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# **ENVIRONMENT**



## 50000 ENVIRONMENT

### Work Program Number 54100 Stormwater Coalition

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$4,000	\$500	\$500			\$5,000
Other Sources:				\$62,311		\$62,311
Revised Amount:						

	Semester:	First	Second
Total Semester Expenditure		\$2,363	\$2,972
Year-to-Date Expenditure		\$2,363	\$5,335
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended		47.26%	106.71%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed		100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed		50%	100%

#### **Promised Products:**

1. Implement the Phase II Stormwater Outreach & Education programs agreed to for FY 2011.
2. Coordinate ODOT with the local jurisdictions of the Stormwater Coalition (SWC) to implement the six minimum control measures on a local and watershed level.
3. Determine and schedule specific outreach programs and materials for FY 2011 to help fulfill the requirements of the Stormwater Phase II National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits of ODOT and the other Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4s).
4. Semi-monthly meetings of the SWC to address stormwater management and water quality for the watershed.
5. Monthly meetings of the Stormwater Action Group (SWAG), which serves as a technical advisory committee to SWC.
6. Conduct outreach and education program to assist MS4s districts in fulfillment of their stormwater management plans.

#### **First Semester Progress:**

1. Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) will prepare and distribute a regular series of water quality newsletter/newspaper articles, especially related to stormwater best management practices. These will be distributed to MS4s for use in their community newsletters, and to a comprehensive list of print publications throughout the urbanized area. The articles are available on the TMACOG SWC website under "Documents." During the first semester an article on "Putting Yard Waste to Work" was prepared and distributed.
2. Ongoing: Kacey Funk serves as ODOT District 2's representative to the SWC.
3. The Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Practices for Municipal Employees training manual was completed and distributed to SWC members and ODOT. The manual is

available on the TMACOG SWC website. A series of Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Practices shop posters were also developed for municipal facilities. The seven full-color posters cover: materials storage, handling and disposal; snow removal; fleet maintenance; drainage maintenance; spill prevention plan template; streets maintenance; and parks and grounds management. These posters are available to members and the general public on the TMACOG SWC website.

4. SWC met as scheduled on August 19, October 21, and December 16 of 2010.
5. SWAG met on July 14, August 4, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8 of 2010.
6. TMACOG assisted City of Toledo with fulfilling their requirements of the “Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Practices” measure NPDES Phase II. Staff from TMACOG held presentations and site visits at 16 City of Toledo municipal facilities to train employees to self-audit their pollution prevention programs and inspect their facilities.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

Lucas County “Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping” training workshop has been delayed, but is still requested.

**Second Semester Progress:**

1. TMACOG prepared and distributed a regular series of water quality newsletter/newspaper articles, especially related to stormwater best management practices. These newsletters were distributed to MS4s for use in their community newsletters, and to a comprehensive list of print publications throughout the urbanized area. The articles are available on the TMACOG SWC website under “Documents.” During the second semester an article on “Floodplain Map Updates” was prepared and distributed.
2. Ongoing: Kacey Funk serves as ODOT District 2’s representative to the SWC.
3. A Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Training Practices narrated video presentation was developed. The presentation is given to SWC members who request the video.
4. SWC met as scheduled on February 17, April 21, and June 16 of 2011.
5. SWAG met on January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, and June 8 of 2011.
6. TMACOG staff assisted the Rain Garden Initiative in outreach and education events at the HBA House and Home Show (February 18), the Home and Garden show (March 13), the Toledo Botanical Gardens Plant Sale (May 6), and a rain garden installation at Bowsher High School (May 13).

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number    55200 Air Quality Outreach Program**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$85,000					\$85,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:						

Semester:	First	Second
Total Semester Expenditure	\$26,856	\$45,594
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$26,856	\$72,450
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	31.60%	85.24%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Complete testing program and sponsor 35 gas cap replacement events to identify failing or missing gas caps on light-duty vehicles in Lucas and Wood counties. (element 55300). August 2010
2. Compile an end-of-the-year gas cap program report for public distribution. October 2010
3. Complete 2010 Ozone Action Season public awareness campaign to educate citizens on the negative health, environmental, and the economic impact of ozone. Begin preparation for 2011 campaign. September 2010
  - a. Distribute 500 Ozone Action Season fact sheets at community events.
  - b. Present information at display tables at community events.
  - c. Update the TMACOG website to include current air quality information.
  - d. Update the Ozone Action website to include the daily air quality forecasts.
  - e. Purchase ads/media spots promoting program objectives (pass through).
4. Produce an annual Air Quality Summary. January 2011
5. Develop a legislative agenda for air quality. June 2011
6. Research precursors to fine particulates to better understand the mobile sources of regional pollution. June 2011
7. Assist local governments, school districts, and fleet operators with emission reduction grants. June 2011
8. Work with the Green Fleets Program to educate local governments, school districts, and fleet operators to reduce emissions. June 2011
9. Make targeted outreach presentations to five local governments and/or community partners on the region's air quality status and the health and economic development impacts of non-attainment. June 2011

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. The Gas Cap Testing and Replacement Program was successfully completed in September 2010. Working with staff from the City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services (TDOES), the program tested 375 gas caps at 24 testing sites. A total of 43 faulty or missing gas caps were replaced, preventing approximately 8,557 pounds of evaporative emissions from entering the air.
2. The 2010 Gas Cap Summary Report was completed by TDOES and is available on the TMACOG website.
3. TMACOG staff completed the 2010 portion of the Ozone Action Season campaign.
  - a. TMACOG staff distributed fact sheets at the Veteran's Job Fair in November.
  - b. TMACOG had a display table at the Veteran's Job Fair in November.
  - c. The TMACOG website has been kept up to date with meeting materials and other related information.
  - d. The daily ozone forecasts were updated on TMACOG's Ozone Action Season website in a timely manner.
  - e. Ads were purchased with local media outlets and on local billboards to promote the Ozone Action Season.
4. The annual Air Quality Summary was updated in December of 2010 and made available on the TMACOG website.
5. Ongoing with the Air Quality Committee.
6. Ongoing with the Air Quality Committee.
7. TMACOG staff assisted the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority with an application to replace aging diesel equipment at the Port of Toledo.
8. Ongoing.
9. In the first half of FY 2011, staff did not receive any requests from local governments or community partners to discuss air quality and/or related impacts.

### **Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. TMACOG contracted with the City of Toledo Department of Environmental Services to conduct the 2011 Gas Cap Program. Toledo staff set the testing schedule and performed the testing.
2. Completed in the first semester. The final report for the 2011 program will be delivered following the completion of the season in FY 2012.
3. Completed in the first semester.
4. Completed in the first semester.
5. The Air Quality Committee decided not to pursue this product due to the uncertain status of the proposed climate change bills and the delays that have taken place in the determination of the updated ozone standard.
6. The committee reviewed the use of new particulate models and determined that they are too cost prohibitive and unreliable to be used with calling air alert days.
7. TMACOG did not have any requests to assist with emission reduction grants.
8. Efforts are ongoing to send out email notifications for the Green Fleets program.

9. TMACOG staff participated in a discussion on air quality standards with the Toledo Chamber of Commerce on February 28.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None



# **TRANSPORTATION**



## 60000 TRANSPORTATION

Work Program Number **60100 Short Range Transportation Planning /**  
**60120 Highway Project Planning**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$27,200	\$3,400	\$3,400			\$34,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:						

	Semester:	First	Second
	Semester Expenditure	\$7,237	\$19,815
	Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$7,237	\$27,052
	Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	21.29%	79.56%
	Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
	Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

### **Active Major Projects:**

- a. Design and construction of a new ITS freeway management system in Lucas, Wood, and southern Monroe counties.
- b. I-475 widening in western Lucas County including a new interchange in the Springfield Township area.
- c. Roadway improvements related to new casino development in the City of Toledo.
- d. Projects to be identified and selected for construction funded by the Jobs for Main Street Act or similar economic stimulus programs.
- e. Wales Road grade separation.
- f. McCord Road grade separation.

### **Promised Products:**

1. Support and participate in other agencies' efforts to implement major elements of the "On the Move: 2007-2035 Transportation Plan." (Element 61100).
2. Provide staff and support to expedite design and construction of transportation elements related to a new casino approved by the Ohio voters on November 3, 2009.
3. Provide staff and support in area-wide effort to advance projects funded through federal stimulus programs to construction as soon as possible for economic recovery.
4. Provide staff and support for development of Tier 2 improvements in our region identified by the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC).

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. In addition to the major TRAC projects discussed under item 4 below, staff met with the ODOT District 2 Director as requested regarding implementation of highway and intermodal projects identified in the 2035 Plan, specifically; engagement with the SR-18

relocation steering committee and area stakeholders, Toledo area ITS freeway management and travel information system, and Phase 1 of the I-75/I-475 Systems Interchange. With respect to non-ODOT projects identified in the 2035 Plan, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding for biofuels enabled TARTA to leverage local monies to construct a new TARPS paratransit facility adjoining the Toledo train station. TMACOG also supported efforts by a bi-partisan consortium of local elected officials to widen I-75 from Perrysburg to Findlay (future ODOT funded), Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority efforts to provide improved intermodal ship/rail/truck access to the port, University of Toledo – Intermodal Transportation Institute efforts to improve the Norfolk Southern Airline intermodal yard, and several local partners’ efforts to purchase 11.2 miles of rail corridor for future multiuse trail use. TMACOG’s Transportation Improvement Program funding was also used to support construction of two other major projects identified in the 2035 Plan, specifically Sylvania Avenue by the Lucas County Engineer and Wheeling Street by the City of Oregon. Other short range project planning activities included TMACOG staff participation in a Monroe County, Michigan transportation summit with MDOT, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), the City of Monroe, and the Monroe County Road Commission staff to review roadway improvements in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan scheduled for calendar year 2011.

2. TMACOG staff provided initial traffic demand modeling analysis for the new casino located at the I-75/Miami Street interchange. Modeling included alternative analysis to improve traffic flow at the interchange and area roadways in the vicinity of the casino.
3. Provided staff support for implementing 15 projects programmed to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. In addition to the initial 15 projects, two additional projects were expedited to receive reallocated ARRA funding resulting from prior project under-runs. All ARRA funds sub-allocated to TMACOG were fully utilized with most project construction scheduled to be completed by the end of FY2011.
4. Provided information and support for four TRAC applications submitted by ODOT and the Lucas County Engineer’s office. TMACOG prioritized the applications and made an introductory presentation to TRAC supporting the projects. Three of the four projects – McCord Road Grade Separation, Phase 2 of the I-75/I-475 System Interchange, and the U.S. 23/I-475 Systems Interchange – were selected to receive TRAC Tier 2 funding and were included on the December 9, 2010 draft list.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Second Semester Progress:**

1. TMACOG staff met as requested with major stakeholders regarding coordination of the Phase 2 I-75/I-475 systems interchange with the urban arterial and collector roadways located in the City of Toledo. Also, TMACOG staff attended meetings serving as a member of the South Wood County Planning Committee to coordinate future infrastructure improvements to serve the CSX Wood County intermodal development. Further, staff participated in and provided information to major stakeholders engaged in discussions with the ODOT Director, Central Office Deputy Directors, and the District 2 Deputy Director regarding the proposed lease of the Ohio Turnpike. TMACOG staff participated in and

later coordinated meetings with key stakeholders to move the Wood County Buck Lime City Road project forward when previously it stalled due to lack of partner collaboration.

2. Completed in the first semester.
3. Completed in the first semester.
4. Provided TIGER grant application information and support for widening of I-75 from Perrysburg to Findlay. Participated in regional stakeholder discussions with ODOT District Office related to Phase 2 improvements to I-75/I-475 systems interchange in Lucas County, and relocation of SR 18 to support the CSX Wood County intermodal development.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number    60123 Safety Studies**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$80,800	\$10,100	\$10,100			\$101,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:						

Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure	\$14,859	\$99,095
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$14,859	\$113,954
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	14.71%	112.83%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	25%	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Rail safety: map rail crossing locations and accidents to identify high risk locations through high train volumes and accident counts. December 2010
2. Complete a Highway Safety Program using the Ohio Enhanced Crash Location Identification System (OECLIS) methodology that focuses on high hazard locations having fatal and injury crashes. June 2011
3. Work with the ODOT Office of Safety to identify and encourage local jurisdictions to undertake potential projects that can be funded through statewide safety program initiatives.
4. Provide input to the update of the 2035 Plan.
5. Provide informational resources to local jurisdictions to assist their efforts to obtain safety program funding through ODOT.

**First Semester Progress:**

1. Due to staff emphasis on the 2035 Plan update process in the first semester; this project will be addressed in the second semester.
2. A request for proposal was issued and a consultant selected to prepare the Highway Safety Program report. The resulting report will be distributed to local jurisdictions for their use in addressing identified high hazard locations.
3. Second semester activity. Once the Highway Safety Program report is completed, TMACOG will assist local jurisdictions in the use of the report to address identified high hazard locations through the examination of factors relating to the crashes and the identification of remedial measures that can be pursued for funding through ODOT's Highway Safety Program.
4. Ongoing effort: 2035 Plan-Update 2011 projects will be examined to identify safety aspects and examine whether improvements can contribute to a reduction of traffic accident exposure.
5. With the Safety Locations & Measures Report now available TMACOG will assist any jurisdiction with safety funding. Additionally as local jurisdictions individually examine

high frequency crash locations, TMACOG can assist through the collection of current traffic count data and also through access to accident data compiled by the Ohio Department of Public Safety. TMACOG will provide copies of the Safety Locations & Measures Report to all the major stakeholders and help with whatever data is available to assist in their efforts to obtain safety program funding

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

Available staff resources have been directed to activities related to the 2035 Plan Update. Work on the update has now reached the point where staff will be available in the second semester for this program element.

**Second Semester Progress:**

1. The map was completed in June 2011 and is posted on the TMACOG website.
2. The Safety Locations & Measures Report was completed and is available for use by all local jurisdictions. It is posted on the TMACOG website and is also available as a printed copy or CD.
3. A copy of the Safety Locations & Measures Report was provided to ODOT. TMACOG will be working in conjunction with the ODOT Office of Safety to encourage local jurisdictions to undertake qualified safety projects.
4. The projects identified in the 2035 Plan–Update 2011 were reviewed. The projects’ safety aspects and improvements contributed to a reduction of traffic accident exposure.
5. With the Safety Locations & Measures Report now available, TMACOG will assist any jurisdiction with safety funding. Additionally, as local jurisdictions individually examine high frequency crash locations, TMACOG will assist as requested with collection of current traffic count data and access to accident data compiled by the Ohio Department of Public Safety. TMACOG will provide copies of the Safety Locations & Measures Report to all the major stakeholders.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number    60130 Regional Passenger Rail Planning**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$75,200	\$9,400	\$9,400			\$94,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:						

	Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure		\$28,347	\$54,337
Year-to-Date Expenditure		\$28,347	\$82,684
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended		30.16%	87.96%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed		100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed		30%	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Hold a public informational event on passenger rail and rail transit issues. May 2011
2. Complete an outline of strategies for implementing projects to incrementally improve passenger service to the region. June 2011
3. Provide a list of recommended projects and initiatives as input to the 2035 Plan–Update 2011. October 2010
4. Provide passenger rail-related data and other input into TMACOG’s regional modal needs assessment. June 2011
5. Develop an information sheet promoting structured passenger rail planning in other metropolitan planning organizations to be presented to the Ohio Association of Regional Councils. May 2011
6. Facilitate stakeholder meetings in the Toledo Amtrak station area to strengthen its role as a multimodal hub.
7. Track progress and participate in efforts to implement the Ohio Hub high speed rail system, the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative/Chicago Hub system, and other passenger rail initiatives in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.
8. Hold a minimum of three Passenger Rail committee meetings.

**First Semester Progress:**

1. TMACOG assisted with the Northwest Ohio Passenger Rail Association’s fall forum, featuring Illinois State Representative Elaine Nekritz, Rail Committee chair. Preparations are underway for the annual Train Day informational event on April 30, 2011.
2. Staff developed a table of potential short- and medium-term improvements to the rail system, and reviewed it with the Passenger Rail Committee. At the call of the committee, TMACOG then convened a working group of key stakeholders (Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Amtrak, etc.), which is developing a list of station and other infrastructure upgrades needed to improve passenger safety and service.

3. The Passenger Rail Committee reviewed the 2035 Plan's rail and transit-related projects and initiatives, and provided their recommended changes to the Transportation Planning Committee which is leading the Plan update process.
4. No activity.
5. No activity.
6. See number 2 above.
7. Contact was maintained with the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) to track progress on implementation of the Ohio Hub. ORDC was beginning environmental studies, and TMACOG offered assistance in the public involvement portion of the studies.
8. The Passenger Rail Committee met in July. Meetings are scheduled for January and April in the next "semester."

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Second Semester Progress:**

1. The annual Train Day informational event was held on April 30, 2011, at the Amtrak station/Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza building. Presentations given included rail safety for kids and an introduction to high speed rail. Informational booths included Amtrak, TMACOG Passenger Rail Committee, and various rail organizations. An estimated 4,000 people attended.
2. The working group of key stakeholders (Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Amtrak, etc.) agreed on a list of station area infrastructure upgrades needed to improve passenger safety and service. Funding options are being explored.
3. Completed first semester.
4. Passenger rail transport information, including connectivity in the region to other transportation modes, was incorporated into the modal needs analysis report.
5. Staff prepared an outline of TMACOG's passenger rail and public transit planning activities, including the structure and function of the Public Transit & Passenger Rail Committee. This was presented to Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) members in May.
6. See number 2 above.
7. TMACOG hosted a roundtable forum on a proposal by the Midwest High Speed Rail Association to develop a "Lake Erie Corridor" connecting the Midwest rail systems at Chicago plus Detroit, Toledo, and Cleveland with the eastern rail systems at Buffalo and Pittsburgh.
8. The Passenger Rail Committee met in January and recommended adding public transit to its purview. The expanded Public Transit & Passenger Rail Committee met for the first time in May. The meeting focused on identifying key public transit issues in the region that the committee should address. An ad hoc steering committee was created to chart the course for the newly constituted committee.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number    60140 Freight Planning**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$134,050	\$16,756	\$16,756			\$167,562
Other Sources (Michigan):				\$30,643	\$6,795	\$37,438
Revised Amount:						

Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure Ohio:	\$84,245	\$56,714
Michigan:	\$18,823	\$12,671
Year-to-Date Expenditure Ohio:	\$84,245	\$140,959
Michigan:	\$18,823	\$31,494
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended Ohio:	50.28%	84.12%
Michigan:	50.28%	84.12%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed Ohio:	100%	100%
Michigan:	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed Ohio:	50%	100%
Michigan:	50%	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Final planning and presentation of the annual Ohio Conference on Freight in coordination with OARC, ODOT, and with the FHWA. September 2010
2. Finalize a prioritized list of freight projects, initiatives and policies for inclusion in the 2035 Plan–Update 2011. September 2010
3. Provide freight transportation data for TMACOG’s regional modal needs assessment. June 2011
4. Provide technical data, maps, and other information that can help to inform regional decision makers and the general public regarding freight movement issues.
5. Monitor transportation legislation that impacts the freight community and promote awareness of national, state, and local transportation issues.
6. Maintain the Ohio Freight website as an important source for statewide news and information related to freight movement. Ohio Freight will also be the website for the annual Ohio Conference on Freight, with information about past and future conferences.
7. Provide staff and support for a minimum of four meetings of the TMACOG Freight Committee.

**First Semester Progress:**

1. Final planning for the 2010 Ohio Conference on Freight culminated with a successful conference in September. Conference attendance was up slightly compared to 2009. Attendees came from 14 states and two provinces to participate in the meeting that was

expanded to two full days, and included a tour of the new CSX Northwest Ohio Trans-shipment Terminal. Planning for the 2011 conference has begun and will be coordinated with NARC and ODOT.

2. The final draft list of freight-related projects, initiatives, and policies was developed in coordination with the TMACOG Freight Committee. The list was submitted to the Planning Committee for consideration in the 2035 Plan–Update 2011.
3. No activity.
4. Three Great Lakes shipping maps (grain, iron ore, coal) were created and used with other maps for the Freight Planning display at the 2010 Ohio Conference on Freight. Twenty-four freight related projects were submitted for the 2035 Plan–Update 2011, and maps were created to show all project locations. Four maps showing Toledo as a transportation hub were created for the City of Toledo to use in an economic development presentation in China. Other freight-related maps provided to members included Maumee River ports, industrial properties in Toledo, and channel dredging disposal sites. Data provided to members included traffic counts, capacity, and load limits for roads surrounding a potential economic development zone. Freight-related information and data was also provided at presentations and workshops held at the 2010 Ohio Conference on Freight.
5. Freight related news articles and news on legislation that impacts freight transportation were included on the Ohio Freight website ([www.ohiofreight.org](http://www.ohiofreight.org)), maintained by TMACOG. Staff monitored activities related to an administrative rule change adopting a new overweight permit for sealed containers bound for export, subsequently participated in several stakeholder meetings, and provided public hearing testimony supporting the rule change.
6. The Ohio Freight website ([www.ohiofreight.org](http://www.ohiofreight.org)) is maintained by staff and continued to be updated monthly. Content includes freight news and upcoming events; links to freight organizations; links to Ohio planning organizations, port authorities, and economic development agencies; and links to government, research, and academic sites.
7. There have been two meetings of the full Freight Committee and one meeting of the Freight Steering Committee held this semester. This semester’s committee activities included a tour of the new CSX Northwest Ohio Trans-shipment Terminal in southern Wood County, held in conjunction with the Ohio Conference on Freight.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Second Semester Progress:**

1. Planning is well under way for the fifth annual Ohio Conference on Freight. The two-day conference will focus on warehousing and distribution. Conference topics will include among others: Atlantic and Canadian port connections to the Midwest, Ohio MPO and statewide freight studies, importance of rail to the U.S. economy, Ohio-Canada trucking considerations, third party logistics, highway load limit impacts, and freight performance measures. Two tours will be available to attendees: modernization at the Port of Toledo, and the Walgreens Regional Distribution Center.
2. Completed first semester.
3. Freight transportation data provided for the multimodal needs assessment included freight railroad locations, ownership, and train counts; rail yard locations and ownership; Port of

Toledo related facilities and business locations; industry site locations; national highway system intermodal connector routes; intermodal project sites; highway/rail grade separation project sites; Maumee River shipping channel and confined dredging disposal facility locations.

4. Four freight-related maps were updated this semester including: intermodal projects, port facilities, railroads and grade separation projects, and average daily truck traffic. Freight-related maps were displayed at the Transportation Summit, the National Train Day event, CSX Intermodal open house, and at meetings of the TMACOG Freight Committee. Data provided to members included traffic counts, highway weight limits, and highway construction project information for roads surrounding two potential economic development sites, one in Wood County and one in Lucas County.
5. Staff prepared a briefing paper related to the state of Ohio's plan to possibly lease or otherwise change the administration of the Ohio Turnpike. The document was presented and reviewed by the Freight Committee, Systems Performance and Monitoring Committee, Transportation Council, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), and Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA). Staff also gave a brief report to the Freight Committee on pending truck weight legislation. News articles on legislation that impact freight transportation were included on the Ohio Freight website. TMACOG staff attended the FHWA Midwest Freight Forum and Peer Exchange in February. Also, staff participated in the initial meeting of the Advisory Committee for SEMCOG's Freight Infrastructure and Economic Development Study to offer a Toledo area perspective on southeast Michigan freight movement.
6. The Ohio Freight website ([www.ohiofreight.org](http://www.ohiofreight.org)) is maintained by staff and is updated monthly with freight news and upcoming events. New this semester is a section featuring freight statistics. Registration for the 2011 Ohio Conference on Freight can also be accessed from the website.
7. There have been three meetings of the full Freight Committee and two meetings of the Freight Steering Committee held this semester. This semester's committee activities included developing a list of recommendations that should be considered if the state moves forward with a plan to lease the Ohio Turnpike. This list of recommendations became an important part of TMACOG's official response to the turnpike leasing proposal. Committee meeting presentations this semester included one on the Toledo harbor dredging crisis from the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority and one on heavy truck enforcement, safety, and concerns from Sgt. David Waggoner of the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number    60150 Pedestrian and Bikeways Planning**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$60,800	\$7,600	\$7,600			\$76,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:						

Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure	\$18,826	\$59,302
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$18,826	\$78,128
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	24.77%	102.80%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	90%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	45%	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Complete sidewalk inventory mapping project. October 2010
2. Continue the availability and distribution of updated TMACOG bicycle user maps and dissemination of printed and electronic materials. December 2010
3. Support bicycle commuters advocacy groups for promotion of increased bicycle transportation. April 2011
4. Encourage transportation alternatives and promote increased usage through the activities of the annual Bike Week. May 2011
5. Support efforts to develop a regional sidewalk policy. June 2011
6. Provide input to the 2035 Plan–Update 2011 and support developed policies. June 2011
7. Compile data from prior pedestrian and bicycle planning documents for inclusion in a regional model transportation needs assessment. June 2011
8. Provide staff and support for the Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee and hold a minimum of four meetings.
9. Support regional bikeway development efforts and project teams including meetings of the Westside Corridor stakeholders and the Wabash Cannonball coordinating committee.
10. Increase the connectivity of the regional trail system through identification of routing and plan development within corridors and assist in the preservation of corridors.
11. Update the *Bicycle Facilities Guide for Recreational Riding* as needed and provide the information on the website.
12. Provide technical information on incorporating pedestrian and bicycle access into transportation and development projects and information on available funding.
13. Keep information resources on bicycle and pedestrian transportation current on the TMACOG website.

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. A GIS layer of all existing regional sidewalks is being created by TMACOG interns. Work is approximately 85-90% complete and continues with the interns' availability. Completion is anticipated in February or March 2011.
2. Update and reprinting of the maps is scheduled prior to the beginning of the 2012 bicycle riding season.
3. TMACOG's Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee continues its ongoing efforts with Toledo area bicycle riders and advocacy groups in supporting events, inclusion into Bike Week and assisting interaction with area jurisdictions.
4. Initial planning for Bike Week 2011 is underway including solicitation of outside funding for 2011 Bike Week. As of this time corporate financial support has been received from ProMedica, a major regional health care provider.
5. Second semester activity.
6. The Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee conducted a review of the 2035 Plan projects for continued relevancy and has also indentified new initiatives for inclusion within the update of the plan.
7. Second semester activity.
8. Ongoing effort. The Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee meets four times per year with a Steering Committee subset of the committee meeting an additional four times.
9. Draft agreements with CSX and Trust for Public Lands (TPL) have been prepared and agreements between TPL and parties that will hold title to portions of the corridor are being negotiated. The parties remain committed to the ultimate acquisition of the right-of-way for the future use as an alternative transportation corridor.
10. The existing Signed Bike Route network was reviewed and updated to reflect changes in development within the region and new traffic patterns and a project to provide funding for the physical signing of the network was conceived.
11. Update and reprinting of the guide is scheduled prior to the beginning of the 2012 bicycle riding season.
12. Information on bicycle and pedestrian planning impacts on roadway development is made available to jurisdictions and incorporated in review of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects under development.
13. Ongoing effort. By providing web links to various bicycle and pedestrian information sources and area events of interest to the community. Emphasis is placed upon the activities of Bike Week and supporting groups.

### **Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

The sidewalk inventory project is being undertaken by part-time college student interns who are also the instrumental manpower in TMACOG's traffic counting program. As a result, during traffic counting season, less work is able to be done on the sidewalk inventory program.

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. Work is continuing on the GIS layer of all existing regional sidewalks being created by TMACOG interns. Completion is anticipated prior to the end of their internships in September 2011.
2. Update and reprinting of the maps is scheduled prior to the beginning of the 2012 bicycle

- riding season.
3. TMACOG's Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee has continued its efforts with Toledo area bicycle riders and advocacy groups in the support of events, inclusion into Bike Week and assisting interaction with area jurisdictions.
  4. Bike Week 2011, with corporate financial support from ProMedica, was successfully held in May with activities including Bike To Work Day, Family Fun Rides, the Ride of Silence, Bike Day at the Toledo Farmers Market, educational displays in area libraries, and group rides with local bicycling clubs.
  5. The Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee is undertaking the examination of area jurisdictional regulations and standards for the construction of sidewalks with the intent of developing a set of guidelines that area communities may utilize to update or enact appropriate regulations for the construction and maintenance of sidewalk facilities in their jurisdiction.
  6. The Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee worked with the Long Range Planning Committee to incorporate projects into the 2035 Plan-Update 2011 and the plan has been successfully approved for the region.
  7. Pedestrian and bicycle data and maps were compiled for the Multimodal Needs Assessment. Completion of the final document is anticipated in the first semester of FY 2012.
  8. Ongoing effort. The Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee meets four times per year with a Steering Committee subset of the committee meeting an additional four times. They examine issues of relevance to the region, help set priorities for future projects and provide guidance in the planning of area facilities.
  9. TMACOG has participated in weekly update meetings and led the implementation efforts of the Westside Corridor public involvement process to purchase 11.2 miles of rail corridor for future multiuse trail use. TMACOG staff led several briefing sessions, mailed 1,273 public information letters, and responded to questions and concerns of affected property owners. TMACOG staff also facilitated discussions with CSX, Trust for Public Land, key government, and elected officials regarding ownership, environmental testing, and future use of the corridor. The parties remain committed to the ultimate acquisition of the right-of-way for the future use as an alternative transportation corridor with current expectation of that acquisition in FY 2012.
  10. Completed in first semester.
  11. Update and reprinting of the guide is scheduled prior to the beginning of the 2012 bicycle riding season.
  12. Information on bicycle and pedestrian planning impacts on roadway development is made available to jurisdictions and incorporated in review of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects under development.
  13. Ongoing effort. Provided web links to various bicycle and pedestrian information sources and area events of interest to the community. Emphasis is placed upon the activities of Bike Week and groups supporting Bike Week activities.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number    60160 Regional Public Transportation Planning**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$48,240	\$6,030	\$6,030			\$60,300
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:	\$40,240	\$5,030	\$5,030			\$50,300

Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure	\$9,652	\$17,547
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$9,652	\$27,199
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	16.01%	54.07%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	25%	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Recommend transit elements for inclusion in the 2035 Plan–Update 2011. November 2010
2. Provide transit-related data and other input into TMACOG’s regional modal needs assessment. June 2011
3. Integrate the analysis and advancement of public transportation into the TMACOG organization and committee structure. June 2011
4. Disseminate information about public transit in the region.
5. Assist with Mobility Alliance action plan for improved transportation for citizens with disabilities, including efforts towards a transit informational call center.
6. Work with local governments, transit providers, and other stakeholders to implement regional transit planning recommendations and 2035 Plan projects and initiatives.

**First Semester Progress:**

1. Staff reviewed the transit elements of the 2035 Plan with the Passenger Rail Committee. Recommendations on plan projects and initiatives were forwarded to the Planning Committee.
2. Transit (bus route) networks were kept current in the TMACOG GIS database.
3. The TMACOG transportation committee structure was reviewed to determine options for incorporating public transit planning. Staff met with the officers of the Passenger Rail Committee to explore the issue: a proposal to expand into a “Public Transit and Passenger Rail Committee” will be discussed at the Passenger Rail Committee meeting in January 2011.
4. No activity.
5. No activity.
6. Reflecting 2035 Plan policies that support public transit, the Transportation Council passed a motion urging Congress to give urban transit systems the flexibility to use FTA Section

5307 formula funds for operations. In addition, at the recommendation of the Passenger Rail Committee, a letter was sent to the FTA regarding reevaluation of selection criteria for transit project funding, urging the FTA to consider economic development impact as a major factor when selecting recipients for federal transit funding.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Second Semester Progress:**

1. In January, the Passenger Rail Committee reviewed the policies related to public transit that were proposed for the 2035 Plan–Update 2011. Recommendations were forwarded to the Planning Committee.
2. Public transit data and information, including existing transit service networks and deficiencies identified in the TMACOG Regional Transit Study, were incorporated into the multimodal needs analysis.
3. The Passenger Rail Committee recommended, and the Transportation Council approved expanding into a “Public Transit and Passenger Rail Committee.” The first meeting of the newly reconstituted committee was held in May. Attendees identified public transit issues that should be explored and addressed. A steering subcommittee met in June and outlined a schedule of meeting topics for FY 2012 (transit system data and information; unmet needs; funding issues).
4. The most recent ODOT transit office report on the status of public transit in Ohio was posted on the TMACOG public transit planning website. Information on public transportation service was available via an informational booth and equipment display at the annual Train Day event.
5. Staff participated in Mobility Alliance meetings.
6. Adding the Public Transit and Passenger Rail committee was for the express purpose of focusing on needed transit initiatives. Stakeholders added to the expanded committee include local government representatives, public and private transit providers, and organizations that advocate for transit-dependent citizens (elderly, disabled, low income, etc.).

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number    60190 Transportation Service**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$16,000	\$2,000	\$2,000			\$20,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:						

Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure	\$9,402	\$6,695
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$9,402	\$16,097
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	47.01%	80.49%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Evaluate and recommend a method of adding interactive mapping to the TMACOG website.
2. Provide traffic projections from the travel demand model for studies and for member project requests (within 60 days following the start date of the project request).
3. Maintain and improve the online traffic count database, and provide counts for specific locations as requested.
4. Create maps or provide existing maps as requested by TMACOG members or associates, and maintain and improve the online map collection.
5. Provide GIS data, demographic and socioeconomic data, safety and crash data, and other technical information as requested.

June 2011

**First Semester Progress:**

1. Staff received basic information on various methods and options for adding interactive mapping from a consultant, and viewed sample applications. Exploring these options will continue in the second semester.
2. There were no requests for traffic projection results from members this semester.
3. Traffic counts, along with road capacity and weight limit information, were provided to Northwestern Water and Sewer District for a potential economic development location in Troy Township. Traffic counts were also supplied to a local developer.
4. New maps were created on at least 13 occasions for members and associates including: Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (dredging disposal facilities, Toledo Executive Airport, Boyer museum ship, Maumee River ports), City of Toledo (four Great Lakes region transportation maps), Lucas County Improvement Corporation (industrial properties), Imagination Station (regional school district map), Kraft Foods (Kraft docks aerial), Richfield Township (Sylvania area bike facilities), and the Monroe County Transportation Summit (2011 regional highway projects). Copies of existing maps were

provided to Bowling Green State University (Toledo warehouse district) and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (intermodal facilities). One map in the online map collection was updated (regional intermodal facilities). New 2035 Plan–Update 2011 project location maps were displayed at three public meetings and on the TMACOG website. The online highway construction map was updated several times this semester to keep the public informed of where projects could affect their travel. The Ohio Freight website ([www.ohiofreight.org](http://www.ohiofreight.org)) was updated monthly with freight-related news and upcoming events.

5. GIS data and other technical information was provided on at least five occasions to members and associates including the City of Toledo (2035 Plan–Update 2011 projects), University of Toledo (brownfields, hazmat routes, heavy truck routes, intermodal connectors, pavement, bridges, zoning, traffic counts, port facilities, foreign trade zones, rail yards, transit routes), Detroit Chamber (Ohio and local American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects), Buckeye Trail Association (parcels, existing and future bike facilities, parks and preserves, key destinations), and a member consultant (crash data and linear referenced routes). Staff also assisted the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority with a Diesel Emission Reduction Grant for new equipment.

#### **Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

#### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. In March, staff attended a workshop for implementing ArcGIS Server as a means to host interactive mapping. TMACOG will not pursue this option due to the high cost of the server software and additional hardware that would be required. The best option for interactive mapping capabilities is to use [arcgis.com](http://arcgis.com), a map hosting site.
2. One model request was fulfilled this semester for the Lucas County Engineer's office. The request was for traffic projections on Dutch Road, in the vicinity of the new U.S. 24 freeway.
3. Staff assisted the following jurisdictions by uploading their traffic counts to the Traffic Count Database System (TCDS) website: Wood County, Toledo, Oregon, and Bowling Green. Traffic count numbers were provided to several members and non-members, and staff demonstrated the use of the TCDS website to many people over the phone. Staff obtained counts for Northwood, Fostoria, and Ottawa Hills by member request.
4. Seven new maps were created for members and associates this semester including: Lucas County Improvement Corp. (Wildwood area map), Toledo Design Center (Amtrak station area map), Village of Fayette (village aerial map), Lucas County (two Jeep site maps), and Wood County (two Crossroads area maps). Nine maps were updated and copied to the online map collection including: bridge conditions, bike facilities, regional bike guide, intermodal projects, port facilities, railroads and grade separation projects, transit facilities, average daily truck traffic, and the Westside Rail Corridor. Copies of existing maps were provided to the City of Toledo (railroads and grade separation projects, highway functional class map, Amtrak station area) and to the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (port facilities, intermodal projects, railroads and grade separation projects, average daily truck traffic, and regional transportation assets). The online highway construction map was updated in the spring to include all major projects scheduled for 2011. The Ohio Freight

website ([www.ohiofreight.org](http://www.ohiofreight.org)) was updated monthly with freight-related news and statistics, and with upcoming events.

5. Staff fulfilled data requests on at least eight occasions for Mannik and Smith (crash data and traffic counts), students at the University of Toledo (traffic counts, TAZ data, and some files from the travel demand model), TSASS on behalf of the Lucas County Engineer's office (highway functional class data), the City of Toledo (crash data along a specific project corridor, 2035 Plan–Update 2011 project data), ODOT (transit system data and socioeconomic data for TRAC applications), Metroparks of the Toledo Area (demographic data), Northwest Water and Sewer District (traffic counts, highway weight limits, highway construction project information), and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (traffic counts, highway weight limits, highway construction project information). Staff participated in a survey to gather information for a research project: National Cooperative Freight Research Program – Multimodal Freight Transportation with the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Basin. Staff answered a request from the TLE&W railroad for assistance in identifying funding sources, and also provided planning assistance to the Metroparks of the Toledo Area.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number**     **60200 Transportation Improvement Program /**  
**60210 Transportation Improvement Program Development**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$84,000	\$10,500	\$10,500			\$105,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:						

Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure	\$47,341	\$43,222
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$47,341	\$90,563
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	45.09%	86.25%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Prepare and approve the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
  - a. Send out application packages and solicit new projects. July 2010
  - b. Applications due at TMACOG. September 2010
  - c. Rank projects and develop draft program of projects. December 2010
  - d. Complete fiscal analysis. January 2011
  - e. Develop air quality model network/complete air quality analysis. February 2011
  - f. Complete first draft of the TIP. February 2011
  - g. Complete environmental justice analysis. April 2011
  - h. Complete public involvement. April 2011
  - i. Submit final draft of TIP to Transportation Council. May 2011
  - j. Approval of final draft of TIP by TIP Committee, Transportation Council, and Executive Committee. June 2011
2. Work with ODOT to continue to deliver any economic stimulus projects funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). June 2011
3. Publish the annual listing of highway, transit, pedestrian, and bikeway projects using federal funding in our area. September 2011
4. Monitor and maintain the FY 2008-2011 TIP until adoption of the new document.
5. Provide staff and support for the TIP Committee meetings to manage the program.

**First Semester Progress:**

1. Progress is on schedule for the FY 2012-2015 TIP. Application packages were sent out, applications for 35 projects were received in September, projects were evaluated and ranked, and funding has been allocated for 23 projects within the active TIP of FY 2012-2015 and the pipeline of 2016 through 2018. An application packet was sent for

Transportation Enhancement projects; applications for 15 projects were received in December and will be ranked in January 2011.

2. All TMACOG TIP funded ARRA projects have been completed or are proceeding towards completion on schedule.
3. Completed. The information has been posted on the TMACOG website and made available through TMACOG's monthly electronic newsletter, the *Big Picture*.
4. Ongoing oversight of projects and funding has been provided.
5. Ongoing. The TIP Committee met six times for monthly meetings during the semester, accepted, reviewed, ranked and approved new projects for inclusion in the FY 2012-2015 TIP and processed three amendments to the FY 2008-2011 TIP.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Actions:**

None

**Second Semester Progress:**

1. The FY 2012-2015 TMACOG TIP was prepared, reviewed, revised, and updated. All promised products outlined above were completed and compiled into a final draft of the FY 2012-2015 TIP and approved by the TIP Committee, Transportation Council, and Executive Committee of TMACOG. The document was subsequently submitted to ODOT and FHWA and approved by both entities.
2. All TMACOG TIP funded ARRA projects have been completed or are proceeding towards completion on schedule. Where necessary, ARRA funds were supplemented by TIP program funds to ensure project delivery.
3. Completed in first semester.
4. Project monitoring continued throughout the period of the FY 2008-2011 TIP with the final Project Monitoring Meeting held with ODOT on May 31, 2011. The FY 2008-2011 was continually updated with new projects, and funding allocations through the approval of 24 TIP Amendments with the final amendment approved on April 20, 2011.
5. Ongoing. The TIP Committee met four times for monthly meetings during the second semester, accepted, reviewed, ranked and approved new projects for inclusion in the FY 2012-2015 TIP, approved the new FY 2012-2015 TIP and processed five amendments to the FY 2008-2011 TIP.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Actions:**

None

**Work Program Number    60220 Transportation Improvement Program Management\*\***

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$80,000		\$20,000			\$100,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:						

Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure	\$39,311	\$51,721
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$39,311	\$91,032
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	39.31%	91.03%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

\*\* Special STP funding through the TIP with local match from private sources

**Promised Products:**

1. Prepare program monitoring reports with actions needed to keep projects on schedule.
2. Complete FY 2012 “lock down” in cooperation with ODOT District 2 staff.
3. Work with project sponsors and ODOT District 2 to schedule project sales with quarterly goals of 20%, 30%, 30%, and 20% of projects sold in the respective quarters of the fiscal year.
4. Work with project sponsors and ODOT District 2 to identify the reservoir of projects ready to be sold totaling 25% of current year allocation.

December 2011

**First Semester Progress:**

1. One official monitoring meeting was held in the first semester with ODOT District 2 personnel and project sponsors to review all projects within the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the pipeline projects through 2019. Continuing emphasis was given to projects funded through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Additionally ODOT is represented at all monthly meetings of the TIP Committee where updates are received from jurisdictions regarding any development challenges or opportunities in the progress of TIP projects.
2. Ongoing review of projects through monitoring meetings and TIP Committee presentations assures that projects proceed to timely development in order to be able to meet the assigned commitment schedules for FY 2012 projects.
3. Ongoing successful effort to distribute the design, review, and sale of projects throughout the fiscal year for the workload benefit of the jurisdictions, ODOT, and local contractors.
4. Completed efforts with ODOT and local jurisdictions to ensure that local projects have proceeded with development within the required timeframes in order to provide a project reservoir that can be advanced for advertising and sale if necessary to adjust for other

project timelines.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Second Semester Progress:**

1. One official monitoring meeting was held in the second semester with ODOT District 2 personnel and project sponsors to review all projects within the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the pipeline projects through 2019. Through the continuing emphasis given to projects funded through ARRA, all of those projects have been successfully contracted. Additionally ODOT is represented at all monthly meetings of the TIP Committee where updates are received from jurisdictions regarding any development challenges or opportunities in the progress of TIP projects.
2. Ongoing review of projects through monitoring meetings and TIP Committee presentations assures that projects proceed to timely development in order to be able to meet the assigned commitment schedules for FY 2012 projects.
3. Ongoing successful effort to distribute the design, review, and sale of projects throughout the fiscal year for the workload benefit of the jurisdictions, ODOT, and local contractors.
4. Completed efforts with ODOT and local jurisdictions to ensure that local projects have proceeded with development within the required timeframes in order to provide a project reservoir that can be advanced for advertising and sale if necessary to adjust for other project timelines.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number**    **60500 Continuing Planning – Surveillance /**  
**60510 Data Collection and Management**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$172,800	\$21,600	\$21,600			\$216,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:	\$165,600	\$20,700	\$20,700			\$207,000

Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure	\$66,236	\$78,016
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$66,236	\$144,252
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	30.66%	69.69%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

**Promised Products:**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gather the required counts pertaining to the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS), screenline, and safety locations.</li> <li>2. Provide data for use in updating the downloadable traffic flow map.</li> <li>3. Review progress on ITS elements in the 2035 Plan; identify ITS projects and initiatives for inclusion in the 2035 Plan update.</li> <li>4. Prepare a conceptual plan with local jurisdictions in preparation for traffic signal coordination across jurisdictions.</li> <li>5. Maintain and update socioeconomic data files for the transportation study area.</li> <li>6. Maintain and update network data files including information about recent construction projects.</li> <li>7. Maintain and update traffic count database.</li> <li>8. Maintain and update GIS data (roads, political boundaries, census, etc.).</li> <li>9. Develop maps as required to assist various transportation committees and events.</li> <li>10. Continue to work with local jurisdictions to use the Traffic Count Database System (TCDS) software to upload counts into the traffic count website.</li> <li>11. Update the database that organizes all transportation data (ODOT inventory system, network inputs, counts, TIP projects, forecasts, etc.).</li> <li>12. Complete any needed revisions to the ITS regional architecture.</li> <li>13. Coordinate with ODOT and regional ITS stakeholders to support improved transportation system safety and security, as well as implementation of other ITS projects within the ITS Plan and 2035 Plan.</li> </ol> | <p style="text-align: right;">June 2011</p> <p style="text-align: right;">December 2010</p> <p style="text-align: right;">September 2010</p> <p style="text-align: right;">June 2011</p> |
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### **First Semester Progress:**

1. Out of the counts obtained this semester 44% were HPMS counts and 86% were screenline. At this point we are running well ahead of ODOT's schedule of having the screenline counts done by 2012 and the HPMS counts done by 2015. Note that this does not include counts captured by other jurisdictions which will increase the percentages above.
2. Upon completion of uploading the other jurisdiction counts from item one, the data will be available for use in updating the new downloadable traffic flow map. This data will be uploaded by the end of January.
3. Staff worked with the Transportation Planning Committee to determine ITS related projects to include in the 2035 Plan–Update 2011.
4. No activity.
5. TMACOG staff reviewed the metropolitan planning organization population projections but did not have a quantitative basis to justify modifications at this time. They will again be reviewed when 2010 census data is released. Staff also reviewed and modified current and projected employment data to reflect recent changes.
6. The process of updating the network files, including new construction projects, continued this semester for the 2010 base year update.
7. Ongoing. The database was maintained and updated as traffic counts were obtained over the course of the semester. Counts obtained by TMACOG, Lucas County, Toledo, and Oregon were uploaded onto the site.
8. Updated the traffic count shape file with counts obtained in CY 2010. Created shape files for the location of projects that may be included in the 2035 Plan–Update 2011, including the ITS network. Updated TARTA public transit routes shape file. Received new data from Lucas County (streets and parcels), the University of Toledo (railroads), and from the Buckeye Trail Association (bike routes). Staff continued the process of organizing existing data and adding metadata where needed.
9. Developed maps for the 2035 Plan–Update 2011 to assist in the project selection process, including project location maps and a map of the industrial areas in north Toledo. Staff developed a map of regional highway projects scheduled for 2011 to assist in transportation planning coordination with southeast Michigan. Staff also created three Great Lakes shipping maps for the 2010 Ohio Conference on Freight.
10. Ongoing. Counts are uploaded to the traffic count website as they are received from member jurisdictions with counting programs.
11. Ongoing. The database was updated with traffic crash data occurring from 2006-2008.
12. No activity.
13. Staff continued to touch base with ODOT staff regarding progress on implementation of the freeway management system and any need for TMACOG support in that effort.

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. Ongoing. By the end of June, TMACOG completed 89% of screenline locations and 50% of HPMS locations. Note that this does not include counts captured by other jurisdictions which will increase the percentages above.
2. Data will be forwarded to the consultant in the fall of calendar year 2011 to update the map. The map will be updated every two years instead of annually. The TMACOG traffic count website is updated weekly as counts are obtained by TMACOG staff and annually for counts obtained by other member jurisdictions.

3. Staff worked with the Planning Committee to review and update as needed ITS initiatives and policies (in addition to plan projects) for the 2035 Plan–Update 2011. Four projects, one initiative, and five policies related to intelligent transportation systems were included in the updated transportation plan.
4. Staff convened a meeting with local jurisdictions on June 28. The group outlined a plan of action for developing cross-jurisdictional signal coordination. A first step will be updating the signal location map in summer/fall 2011.
5. Staff created 2010 Census base map GIS files for northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan that includes files for tracts, block groups, and blocks. Employment projections were completed using data from the ODOT Central Office and incorporated into the travel demand model. These projections were used in model runs for the 2035 Plan–Update 2011.
6. The network was updated to reflect construction projects completed by the end of calendar year 2010.
7. Ongoing. The database was maintained and updated as traffic counts were obtained over the course of the semester. Counts obtained by TMACOG, Lucas County, Wood County, Toledo, and Oregon were uploaded onto the site. Also, refer to item 2 above.
8. Obtained new crash data for 2007-09 as more crashes were added to inventory since last download. Adjusted TAZ boundaries to coincide with model network updates. Downloaded 2010 NAIP imagery and Land Use/Land Cover data for northwest Ohio. Digitized ODOT Highway Safety Program and Safety “Hot Spot” locations for FY 2011. Also obtained 2010 Lucas County imagery from the auditor’s office and obtained 2011 parcel data for Lucas and Wood counties for a Westside Rail Corridor property identification project. Revisions were made to our bike facility data, transit route data, and 2035 Plan–Update 2011 project location data. The Toledo urbanized area boundary was revised with updated information from SEMCOG and the federal aid highway mileage data for Lucas and Wood counties was updated.
9. Maps updated during this semester include bike facilities, highway construction projects, intermodal projects, port facilities, railroads and grade separation projects, annual daily truck traffic, transit facilities, Amtrak station area, Westside Rail Corridor, Toledo urbanized area, and regional transportation assets. The project location maps for the 2035 Plan–Update 2011 were also revised and new maps were created to show the project locations in relation to environmental justice areas, farmland, forest areas, parks, stream corridors, and wetlands.
10. Ongoing. Counts are uploaded to the traffic count website as they are received from member jurisdictions with counting programs.
11. The database was updated with crash data for 2007-09 (replaced old files), 2010 traffic counts, bridge data (replaced old file), Highway Safety Program for FY 2011.
12. No updates were needed to the ITS regional architecture.
13. Staff maintained contact with the county emergency management agency staff and provided support as requested for emergency planning efforts.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number 61100 Long Range Planning**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$159,866	\$19,983	\$19,983			\$199,832
Other Sources (Michigan):				\$30,643	\$6,795	\$37,438
Revised Amount:						

Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure Ohio:	\$112,318	\$57,779
Michigan:	\$21,043	\$10,824
Year-to-Date Expenditure Ohio:	\$112,318	\$170,097
Michigan:	\$21,043	\$31,867
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended Ohio:	56.21%	85.12%
Michigan:	56.21%	85.12%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed Ohio:	90%	100%
Michigan:	90%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed Ohio:	50%	100%
Michigan:	50%	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Finish the 2035 Plan–Update 2011 by completing the following products:
  - a. Update 2011 process table, including public involvement plan. (August 2009)
  - b. Goals and objectives report. (October 2009)
  - c. Fiscal projections report. (May 2010)
  - d. Systems analysis and needs report. July 2010
  - e. Draft revised projects, initiatives, and policies list. January 2011
  - f. Report on consultation with environmental agencies and major regional stakeholders. February 2011
  - g. Final 2035 Plan–Update 2011 report. April 2011
2. Update the 2035 Plan projects progress chart. June 2011
3. Update the 2035 Plan initiatives progress table. June 2011
4. Provide information and assistance in support of the 2035 Plan, including presentations to state and local entities and input to state planning processes.
5. Assist as requested in area community comprehensive plan updates and major development efforts.
6. Hold at least five meetings of the Transportation Planning Committee.
7. Provide data and other input into TMACOG’s regional modal needs assessment.

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. Staff continued to work with the expanded Transportation Planning Committee on the 2035 Plan–Update 2011:
  - a. Previously completed.
  - b. Previously completed.
  - c. Staff completed a fiscal projections report identifying funds available for the remainder of the plan years.
  - d. Staff updated transportation system data as available; maps/data are posted on the website. Needs and suggestions identified from public surveys and meetings were summarized and presented to the Planning Committee (FY 2010). The 2035 Plan systems analysis is in process of being updated with the new data.
  - e. Staff and the Planning Committee drafted a list of proposed projects, evaluated them against 2035 Plan ranking criteria, and put the projects in draft priority order. The draft list was made available for public review in December at three public meetings, at all area public libraries, via an online survey, and through direct mailings to local governments and major institutions. The project list will be finalized in January 2011 after public input is reviewed.
  - f. Direct mailings requesting comments on the draft plan projects list were sent to local governments, major institutions, and environmental agencies.
  - g. No activity.
2. Staff prepared a table listing the status of current 2035 Plan projects and recommending how to incorporate them into the Plan update.
3. Staff began an end-of-calendar-year update of the 2035 Plan initiatives progress table.
4. Staff gave a presentation on the 2035 Plan at the 2010 Planning and Zoning Workshop, plus a presentation on major freight transportation-related projects to the local chapter of the civil engineers’ association. Staff participated with the Lucas County Engineer’s staff in a television interview to provide public information on the use of roundabouts being implemented. (See also 60120.)
5. Staff continued to provide input on transportation facilities as part of the City of Toledo’s update of their 2020 comprehensive plan.
6. Four meetings of the Transportation Planning Committee were held. The committee worked on the 2035 Plan update.
7. Staff decided on an approach to the modal needs assessment which will be completed in the second half of the fiscal year.

### **Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. The 2035 Plan–Update 2011 was completed and received federal approval:
  - a. Previously completed.
  - b. Previously completed.
  - c. Completed first semester.
  - d. Staff finalized the systems analysis and needs report and incorporated it into the final plan report.

- e. Staff and the Planning Committee reviewed public comment and finalized the projects, initiatives, and polices for inclusion in the plan.
  - f. Comments on transportation needs and the draft plan projects from local governments, major institutions, and environmental agencies were summarized, shared with the Planning Committee, and incorporated into the final plan report.
  - g. The final report was completed and submitted to ODOT and Federal Highway Administration (and Federal Transit Administration) for air quality conformance approval.
2. Completed first semester.
  3. Staff completed an update of the 2035 Plan initiatives progress table.
  4. Information was provided to the ODOT transit office towards mapping a statewide inventory of transit services. In partnership with the University of Toledo Intermodal Transportation Institute and Transportation Advocacy Group of Northwest Ohio, staff participated in conceptual discussions with the National I-73/74/75 Corridor Association.
  5. Related to the update of the downtown Toledo plan, staff provided a map of the train station area. In addition, staff participated in meetings in preparation for a new public transit station facility in downtown Toledo.
  6. Four meetings of the Transportation Planning Committee were held (January, February, April, June). The committee worked on completing the update to the 2035 Plan and discussed current issues in the region, such as the proposed lease of the Ohio Turnpike.
  7. Information developed as part of the regional transportation plan process was incorporated into the multimodal needs analysis.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number**     **61500 Continuing Planning – Procedural Development /**  
**61520 Modeling and Forecasting**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$98,400	\$12,300	\$12,300			\$123,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:						

Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure	\$41,152	\$80,480
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$41,152	\$121,632
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	33.46%	98.89%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	70%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	35%	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Continue refining the planning procedure for a pavement management process June 2011
  - a. Inventory roadway pavement and provide a rating based on its condition.
  - b. Include the gathered pavement inventory in a database.
  - c. Evaluate the process in order to develop a cohesive method for additional jurisdictions that want to develop a pavement management process.
2. Assess the 2035 Plan–Update 2011 projects for congestion, trip tables, and other model-related data; run the future build and future no-build scenarios. June 2011
3. Run the model for air quality conformity and prepare a report for the 2035 Plan–Update 2011 and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). June 2011
4. Aid in development of the MOVES air quality model. June 2011
5. Provide traffic projection results to members as needed.
6. Provide staff and support for System Performance and Monitoring Committee meetings.
7. Map pavement condition for all the federal aid routes.
8. Continue to refine and improve the capabilities of the traffic model.

**First Semester Progress:**

1. Staff compiled a list of catch-up projects within each jurisdiction. This was accomplished through the aid of GIS and examining and utilizing ODOT pavement condition data ratings obtained in 2009. A timeline of construction needs based on pavement condition ratings (maintained in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet) are also complete. Staff will continue work in the second semester to prepare jurisdictional maps.

2. No activity. Per the schedule of the 2035 Plan–Update 2011, this work will be completed in the second semester.
3. No activity. Per the schedule of the 2035 Plan–Update 2011 and TIP 2012-2015, this work will be completed in the second semester.
4. No activity. Staff has not been asked to participate in development so far this semester. Air quality conformity modeling will be performed in 2011 using MOBILE6.2, per ODOT.
5. There were no requests for traffic projection results from members this semester.
6. The System Performance and Monitoring Committee met one time this semester, on July 15.
7. The map containing pavement conditions on all the federal aid routes was created in January 2010.
8. Staff continued updating the model network for the 2010 base year during the first semester. The refined network will be sent to ODOT Office of Multimodal Planning, Modeling and Forecasting Section for review at the beginning of the second semester.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

Staff person in charge of Modeling and Forecasting was on maternity leave from August to November, so this has delayed certain work activities in this program element. Expect to catch up work in second semester.

**Second Semester Progress:**

1. Complete. Maps for each Lucas and Wood County jurisdiction, displaying pavement condition ratings for 2009, are complete. The related timeline of construction needs, maintained in a spreadsheet and completed during the first semester, was organized into a list of catch-up projects based on low pavement condition ratings. Further analysis on the timelines could be done with this project in order to accurately depict how pavement will deteriorate year after year. In order to do this, it will be necessary to analyze pavement type and traffic volume data.
2. Complete. In addition to preparing input data and running the model, two maps were produced to display congestion locations in the TMACOG region in 2035. One map is for the “Build” scenario and one map is for a “No-Build” scenario.
3. Complete. Air quality conformity was performed using the latest model network and passed by a very wide margin. The years included in air quality conformity are 2015, 2018, 2025, and 2035. A report entitled “Air Quality Analysis and Determination for On the Move: 2007-2035 Transportation Plan Update 2011” was completed in May.
4. No activity. Staff has not been asked to participate in MOVES model development so far this year. Air quality conformity modeling was performed in 2011 using MOBILE6.2.
5. One model request was fulfilled this semester for the Lucas County Engineer’s office. The request was for traffic projections on Dutch Road, in the vicinity of the new U.S. 24 freeway.
6. The System Performance and Monitoring committee met three times this semester, on January 13, March 14, and May 12.
7. The map containing pavement condition ratings on all the federal aid routes was created in January 2010. A new map will be created during FY 2012 when the 2011 pavement condition rating data becomes available from ODOT in early 2012.
8. Updates reflecting changes to streets included in the model highway network were sent to

ODOT Office of Multimodal Planning, Modeling and Forecasting Section for review. After the ODOT review, only a few additional edits were necessary to continue the effort of updating the base year network for 2010. This network was used to run the model for the 2035 Plan–Update 2011 in the spring.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number**    **67400 Transit Planning /**  
**67490 TARTA Transit Planning Program**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Section 5307	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:				\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:						

Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure	\$125,000	\$125,000
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$125,000	\$250,000
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	50%	100%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

**Promised Products\*:**

1. Public Transit Monitoring System (PTMS) report update.
2. Certification of data as required by ODOT.
3. National transit database report
4. Data analysis and preparation of the annual program of projects.
5. Plan annual Art in TARTA transit enhancement activity.
6. Update of the regional TARTA–TMACOG Transportation Coordination Plan.
7. Data acquisition and evaluation of TARTA’s services resulting in service improvements and/or modifications
8. Monitor the JARC and New Freedom programs for compliance with Regional Transportation Coordination Plan and recommend changes as necessary.
9. Active planning participation at scheduled meetings of TMACOG, and its Planning, TIP, and Passenger Rail committees and subcommittees resulting in the TIP and Long Range Plan.
10. Work to update the progress of the TARTA transit portions of the “On the Move: 2007-2035 Transportation Plan” and implement provisions as outlined in the plan and to participate with TMACOG on long range transportation issues.
11. Plan and obtain public involvement through meetings and develop materials for distribution related to TARTA service issues, resulting in rider information of transit and multimodal travel opportunities.

\* Funded through TARTA Section 5307 funding.

**First Semester Progress:**

1. Data was obtained for the Public Transit Monitoring System during this period.
2. The ODOT required certification of data was submitted by the scheduled deadline.
3. Data was obtained for the National Transit Database Report during this period.
4. The 2011 Program of Projects was completed during this period.
5. The 2011 Art in TARTA transit enhancement program was completed during this period.

6. Progress was made toward updating the Regional Transportation Coordination Plan.
7. Minor service modifications were investigated and implemented during this reporting period.
8. JARC and New Freedom programs were monitored for compliance during this period.
9. TARTA representatives actively participated in numerous TMACOG committee meetings.
10. TARTA participated in numerous 2035 Plan workshop meetings during this period.
11. Public involvement was obtained through meetings and information materials in this period.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Second Semester Progress:**

1. The report was submitted for the Public Transit Monitoring System during this period.
2. The ODOT-required certification of data was submitted by the scheduled deadline.
3. The report was submitted for the National Transit Database Report during this period.
4. The 2011 Program of Projects was completed.
5. Work was initiated on the annual Art in TARTA transit enhancement program.
6. A consultant was selected for updating the Regional Transportation Coordination Plan.
7. Minor service modifications were investigated and implemented during this reporting period.
8. JARC and New Freedom program applications were solicited during this period.
9. TARTA representatives actively participated in numerous TMACOG committee meetings.
10. TARTA participated in the update of the 2035 (LRP) Plan during this period.
11. Public involvement was obtained through meetings and information materials in this period.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number**    **69700 Transportation Program Reporting /**  
**69710 Transportation Policy Committee Reporting and**  
**Administration /**  
**69720 Transportation Summit**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$48,800	\$6,100	\$6,100			\$61,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:	\$67,200	\$8,400	\$8,400			\$84,000

<b>69710 Transportation Policy Committee Reporting and Administration</b>		
Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure	\$43,169	\$30,206
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$43,169	\$73,375
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	70.77%	91.72%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$27,200	\$3,400	\$3,400			\$34,000
Other Sources:					\$15,000	\$15,000
Revised Amount:						

<b>69720 Transportation Summit</b>		
Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure Ohio:	\$945	\$26,072
Local:	\$417	\$11,502
Year-to-Date Expenditure Ohio:	\$945	\$27,017
Local:	\$417	\$11,919
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended Ohio:	2.78%	79.46%
Local:	2.78%	79.46%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed Ohio:	100%	100%
Local:	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed Ohio:	10%	100%
Local:	10%	100%

**Promised Products:**

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| 1. Convene a TMACOG Transportation Summit.  | March 2011     |
| 2. Complete the Annual Work Program (AWP).  | September 2011 |
| 3. Provide staff and support to regional and state transportation organizations and agencies. |                |
| 4. Support development of the Transportation and Logistics section of the                     |                |

Toledo Regional Economic Plan.

5. Provide funding and participate in development of transportation-related elements of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Master Plan.

**First Semester Progress:**

1. A committee comprised of volunteers and staff has begun planning team meetings to organize and develop a draft agenda for the 2011 Transportation Summit. The two primary areas of focus will be implementation of Complete Streets policies and preservation of highway infrastructure using low cost construction alternatives. To avoid conflicts with area organization meetings and workshops, the date for the Transportation Summit has been revised from March to April 8, 2011.
2. The FY 2010 Completion Report was submitted on September 9, 2010. Transportation Council met five times this semester. During the first semester, one amendment to the AWP budget was adopted to reflect the final FY 2011 planning allocation amount, to add ODOT funding received in FY 2010 planned to be carried forward to FY 2011, and to add the balance of the original FY 2010 budget carried over to FY 2011. Development of the FY 2012 AWP is now underway with scheduled submittal to ODOT by March 4, 2011.
3. Staff attended several meetings of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Transportation Advisory Committee to coordinate planning between SEMCOG and TMACOG, provided support staff for the Northwest Ohio Passenger Rail Association, chaired meetings of the OARC Transportation Committee, and participated in several meetings serving as a board member of the Toledo Trucking Association, MIOH UTC, UT UTC/ITI, and the Northwest Ohio Contractor's Association. Staff also participated in meetings and provided public hearing testimony supporting an administrative rule change adopting a new overweight permit for sealed containers bound for export and hosted ODOT's "Go Ohio" public information meeting in northwest Ohio.
4. In support of the Toledo Regional Economic Plan, staff participated in monthly meetings of key regional transportation leaders, development of the Airline intermodal yard with national representatives of NS, the CSX Northwest Ohio Trans-shipment Terminal, and several meetings with Canadian National Rail, container transport and logistics firms, and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority. Staff also held meetings with the Detroit Regional Chamber and the Northwest Ohio Regional Economic Development Association (NORED) related to transportation/logistics development. Staff made presentations to the Northwest American Planning Association and Fostoria Economic Development Association providing updated information to promote intermodal development in the region.
5. Staff participated in meetings and review of proposed scope of services related to ODOT's Northwest Ohio Transportation Study which will contain required elements of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Master Plan. TMACOG staff is also participating as a stakeholder in the development of ODOT's Northwest Ohio Solar Energy Innovation Hub Study.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

## **Second Semester Progress:**

1. The Transportation Summit was held on April 8. The final agenda included presentations and a roundtable discussion related to preservation of highway infrastructure using low cost construction alternatives, retrofitting options for Complete Streets, and major transportation improvements scheduled in northwest Ohio. About 100 people participated.
2. The FY 2012 AWP was prepared, submitted, and subsequently approved with input and review by ODOT/FTA staff. The FY 2011 semi-annual completion report was also prepared and submitted on schedule as well. Transportation Council met five times this semester including one SEMCOG/TMACOG joint meeting held in June. These meetings were supported with minutes, agenda, briefings, etc. With respect to TMACOG staff, one new member was hired and is currently completing work related to the multimodal analysis, engaged with planning of the Ohio Conference on Freight, and preparation of a briefing document related to the potential lease of the Ohio Turnpike. All other administrative tasks were completed as required. Ongoing website updates were performed that included adding or deleting links to current or outdated information as appropriate.
3. TMACOG staff continued to attend meetings of the SEMCOG Transportation Advisory Committee to coordinate planning between SEMCOG and TMACOG, provided support staff for the Northwest Ohio Passenger Rail Association, and participated in monthly meetings of regional transportation leaders. Staff also attended meetings of the OARC Transportation Committee, and participated in several meetings serving as an Executive Board member of Toledo Trucking Association and the Northwest Ohio Contractor's Association. Last, staff continued to interact with the UT-ITI on several regional matters including the Westside Corridor, the proposed Ohio Turnpike lease, and development of the CSX Intermodal facility.
4. Participated in ongoing meetings with the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority to coordinate intermodal improvements and long range transportation planning related to the port. Staff also participated in meetings called by the MIOH Director related to developing a regional transportation model capable of determining impacts of several major multimodal and transportation improvements either planned or currently being constructed in southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio. Staff also met with the Detroit Regional Chamber to coordinate transportation planning activities involving northwest Ohio and business interests in southeast Michigan. Last, staff conducted several briefings and/or presentations to administrative staff, executive boards, agencies, and government bodies related to regional transportation planning, port, and intermodal development activities.
5. ODOT central office has taken responsibility for completing a freight plan that will have a direct bearing on the transportation-related elements of the Port Authority Master Plan. Work on this activity by TMACOG staff has been suspended until the final scope of services is negotiated and a contract executed between the consultant and the state.

## **Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

# **COMMUTER SERVICES**



## 70000 COMMUTER SERVICES

### Work Program Number 73100 Share A Ride

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$50,000					\$50,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:						

Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure	\$38,898	\$17,409
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$38,898	\$56,307
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	77.80%	112.61%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

\*Share A Ride is funded through TMACOG STP funding through the TIP

### **Promised Products:**

1. Distribute Share A Ride brochures to 50 locations throughout northwest Ohio.
2. Make targeted visits to 20 employers in northwest Ohio to disseminate Share A Ride information.
3. Work with the Car Buy Program to provide carpool information to individuals who have received a vehicle.
4. Maintain and update the Share A Ride information on TMACOG's website so that it is consistent with marketing efforts being used to promote the department's programs.
5. Participate in and support the Gas Cap Testing and Replacement Program, which is held in partnership with the Ozone Action Program to foster a greater awareness of the importance of air quality issues. Emphasize the importance of decreasing the amount of volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) released into the air by the automobile.

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. Based on the June 2010 telephone survey (FY 2010 Annual Work Program work product) to measure attitudes and awareness of the Share A Ride program, the marketing efforts to the general public and to regional employers have been curtailed. The survey confirmed our speculation that the public is not supportive of carpooling and has little desire to change their travel methods.
2. Employers have expressed little interest in working with TMACOG staff to discuss the Share A Ride program. Staff has seen no success with this product.
3. All Car Buy candidates receive Share A Ride registration information.
4. The TMACOG website provides Share A Ride information and online registration opportunities. Forty new Share A Ride highway signs have been produced and provide the website information for Share A Ride with online registration. The new signs have been delivered to ODOT District 2 and will be placed in Lucas, Wood, Ottawa, Sandusky and

Fulton counties by March 31.

5. Share A Ride partners with Gas Cap marketing efforts at each of the 20 annual testing events and is included in the 2 live radio remotes.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Second Semester Progress:**

1. No further action.
2. No further action.
3. All Car Buy candidates received Share A Ride registration information. Due to funding reductions, the Car Buy Program ceased approving new clients in May 2011 thus no additional clients were added to the Share A Ride database after that time.
4. TMACOG staff has maintained the Share A Ride website and assists residents with online registration. Forty new highway signs promoting the website have been installed throughout the region.
5. Share A Ride program information was distributed at Gas Cap Testing and Replacement Program events throughout the summer.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Work Program Number 74100 Specialized Transportation**

Funding Sources:	FHWA / FTA	ODOT	Local Assess	Other Federal	Other Local	Total
Original Amount:	\$5,600	\$700	\$700			\$7,000
Other Sources:						
Revised Amount:						

Semester:	First	Second
Semester Expenditure	\$2,659	\$3,519
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$2,659	\$6,178
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	37.99%	88.26%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Work to increase the quality of applications for Specialized Transportation Program funds and increase the number of applications by 20%.
2. Continue to monitor the maintenance and use of Specialized Transportation Program vehicles in accordance with ODOT requirements.

**First Semester Progress:**

1. The program was announced to over 130 qualifying agencies in Lucas and Wood counties. From that announcement, nine agencies in Lucas County and two from Wood County submitted and received full application packets. Staff also coordinated a public notice to assist those agencies completing the full application to meet program requirements.
2. As part of the inspection and maintenance process, TMACOG staff inspected three vehicles and submitted the appropriate reports to the ODOT Office of Transit. Staff also assisted the office of transit by conducting the initial inspection of new vehicles at TESCO prior to their distribution to the awarded agency.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None

**Second Semester Progress:**

1. Staff has been in contact with agencies in Lucas and Wood counties to discuss the timing and content of applications. Assistance was provided to each of the applicants submitting full packages in January 2011. Assistance included clarification of the application, explanation of vehicle types, and budget and match requirements, among many other issues.
2. TMACOG staff continued to assist the ODOT Office of Transit with the inspection of new vehicles at TESCO prior to distribution to the awarded agencies.

**Delays / Problems Encountered / Corrective Action:**

None