

MID-OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MOVRC Monthly Newsletter
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MOVRC and MOV Chamber Ribbon Cutting for MOVRC, 709 Market Street



Various staff and board members pictured



July marks the beginning of a new fiscal year for the Wood-Washington-Wirt (WWW) Interstate Planning Commission. This year will build upon the successes of the previous fiscal year that included the completion of an updated Long Range Multi-modal Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP illustrates fiscally constrained transportation improvement recommendations through fiscal year 2040 based on demographic, socio-economic, and land use projections. In association with the updated plan, WWW prepared the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This document identifies transportation improvements over a four period that have been programmed utilizing federal, state, and local funding. Additional staff activity included the completion of Traffic Operations and Safety Studies, Travel Time and Delay Studies, and pedestrian and bicycle planning activities. These documents can be found on WWW's website at www.triplew.org.

In the new fiscal year, staff will continue to maintain and develop those planning documents while transitioning to a performance based planning process. This process is mandated through federal transportation legislation that established National Performance Measures addressing safety, bridge and pavement conditions, system performance, freight movement, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality improvements, and Transit Asset Management. States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations are required to develop targets to meet these performance measures within established time frames. The purpose of this effort is to establish a quantifiable process that measures the effectiveness of proposed transportation improvements in meeting the targets for a given performance measure, and to ensure that transportation funds are being spent where needed. WWW embraces this challenge and looks forward to moving ahead in a new era of transportation planning.

RSVP to Expand!

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is going to expand! The program was recently awarded an expansion grant that will begin in September. We will now be adding Mason and Wetzel counties to our program. August will be a very busy month laying the necessary groundwork and making our contacts.

The senior volunteers continue to

make great contributions to their respective communities. The summer seems to be a bit more laid back than the rest of the year. Meetings are being set up with station supervisors to plan the upcoming year and put trainings into place for new volunteers.

We have a few pictures to share of our volunteers kicking back and enjoying some down time. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, we had 324 seniors volunteer 69,664 hours in their communities. We cannot wait to see what next year holds.

Thanks to each of you for your continued encouragement and support of our program.



Senior Companion Recognition



Senior Companion recognition held Saturday, July 22, 2017, at the Gandy Dancer Dinner Theater in Elkins, WV. Seventy-five Senior Companions and guests were in attendance. The recognition celebration was a state wide event and Senior Companions traveled from as far south as Welch, WV, as far north as Follansbee, WV, as far east as Martinsburg, WV, and as far west as Huntington, WV. Included in the event was lunch and entertainment by Elvis.

FUNDING

MOVRC Loan Fund still has funding available for small businesses. We are also in the process of expanding our loan programs into other West Virginia counties.

FOR SALE

MOVRC's former office building is for sale. Total office space of 7,188 square feet with another 3,594 square feet of storage space. Great downtown location and within short walk to parking garage with hourly or monthly rates.

**Meet the Staff
of the
Workforce
Development
Board
Mid-Ohio Valley**



**Kelsie
Neal**

Kelsie is a new, part-time Program Specialist for the Workforce Development Board MOV. Kelsie formally worked as receptionist for the MOVRC. With this new position comes new responsibilities, such as completing and accepting ITA awards and helping the WDB staff with day to day operations. Currently, Kelsie is studying Accounting and Business Management at Washington State Community College with expectations of completing in the spring.

WDB-MOV revealed its new website, WDBMOV.com at the July board meeting. In addition, social media pages on Facebook and LinkedIn were also revealed.

The website, Facebook, and LinkedIn pages were created with the help of Andrea Shirey of One Nine Design, and Kristin Meeks of WV Social Media Consultants. Their expertise in set up and design of our media made the process easy and painless—but it was a lot of work—and well worth it!

We will be using these platforms to make employers, jobseekers, young adults and the general public aware of our services and the opportunities available to them through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Check out our website, like and follow our Facebook page and follow us on LinkedIn.



Website: <https://www.wdbmov.com>



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wdbmov>



LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/22289224/>



New Website Coming Soon!

RESOURCES FOR
JOB SEEKERS & EMPLOYERS

wdbmov.com

Ritchie County Foster Grandparents Front (L-R) Carol Schofield, Fay Jones, Susie Cutright, Donna Cottrill, and Donna Mullenix

Back (L-R) Cathy Davenport, Barb Reed, Sharon Moore, and Helen Haugh. These ladies serve at Harrisville Elementary and Creed Collins Elementary.



Hazard Mitigation Forum
10:00 am August 17, 2017, MOVRC Offices
709 Market Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Please join us on August 17, 2017, for a Hazard Mitigation Forum. The purpose of this meeting is to keep communication lines open, talk about current hazard mitigation efforts in the Region, and discuss the role that the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan has played or can play in those efforts. Though the updated plan does not expire until December 2021, during the planning process many citizens, communities, and OES directors expressed the importance of communication between planning years as well as utilizing the plan as a resource. The MOVRC intends to have an annual meeting of local officials and OES directors to strengthen Hazard Mitigation projects and planning efforts in our Region.

Topics to be discussed: natural risks currently impacting communities, current projects and initiatives, how the Regional HMP has been utilized, improvements for the next Plan, any other relevant topics.



WE'VE MOVED

The meeting will be held at the new MOVRC Offices located at 709 Market Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Meganne Robinson at 304.422.4993 Ext. 105 or by email meganne.robinson@movrc.org.

We look forward to meeting with all of you!!!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DEADLINES

Applications for Courthouse Facilities Improvement projects are due on October 6, 2017. CFIA has also set a draft review deadline of September 15, 2017.

Broadband Community Development Block Grant applications are due October 30, 2017.

Applications to the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance and Pre-Disaster Mitigation programs are due on November 14, 2017.

(In addition to the on-going Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

Please contact the Community Development Staff for further information or to discuss a potential application.

Current Hazard Mitigation Projects:

Spencer Flood Mitigation 2017: The City of Spencer, with the assistance of the MOVRC, recently submitted an application to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP.) The City requested \$1,530,000.00 to complete the acquisition and demolition of 25 flood prone properties along Bens Run and Spring Creek in the City of Spencer.

Happy Valley Flood Mitigation Phase 6: The Wood County Commission, with the assistance of the MOVRC, recently submitted an application to the FEMA HMGP to complete flood mitigation in the Happy Valley and 7 Acres area of Wood County. The Commission requested \$1,281,000.00 to complete the acquisition and demolition of 9 flood prone properties.

Roane County Flood Mitigation: The Roane County Commission is working with the MOVRC to develop two flood mitigation projects. The first will complete the acquisition and demolition of one Severe Repetitive Loss property in the Walton Community of southern Roane County. The purpose of the second project is to elevate the current Roane County 911 Center above base flood elevation; previous flooding has caused the evacuation of the existing facility. The Commission will submit grant applications for both projects to the FEMA HMGP in Fall 2017.

Calhoun County and Town of Grantsville Flood Mitigation: The Calhoun County Commission and the Town of Grantsville are working with the MOVRC to develop two flood mitigation projects in Calhoun County. The first project will complete the acquisition and demolition of 14 flood prone homes located within the Town of Grantsville. The second project will complete the acquisition and demolition of at least 1 home in greater Calhoun County. Currently, the County Commission is planning a second public meeting to raise awareness of the project and attract more voluntary participants. Both the Calhoun County Commission and the Town of Grantsville intend to submit grant applications to the FEMA HMGP project in Fall 2017.