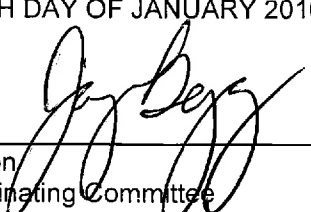
WHEREAS, the Allen County Regional Transit Authority recognizes industry testing that documents the use of biodiesel blends in urban areas result in reductions of particulate matter, the number of elements and carbon emissions, and that such reductions are considered beneficial to promoting clean air and human health; and,

WHEREAS, ODOT allocated some \$13.54M under the FY 2016 OTPPP and awarded \$440,605 to the Allen County Regional Transit Authority to purchase a 35' biodiesel bus in FY 2016 (under PID 95669) based on a successful grant application;

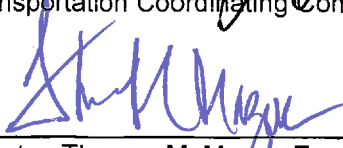
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Transportation Coordination Committee of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission, supports the use of biodiesel vehicles and fuels that collectively reduce vehicle-emitted pollutants, reduce the dependence upon imported diesel, create green jobs, and improve the local environment.

AND, FURTHERMORE RECOMMENDS that the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program be amended to reflect the addition of \$440,605 in OTPPP funds to existing project PID 95669, capping the CMAQ funds for PID 95669 at \$389,893 and OTPPP funds at \$440,605 and total project costs reflecting the use of \$77,800 of CMAQ toll credit.

ADOPTED THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2016



Jay Begg, Chairperson
Transportation Coordinating Committee



Attest: Thomas M. Mazur, Executive Director
Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission