

LCCA NEWS

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West Shore Corridor Transportation Project Update

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Efforts to launch the Project's Alternatives Analysis are ongoing. To streamline the study process, the Lorain County Community Alliance has become the primary project sponsor, although the Lorain County Commissioners will continue to provide critical oversight and approvals. All pending questions about the grant application have been answered to the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) satisfaction. The West Shore Corridor transportation Project (WSCTP) grant application was entered into FTA's "TEAM" electronic grant processing system last year and with the questions answered, the application can now be officially submitted. Funding for this initial study phase total \$428,750: \$343,000 Federal share, \$85,750 local share, including \$68,600 cash and \$17,150 in-kind contribution of agency staff time. The County has also begun the process to acquire all outstanding local share funds and the necessary amendments to the region's and the state's transportation plans are underway so that the Federal funds may be programmed and received. Applications for a new West Shore Commuter Rail Task Force Advisor position were solicited and screened to identify the top candidates. This position is needed to assist the Task Force with the following: expand and strengthen Task Force influence through coalition-building initiatives; collaborate with Corridor communities to create highly transit-supportive land use and zoning alternatives; help build support for funding options needed to support any new major transportation investments. The position will be filled following candidate review by the Task Force, approval by the Lorain County Commissioners and execution of the Federal grant, which is providing the funds to support the position. To supplement the initial funds awarded by Congress in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Appropriation sponsored by Congresswoman Betty Sutton, another appropriation request for FY 2011 was recently submitted to both Congresswoman Betty Sutton and Senator George Voinovich. That request totals \$1.5 million (\$1.2 million Federal share, \$300,000 local share). The initial work being conducted by Parsons Brinckerhoff, Alternatives Analysis Phase I, will include development/screening of alternatives and preliminary ridership and cost estimation. The additional funds will permit conducting detailed ridership estimation (travel demand modeling) and environmental impact analysis, as part of Alternatives Analysis Phase II. Phase II will conclude with selection of a Locally-Preferred Alternative (LPA). Should the LPA include a major build investment such as rail, County, Regional and State approval would be needed, along with additional funding, in order to advance the LPA into the next study phase called Preliminary Engineering.

**Next steps for the WSCTP include forming the Policy, Technical, & Stakeholder committees that will be active throughout the study process.*

TRANSPORTATION DAY

~ATTENTION~

~Alliance Meeting Date Change~

Due to the holiday, the Lorain County Community Alliance will be hosting its Annual Transportation Day Meeting, **Friday March 26th, 2010** at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Lorain County Administration Building, 226 Middle Ave. in Elyria on the 4th floor.

Transportation Day gives Agencies an opportunity to update Lorain County on upcoming Transportation Projects and gives attendees the forum in which to get their questions answered. Agency representatives presenting include Lorain County Engineer Ken Carney addressing county road plans and 2010 projects; Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency Executive Director, Howard Maier, speaking on regional transportation plans for the near future; Ohio Department of Transportation District #3, Executive Director John Hart presenting state projects for the Lorain County area; Lorain County Port Authority, Executive Director Rick Novak will discuss the JetExpress, WSCRTF Co-Chair Dr. David Hintz will give an update on the West Shore Corridor Transportation Project, as well as , Dennis Lamont presenting on the Lorain Rail (Trolley).

This meeting is free of charge and is open to the public, and we encourage you to join us. A Continental Breakfast is provided compliments of Ken Carney Engineer.

For a Transportation Day Agenda or the Alliance Information, visit the Alliance Website at lccommunityalliance.com or contact Lorain County Community Alliance Administrative Coordinator Virginia Haynes 440-328-2362 or vhaynes@loraincounty.us

Hard Hatted Women in Lorain County

Leadership Lorain County has partnered with Hard Hatted Women of Cleveland to bring the same opportunities to women of Lorain County. Contact Executive Director Terri Burgess-Sandu for more information at 1-216-502-0587 or email her at tsandu@hardhattedwomen.org

****For more on the technical study process required whenever Federal funds are needed to construct a major new transit investment, see:**

http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/newstarts/planning_environment_2607.html

And: http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/planning_environment_5221.html

(also follow links on right side of this page)

LCCA and Team Lorain County Ground Hog Economic Forecast 2010



Virginia Haynes, LCCA Administrative Coordinator;
Ken Sislak VP AECOM; Dr. David Hintz Co-Chair WSCRTF;
Lorain County Commissioner Betty Blair and LCCA Co-Chair



Shari Pena, Administrative Assistant to Lorain
County Commissioner Kokoski; Commissioner Lori
Kokoski and LCCA Co-Chair

Local business, government and civic leaders gathered at the LCCC/Spitzer Conference Center on February 5, 2010, for the fourth annual Groundhog Day Economic Development Breakfast, an event coordinated by Team Lorain County and the Lorain County Community Alliance. Speakers included Team Lorain County President Steve Morey, Ken Sislak, Associate Vice President with AECOM and Dr. Jim Robey, Team NEO Vice President of Research. The program featured information about Northern Ohio's economy and Lorain County's efforts to create an environment friendly for business. Robey, said Lorain County's comprehensive approach to attracting new business is the standard for assembling resources to attract new business. When business site selectors ask for detailed information about places, the development staffs may have 72 hours or less to respond. Lorain County is a model "because it's done right, here," Robey said. "We want to applaud you for that."

It's an approach that in the last three years has led to Team Lorain County participating in the creation of 1,600 new jobs with \$40 million in new payroll and \$60 million in capital investment, Steve Morey, TLC president, said. Last year, Team Lorain County responded to 76 leads for business attraction and worked with 19 business expansion or retention projects, Morey said. The county right now has eight job projects pending in various stages of development, he said.



Ryan Gates, General Manager Lake Erie Crushers;
Jean Sexton, Executive Director, NCBA;
Tony Gallo, Lorain County Chamber of Commerce



Dr. Roy Church, President of LCCC; Kevin Flannigan, Chair of Team Lorain County;
Steve Morey, President/CEO Team Lorain County ; John Nolan, JVS Superintendant



"POGIE" JVS; Lorain County Commissioner Ted Kalo;
Kim Mulder Star Builders; Bob Campana, Campana Development



Frank DeTillio, President Lorain County Chamber of Commerce;
Tony Krasienko, Mayor of the City of Lorain;
Bob Campana, Campana Development

Video Clips of the Ground Hog Economic Forecast Breakfast can be seen by visiting the LCCA Website www.lcccommunityalliance.com

Welcome 2010 Members DUES RECEIVED

CITY OF LORAIN
AMHERST TOWNSHIP
CARLISLE TOWNSHIP
CITY OF AMHERST
CITY OF AVON
CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE
ELYRIA TOWNSHIP
SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP
VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
VILLAGE OF KIPTON
VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD
VILLAGE OF SOUTH AMHERST
VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON
AMERICAN RED CROSS
ANTHONY MEALY
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO
DAVID HARTMAN/MS CONSULTANT
DR. DAVID HINTZ DPM
LORAIN COUNTY JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
LABORERS UNION 758
LORAIN COUNTY ENGINEER
LORAIN COUNTY 911
LORAIN COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS
LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
LORAIN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
LORAIN COUNTY SHERIFF
LORAIN COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU
LORAIN COUNTY METROPARKS
LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
NORTH COAST BUILDING ASSOCIATION
ROSS ENVIRONMENTAL

DUES REMINDER

An important reminder to unpaid members. Paying your dues enables you to **VOTE** at the upcoming meetings and receive member discounts.

2010 Professional Development & Training Sponsored by: LCCC, PSI and Lorain County Community Alliance

- **Board Oversight of Financial Management**
Monday, April 19, 2010 9 am-12:00p.m.
Presenter: Sharon Strouse, Ohio State University
- **Nonprofit Risk Mgmt. Policies and Practices**
Tuesday, April 20, 2010 -1:00 – 4:00 pm
Presenter: Sharon Strouse, Ohio State University
- **Improving Your Economy with a Business Retention & Expansion Program**
Wednesday, May 5, 2010 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Presenter: Greg Davis, Ohio BR&E Initiative

Fee for classes is 45.00 per session. Contact:
Lizette Torres at 440-366-7928 or ltorres@lorainccc.edu

Website www.lccommunityalliance.com

The LCCA website received over **2522** visitors to the website during the month of **February 2010**. A convenient Membership Form and information has been added for download for new members and to renew your dues.

2010 Executive Committee

Co-CHAIR- Betty Blair, Lorain County Commissioner
440-329-5112 bblair@loraincounty.us or
jparks@loraincounty.us
CO-CHAIR- Lori Kokoski, Lorain County Commissioner
440-329-5101 lkokoski@loraincounty.us or
spena@loraincounty.us
VICE-CHAIR- Walt Sukey, Vice Chair,
LaGrange Village Administrator, 440-355-5555
lagov@windstream.net
TREASURER- Bill Holtzman, Elyria Township Trustee,
440-329-5585 bholtzman@loraincounty.us
SECRETARY- Patricia Ecko, Sheffield Township Fiscal Officer,
440-277-1392 EchkoPat@aol.com
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR- Virginia Haynes
328-2362 vhaynes@loraincounty.us

Member Discounts

IX INDOOR AMUSEMENT PARK March 26 – April 18, 2010

You can now purchase discount **IX INDOOR AMUSEMENT PARK** tickets online! Follow these steps for online purchase:

- ** Log onto www.ixamusementpark.com
- ** Go to the GROUP TICKET SALES page
- ** Click on the icon at the top of the page to purchase tickets.
- ** Click on PURCHASE
- ** Click on I-X Indoor Amusement Park 2010
- ** Click on Corporate Consignment at \$19 each. Enter the number of tickets being purchased
- ** Enter the name of the ticket purchaser
- ** There is a spot to enter the promotion code (which is LOCC). Enter the code and click on VERIFY PROMOTION.
- ** At this point the \$14 discount price will come up.
- ** Click on CHECK OUT. This will take you to a page that will ask for contact information and credit card information.
- ** After filling out all of the required information you will be asked if you want to print your tickets or have them mailed.
- ** The rest is simple, print out your own tickets or have the tickets mailed to you.

CEDAR POINT AMUSEMENT PARK SUMMER DISCOUNT

Tickets Available all summer long and good any day
Open May 15th – October 31st

Cedar Point – Tickets will be \$36.00 (vs. \$45.99) for adults and \$16.99 (vs. \$19.99) for Juniors and Seniors (62 & Older) Children 2 and under are free.

****Money Order ONLY - Made Payable To: Cedar Fair***
NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED * Sorry NO EXCEPTIONS

-Discount TICKET INFORMATION Contact: MELISSA 329-5225
@Purchasing Dept.-4th floor Lorain County Administration Building

Ohio Township Association, Auditor of State, LCCA

++Ohio Certified Public Records Training - House Bill 9

Date: Friday, October 8, 2010 @ 1:00pm - 4:15pm

Location: Lorain County Administrative Building 4th Floor

Contact: [Teresa Goodridge](mailto:Teresa.Goodridge@auditor.state.oh.us) (614) 644-8986

Or visit: www.auditor.state.oh.us



"Partnerships for the Future"
 From Administrative Coordinator Virginia Haynes

Filed to EfficientGovNow Second Round:

- Lorain County Mayors and Managers and PSI- County wide Stormwater Management Plan; initial study phase is completed; asking for \$90,000 to cover half of the expected \$180,000 cost of implementing the plan
- Team Lorain County, the Lorain County Growth Partnerships "Business Connection" and the Work Force Institute of LCCC collaborated with the LCCA for a proposal for grant money request is \$100,000 for the creation of an online business attraction, retention and expansion system.
- Finalists will be announced online at EfficientGovNow.org on April 30th; voting will take place May 1st to May 31st.

Requests for Appropriations

- Appropriation requests have been submitted to U.S. Congresswoman Betty Sutton and Senator George Voinovich for 1.5 million for Alternative Analysis (AA) Phase II of the West Shore Corridor Transportation Project.
- An FY 2008 appropriation from Congresswoman Sutton authorized \$428,750 (\$343,000 Federal share) to initiate Alternatives Analysis (AA Phase I). Funds are now being requested to complete this study (AA Phase II). AA Phase I (Fall 2010 completion) studied a range of alternatives including: no build, TSM, road improvements, express bus, bus and rail rapid transit and commuter rail.
- Phase II AA will address travel demand estimation, environmental assessment, detailed cost/benefit/financial analyses and locally-preferred alternative selection.

Now Accepting Physical Activity & Nutrition Mini Grant Applications for Lorain County Worksites

Live Healthy Lorain County Partners workgroup is offering Mini Grants to encourage increased physical activity and improved nutrition in Lorain County worksites through environmental systems change. Grant proposals should include creative ways to integrate physical activity and better nutrition into the work environment. This opportunity is open to Lorain County worksites only, one application per worksite. Up to 9 worksites will be funded with a maximum of \$500 per grant request. Equipment/material will be distributed in May 2010 to be used between June 1 and September 31, 2010. **Deadline for application submission is April 19, 2010.** Please email any questions and/or concerns to healthed@loraincountyhealth.com

CDBG FY09 Grant Funds Available for Home Repair

Under the direction of the Lorain County Commissioners the Lorain County Community Development Department is taking applications from low-to-moderate income homeowners who need financial assistance with health or safety related repairs to their residence. The program operates on a first-come first-serve basis and can assist income qualified Lorain County residents of owner occupied homes. Persons residing in the cities of North Ridgeville, Elyria, and Lorain are not eligible as these communities administer their own programs. The repairs may address roofs, furnaces, hot water heaters, minor electrical, plumbing, sewer-tap ins, septic system replacement or the elimination of other threats to health and safety. Home repair assistance is available for up to \$8,000 per eligible client or up to \$15,000 for septic system replacement. For an application or to ask any questions please call: Linda Blanchette at 440-328-2332, Ashley Scott at 440-328-2329 or Angela Brown at 440-328-2322.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL MINI-GRANT

The National Center for Safe Routes to School is now accepting applications for up to 35, \$1,000 mini-grants for creative, youth-focused ideas that support safe walking and/or bicycling to school. Eligible activities must occur at an elementary or middle school in fall 2010 and support the overall goal of Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs- to enable and encourage children nationwide to safely walk and bicycle to school. The National Center's mini-grant program is now in its second award cycle. Activities may also explore a variety of issues related to SRTS, including physical activity and environmental benefits, distracted driving, personal safety, integrating children with disabilities and community building. Mini-grant activities with high levels of age-appropriate student engagement are encouraged. **Applications are due Wednesday, April 7, 2010,** and recipients will be announced by Wednesday, May 26, 2010. Applications available at : www.saferoutesinfo.org/minigrants

*****Reminder Updated letters and new letters or resolutions of support are being solicited for the West Shore Corridor Transportation Project. Contact Virginia for sample letters/ resolutions or for more information regarding the project. Virginia Haynes, Administrative Coordinator, 440-328-2362 or vhaynes@loraincounty.us**