

**TMACOG 2035 Transportation Plan-Update 2011**  
**Friday, March 5 —Public Input Meeting**  
**Toledo-Lucas County Main Library**

**What should be changed for the 2035 Plan update?**

**TABLE 1:**

**Top priorities** for the Plan update:

1. Improve public transit:
  - Keep these projects in the plan: # 33 Real-time bus arrival information; # C-22 Replace TARTA bus fleets.
  - More bus routes and possibly trolley – for entire Toledo metro area and all medical facilities
  - Reestablish TARTA transfers, and Saturday-Sunday-Holiday service
  - Light rail / monorail system from suburbs to downtown
2. Transit: provide North-South corridors, including additional service running south from Westfield Mall
3. Project C-19, I-475 / US 23 improvements

**Other** (not in priority order):

4. C-14, Sylvania Avenue, widen from McCord to Holland-Sylvania
5. Ferry, Perrysburg to downtown – transfer to lake boat to Detroit, Canada, other points
6. Underground parking lots
7. Project 36, Consaul rail separation

**TABLE 2:**

**Top priorities:**

1. TARTA: increase weekend service (make fixed route service available; increase Call-A-Ride service)
2. People mover with wheelchair access
3. Provide more curb cuts and sidewalks

**Other** (not in priority order):

4. Purchase buses with greater wheelchair access (3-4 spots)
5. Greater service for TARTA
6. Fix roads!
7. Bike trails: widen/more
8. Light rail – city wide

**TABLE 3:**

**Top priorities:**

1. Train crossings, improve safety & reconstruct: North Toledo (Summit Street, Manhattan, Suder, New York Avenue), East Toledo (Consaul)
2. I-75 expanded to 3 lanes minimum; I-75/475 connection rebuilt
3. Use of better road materials—initial cost up, but durability makes cost savings. (Check with Georgia, W. Virginia.)

**Other** (not in priority order):

4. Road/pavement repairs downtown / all area
5. Major concerns for congested traffic Monroe, Alexis, Reynolds, Airport Highway, Secor
6. I-475 at US 23: needs 2 lanes entering 23 North/South
7. Transit: need more bus transit terminals to break up areas. Decentralize hubs / add an intermodal hub.
8. Improve freight movement by extending intermodal yard at Airline Junction
9. Build overpass for rail crossings on roads to Point Place [*Summit St? Project 18*]
10. More direct flights/destinations at Toledo Express Airport
11. Possible shuttle bus services
12. Alternative energy for government vehicles and mass transit. (Natural gas)

**TABLE 4:** (*Joe Cappel, TLCPA; James Harter, Uptown Association & Mercy College; Raymond Zed, Birmingham Development Corp; Julie Horns, Bittersweet Farms; Jesus Salas; Thomie Murphy*)

**Top priorities** for the Plan update:

1. In Central City, safety concerns at vacated industrial sites, including need for railroad safety warning on Smead Avenue, and crumbling bridge at Craft House
2. Better streetscape from City of Rossford (Miami St) out to Lake Erie (Front Street)
  - City of Toledo Streets need major repaving, more two-way street downtown
3. TARTA stops – adjust routes to businesses and educational facilities

**Other:**

4. Multi/Bilingual bus sign – transportation

**TABLE 5:**

What changed in last 3 years:

- 1) New growth planning – stop sprawl
- 2) Economy- “drives” everything else
- 3) Fuel cost
- 4) Green friendly
- 5) Aging/baby boomers → changing needs
- 6) Bad: Levis Commons and Fallen Timbers

**Top priorities:**

1. Improve Bus routes/accessibility and funding — reliability – new branding – day care
2. Make intermodal happen!!
3. Railroad grade separation (underpass) on McCord Rd

**Other:**

- Most important:*
4. Increase water Toledo Seaport/shipping
  5. Increase bus/trolley transit

- Good:*
6. Buy local to reduce transportation cost

**TABLE 6:**

What changed in last 3 years vis-à-vis transportation:

- 1) Transit-related changes:
  - Decrease in public routes available i.e. TARTA (fewer routes, less frequent runs)
  - TARPS has improved
  - Need for alternative transportation besides car (due to economic conditions)

- 2) Decrease in Funding to agencies led to decreased access to transportation for certain “special needs” populations
- 3) Increase in bicycle traffic (people use bikes to go to grocery stores, etc.)

**Top Priorities:**

1. Need for an intermodal facility at the airport (rail-air-ground). Purpose: Toledo to be more attractive to business
2. We need a county wide public transit system
3. We need to see an increase in public transportation from Toledo to Central Michigan
4. There is frequent/excessive traffic back up at Manhattan (N. Toledo) and Airport Highway (Westwood). Need: Rail grade separations (separate road from tracks)

**TABLE 7:**

**Plan changes needed** (not in priority order):

1. Move up the expansion of I-75 to 6 lanes from Findlay to Perrysburg.
2. S.R. 18 in North Baltimore – re-route, truck route or by-pass.
3. Increase public transportation alternatives from southern Wood County to Toledo.
4. Distinguish between recreation and transportation for funding.

**TABLE 8:**

What changed in last 3 years:

- 1) TARPS taken over by TARTA
- 2) Fewer hours for public transportation
- 3) TARPS rider notification
- 4) No bus transfer
- 5) New roundabout Dorr/King
- 6) (Transit?) Hubs changed (Perrysburg/Sylvania)
- 7) Property to sales tax agenda (TARTA funding issue)
- 8) Senior population growth

**Top Priorities:**

1. More interchanges US 23/I-475/Central Ave.
2. Pedestrian/bike system connectivity
3. Escort-through-the-door transit service needed for elderly

**Other Plan changes needed:**

4. Change from property tax to sales tax for public transit
5. County-wide service for public transit
6. Connect all university campuses (*rail?*)
7. Light rail to Columbus
8. Increase state funding
9. Nix Project # 60 – Reynolds (“Improve Reynolds Rd. from Airport Hwy. to Ohio Turnpike – add lanes and intersection improvements, possible roundabout”)

**TABLE 9:**

**Top priority** for the Plan update:

1. More sidewalks and curb cuts (ramps)
2. TARTA: more hours (later)

3. High speed rail between Chicago/New York & Mackinaw/Key West

**Other:**

ROADS:

4. Fewer potholes
5. Widen I-75 south to Findlay
6. "Live" signs for construction/traffic (ITS)
7. Better highway between Toledo and Columbus
8. Remove tolls from turnpike

TARTA:

9. Reduced fare
10. Run into suburbs
11. More call-a-ride
12. Run every ½ hour

TRANSPORTATION:

13. Build highway/rail grade separations
14. More options
15. All transportation is accessible
16. Permanent source of funding for all non-highway transportation
17. Shuttle or rail from Toledo Express to Detroit airport
18. Transportation to and from Toledo Express
19. Better cab service