

Approval of the Completion Report for Transportation Planning FY 2019 – STAFF REPORT

TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

TMACOG is required to submit a Completion Report to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) documenting work accomplished in the previous year's Annual Work Program and is due in September of each year. As a condition for receiving federal transportation planning funds, ODOT further requires that the completion report be approved by the MPO Policy Board.

Highlights of our FY 2019 Work Program (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019) activities include:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Monitored and maintained the FY 2018–2021 TIP.
- Solicited for STBGP projects for inclusion in the FY 2021-2024 TIP.
- Managed TMACOG sub-allocation funding to actively pursue project schedules, tracked adherence to project development commitment dates, notified project sponsors of missed commitment dates, and maintained compliance with the statewide carryover policy.

Long Range Planning

- Began the 2045 Plan Update 2020 process through the Planning Committee.
 - Approved the Plan goals, reviewed current relevant data, identified regional transportation needs through eleven (11) public meetings and stakeholder engagement.
- Approved safety, transit, travel time reliability, and pavement and bridge performance management targets consistent with both ODOT and MDOT in accordance with federal requirements.
- Updated and approved the 2019-2020 Transportation Legislative Agenda

Freight Planning

- Participated in an update of the Ohio Statewide Rail Plan being conducted by the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC).
- Key locations have been identified for the freight bottlenecks analysis to be conducted in early FY 2019.
- Updated the freight network map with truck routes in Monroe County along with new NHS intermodal connectors that were approved by FHWA in 2017.

Passenger Rail

- TMACOG partnered with the City of Toledo to fund an initial study to look at the feasibility of connecting Toledo to Detroit or to Detroit Metro Airport by passenger rail.

Safety/Modeling/Data Collection and Management

- Collected traffic and bike and pedestrian counts within the planning area and uploaded counts obtained by Lucas County, Toledo and Oregon.

- Provided model data for the Downtown Toledo Transportation Study, traffic projections for the Wooster St project in Bowling Green, model data to TEMS for the Chicago to Cleveland Hyperloop Corridor Study and the Toledo to Detroit Passenger Rail Feasibility Study and provided growth rates to Lucas County for several intersections.

Public Transit

- Conducted the FY 2019 solicitation of 5310 Specialized Transportation projects in the fall of 2018 and awarded vehicles to two local agencies.
- Support and work with the Community Advocates for Transportation Rights (CATR) to hear from transit users what gaps in service they recognize.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Planning

- Bike Month events were coordinated throughout the month of May 2019. Some of the events included Bike to School Day, Bike Day at the Farmer's Market, and the Ride of Silence to honor those cyclists injured or killed on the roadway.
- Conducted bike and pedestrian counts on all major trails in the region.
- Updated the non-motorized network for the 2045 Plan Update 2020.

Transportation Service

- Staff provided traffic and train counts along with crash information for the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) for three at-grade rail crossing diagnostic reviews in Toledo. GIS data (parcels) for the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP). Various GIS data (roads, rails, boundaries) was provided for Regional Growth Partnership (RGP). Staff assisted AT&T in identifying the owner of former railroad property where cables needed to be replaced. Level of service data for 2018 and 2035 was provided to ODOT District 2. Provided the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) with road data (LBRS) and the road network file for the northern half-mile of Lucas County. The sidewalks layer for Lucas County was sent to the County Engineer's office.
- Produced the 2019 Regional Highway Projects map.

Air Quality

- Completed the 2018 Gas Cap Testing and Replacement Program with 26 events in Lucas and Wood counties in Ohio and Monroe County, Michigan. Overall, 431 gas caps were tested and 60 missing or faulty caps were replaced. Testing was conducted by the City of Toledo through a subcontract with TMACOG.
- Implemented the Ozone Action Season Program by participating in Earth Day events, updating the website with Air Quality forecasts, advertising in print, web, radio, and TV outlets, and signs posted on City of Bowling Green Service Trucks, TARTA bus stations, a pedicab, and an on-field sign at the Mud Hens' Fifth Third Field. Radio ads were purchased on Q105.5, WIMX, WKKO, and WRQN.

Share A Ride

- Promoted the Gohio Commute program through newsletter articles, local news stories, social media postings, advertising, email and online distribution, and paper fliers. Specific activities included the following: a promotional campaign at all Toledo Metroparks locations and on the University of

Toledo campus; an Alternatives Summer Challenge; a TMACOG Bike Month campaign; Gohio promotion at local bike advocacy events; Toledo Loves Transit Gohio and TARTA co-campaign; Gohio and Toledo Public Schools Hub program partnership; Gohio New Year New Commute campaign, local movie theater ad campaign; Gohio commute promotional campaigns on area college campuses; including multiple campus events at Lourdes, BGSU, Owens, UT, and MCCC.

Transportation Program Reporting

- The 25th Transportation Summit that was held on March 29, 2019 had approximately 170 attendees. Presentations focused on transportation and links to economic development, including presentations from the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, a presentation on Hyperloop, and a keynote address from Dr. Alex Metcalf on the feasibility of a Toledo to Detroit passenger rail connection.
- Reviewed and updated the Public Participation Plan. The plan will go through the TMACOG approval process in the first quarter of FY 2020.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPROVING THE COMPLETION REPORT
FOR THE FY 2019 ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM OF
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is a voluntary association of local governments and non-governmental partners in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, organized on May 31, 1968, and established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Michigan Public Act No. 7 (EX-SESS), and has carried out comprehensive metropolitan and regional planning since that date; and

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor through the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with local elected officials and is authorized to carry out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process (Process) for the Toledo area that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports community development and social goals; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has been designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to direct, coordinate, and administer the Process in the Toledo area as mandated by the Congress in Titles 23 and 49 U.S.C.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (P.L. 114-94), TMACOG, as a Transportation Management Area, is carrying out its planning responsibilities under the applicable provisions of Federal law; and

WHEREAS, the federal regulations published as 23 CFR 450 require that the urban transportation planning process shall include activities to support the development and implementation of a Regional Transportation Plan and a Transportation Improvement Program and subsequent project development activities to the degree appropriate for the area; and

WHEREAS, approval of the Toledo Area Transportation Study's FY 2019 Work Program was granted by ODOT effective July 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, copies of a cumulative progress report related to the Work Program is required to be submitted to ODOT in September 2019; and

WHEREAS, as a condition for receiving federal transportation planning funds, ODOT further requires that the September completion report be approved by the MPO Policy Board; and

WHEREAS, the TMACOG Transportation Council recommended approval of the Completion Report on September 4, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

THAT TMACOG hereby approves the Completion Report for the FY 2019 Annual Work Program of Transportation Planning Activities.

Adopted by the Executive Committee on September 18, 2019.

Yea _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

Doris I. Herringshaw, Ed.D., Chair
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