

**TMACOG 2035 Transportation Plan-Update 2011**  
**Thursday, March 25 —Public Input Meeting**  
**Christ Presbyterian Church, West Toledo**

**TABLE 1**

**Changes** that have occurred in our region in the past 3 years:

*Top changes:*

- 1) More cars/trucks
- 2) Higher fuel cost
- 3) High speed rail issue

*Other changes:*

- 4) More Trucks on non-toll roads
- 5) More demand for public transit/less funding /fewer routes
- 6) Longer trucks
- 7) Worse roads
- 8) Two-way streets downtown
- 9) Turns on bus loop
- 10) Toledo Express Service diminished
- 11) More Bicycles
- 12) Parking costs are up downtown

**Plan should include --top priorities:**

1. Rail-related projects:
  - a. Detroit Metro/Toledo High-speed rail
  - b. Commuter rail
  - c. More freight on rail; more intermodal
  - d. People mover (fixed guideway)
  - e. Safe grade separations
2. Greener fuels:
  - a. Biofuels/renewable fuel sources (algae?)
  - b. Affordable plug-in stations including transit
3. Sustainable transportation:
  - a. Walkable/bikeable communities *and*
  - b. Expand public transit access/personalized public transit linking those communities

**TABLE 2**

**Changes** that have occurred in our region in the past 3 years:

*Top changes:*

- 1) Economy – employment down / Loss of tax base
- 2) Demographics – older disabled
- 3) Urban sprawl
- 4) Downtown development
- 5) Business/entertainment/employment centers shift to suburbs (ex, Arrowhead); I-475 traffic heavy
- 6) Cost of fuel increasing
- 7) More trucks on road

*Other changes:*

- 8) Mega Bus

- 9) Population decrease
- 10) TARTA services down
- 11) Toledo Airport -- passenger decrease
- 12) Air freight decrease – international freight increase
- 13) Customer Service quality deteriorating
- 14) Skyway bridge
- 15) Conant Street bridge
- 16) Change in Government
- 17) Shift from manufacturing to service industry

**Plan should include --top priorities:**

1. Major public transit that is easily accessed
2. Improve livability: Walker/biker friendly; complete bike path network; implement TARTA improvement recommendations (COA)
3. Improve passenger rail connectivity

**Other ideas for Plan:**

4. Improve public transit funding mechanisms
5. Improve Sea Port ship building
6. Direct east/west path, north/south
7. Impact of the new Casino near Miami Street

**TABLE 3**

**Changes** that have occurred in our region in the past 3 years:

*Top changes:*

- 1) Economy tanked; Funding down
- 2) More people moving out of region; Aging population (Boomers working longer); Redistribution of population/business -- business and retail moving to suburbs
- 3) Fuel prices up; Cars getting better fuel mileage; More green technology

*Other changes:*

- 4) Arena downtown – more opportunities for development
- 5) Airport travel from Toledo Express
- 6) School closures/lack of students in urban schools
- 7) More bike trails
- 8) Health care

**Plan should include --top priorities:**

1. More biking/walking trails available for exercise leading to healthy lifestyles; Eliminate “choke points”; North-South connecting bike routes
2. Better transit (local & regional) connections and schedules
3. Maintain existing highways, bring up to standards – and then start on new projects

**Other ideas for Plan:**

4. Upgrade rail infrastructure – facilitates high speed rail
5. New funding mechanism for transportation gas tax? User mileage tax?