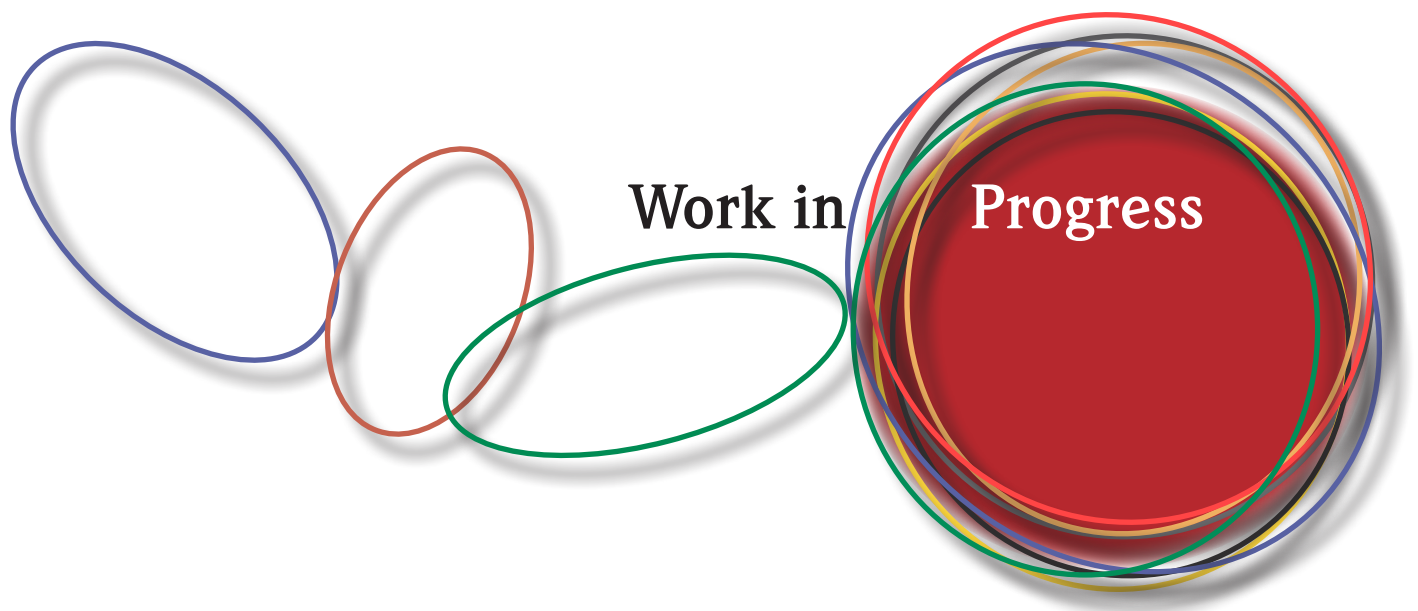


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**ENVIRONMENT**



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## 50000 ENVIRONMENT

### WORK PROGRAM NO. 54101 STORMWATER COALITION (Partially funded with Transportation CPG funds)

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA /FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	Dues LOCAL	OTHER LOCAL	Soft Match	TOTAL*
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$4,000	\$500	\$500				\$5,000
Other Sources:					\$54,428		\$59,428
REVISED AMOUNT:							

	SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Total Semester Expenditure*		\$2,267	\$2,179
Year-to-Date Expenditure		\$2,267	\$4,446
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended		45.35%	88.93%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed		100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed		50%	100%

\* 55100 is the only CPG Funded Environment Element

#### **Promised Products:**

1. Implement the Phase II Stormwater Outreach & Education programs agreed to for fiscal year 2008.
2. Coordinate ODOT with the local jurisdictions of the Stormwater Coalition to implement the six (6) minimum control measures on a local and watershed level.
3. Determine and schedule specific outreach programs and materials for FY 2008 to help fulfill the requirements of the Stormwater Phase II NPDES Permits of ODOT and the other MS4s.
4. Semi-monthly meetings of the Stormwater Coalition to address stormwater management and water quality for the watershed.
5. Monthly meetings of the Stormwater Action Group, which serves as a technical advisory committee to Stormwater Coalition.
6. Conduct outreach and education program to assist Municipal Identifying Separate Stormwater (MS4s) districts in fulfillment of their stormwater management plans.

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

1. Stormwater Action Group (SWAG), which serves as Stormwater Coalition's technical advisory committee, has outlined outreach programs for the year. This year's programs will include an exam review workshop for Certified Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC). This is a certification ODOT will begin requiring in 2009. An initial field tour on the program was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, which ODOT attended. The exam review workshop will be held in Maumee on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. Ongoing: Layth Istafan serves as ODOT District 2's representative to Stormwater Coalition;

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Kacey Smith and Rick Perse have also participated.

3. TMACOG will prepare and distribute a regular series of water quality newsletter/newspaper articles, especially related to stormwater BMPs. These will be distributed to MS4s for use in their community newsletters, and to a comprehensive list of print publications throughout the urbanized area. During this period an article on “FEMA and Flood Risk” was prepared and distributed. The next article is planned for spring 2009.
4. Stormwater Coalition met as scheduled on 7/10, 9/4, and 11/6/08
5. Stormwater Action Group met as scheduled 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, and 12/10/08.
6. The CPESC workshops, discussed under item #1, address this purpose.

## **Second Semester Progress:**

1. Stormwater Action Group (SWAG), which serves as Stormwater Coalition’s technical advisory committee, has outlined outreach programs for the year. During this period an exam review workshop for Certified Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) was held on March 30<sup>th</sup> with 60 attendees. A CPESC was given on April 8<sup>th</sup>, and another is scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, TMACOG and the Ohio Ready Mix Concrete Association co-sponsored a “Green Concrete” workshop on design and applications of pervious and permeable pavements on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was approximately 75.
2. Ongoing: Layth Istafan serves as ODOT District 2’s representative to Stormwater Coalition; Kacey Smith and Rick Perse have also participated.
3. TMACOG will prepare and distribute a regular series of water quality newsletter/newspaper articles, especially related to stormwater BMPs. TMACOG prepared and distributed “Don’t Let Your Pet Pollute” and “Spring Clean Up” during this period.
4. Stormwater Coalition met as scheduled on 2/5, 4/2, and 6/9/09.
5. Stormwater Action Group met as scheduled 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 5/13, 6/10/09.
6. The CPESC and “Green Concrete” workshops, discussed under item #1, address this purpose.

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 55100 AIR QUALITY PLANNING (55100 is the only CPG funded element)**

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA /FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	Dues LOCAL	OTHER Fed/State	Soft Match	TOTAL*
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$12,000	\$1,500	\$1,500				\$15,000
REVISED AMOUNT:							

SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Total Semester Expenditure*	\$8,208	\$7,163
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$8,208	\$15,371
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	54.72%	102.47%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

\* 55100 is the only CPG Funded Environment Element

## **Promised Products:**

1. Produce an annual Air Quality Advisement.
2. Research precursors to fine particulates to better understand the mobile sources of regional pollution.
3. Review particulate control measures and their emission impacts within the region on long term air quality in cooperation with local stakeholders.
4. 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.
5. Provide the work necessary to support the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Air Quality Maintenance Program
6. Provide staff support for six meetings of the Air Quality Committee (with up to two emergency meetings as needed).
7. Monitor potential emission reduction funding sources for local stakeholder and disseminate the information.

## **Progress in First Semester:**

1. Completed and available on TMACOG Air Quality Committee webpage.
2. Ongoing effort with the Air Quality Committee.
3. Worked with Clean Fuels Ohio and their Green Fleets Program to host a kickoff event in Toledo on August 19, 2008 and a follow up event on October 28, 2008. Focus of the events was to engage fleet operators and encourage them to install particulate reduction equipment on their vehicles and to inform of state and national funding opportunities.
4. Presentations were made to two groups in the first semester.
5. TMACOG updated the Ozone Action Program in response to the tightening of the ozone standard. TMACOG and the City of Toledo completed the 2008 Gas Cap Replacement

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Program in hopes of further reducing emissions and maintaining attainment and conformity. We recently read notification that Lucas and Wood counties will remain in attainment with particulate matter standards.

6. Meetings of the Air Quality Committee were held in July, September and December of 2008.
7. Worked with Clean Fuels Ohio and their Green Fleets Program to host a kickoff event in Toledo on August 19, 2008 and a follow up event on October 28, 2008. The meetings focused heavily on state and national funding programs.

## **Second Semester Progress:**

1. The Air Quality Advisement was completed and posted on the TMACOG website in December, 2008.
2. Ongoing effort with the Air Quality Committee.
3. TMACOG continued its partnership with Clean Fuels Ohio and the Green Fleets Program. We hosted a grant writing workshop on February 10, 2009 to inform area stakeholders on how to apply for DERG, ARRA, and other air quality funding.
4. There were no requests for presentations in the second semester.
5. TMACOG continued the coordination and promotion of the Ozone Action Season and Share A Ride Program. TMACOG and the City of Toledo again partnered in 2009 to conduct the Gas Cap Replacement Program. The Air Quality Committee has also met with ODOT to continue the interchange tree planting program on other area interchanges.
6. Meetings of the Air quality Committee were held in February, April, and June of 2009.
7. TMACOG staff distributed information to air quality stakeholders via email for various workshops, grants, and programs as the information was become available. TMACOG also applied to EPA Region V for an ARRA grant to fund retrofits and repowers for two school systems and a local construction company. We were not selected for funding.

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## WORK PROGRAM NO. 55200 TRANSPORTATION AIR QUALITY OUTREACH PROGRAM (CMAQ Funded)

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA /FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	Dues LOCAL	OTHER Fed/State	Soft Match	TOTAL*
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:					\$85,000		\$85,000
REVISED AMOUNT:							

SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Total Semester Expenditure*	\$14,540	\$21,796
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$14,540	\$36,336
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	17.11%	42.75%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

### Specific Products:

1. Compile an end-of-the-year report for public distribution.
2. Complete testing program and sponsor thirty-five (35) gas cap replacement events to identify failing or missing gas caps on light-duty vehicles in Lucas and Wood counties. (element 55300)
3. Complete 2008 Ozone Action public awareness campaign to educate citizens of the negative health, environmental, and economic impact of elevated ozone level and begin preparation for 2009 campaign.
  - a. Develop and distribute 500 air quality fact sheets at community events.
  - b. Present information at a display table at the Ozone Action Season Kickoff event and other community events.
  - c. Update the TMACOG website to include current air quality information.
  - d. Update the Air Quality/Ozone Action website for new campaign.
  - e. Purchase ads/media spots promoting program objectives (pass through).
4. Prepare and distribute "Ozone Action Season" notices for high temperature, low wind days with risk of air quality violation.
5. Produce an annual Air Quality Advisement.
6. Replace failing / missing gas caps discovered through Gas Cap Replacement Program activities in our area.
7. Coordinate advertising with the Ozone Action and Share A Ride programs.
8. Maintain media awareness of Ozone Action Season and its role in improving air quality and develop media sponsors.
9. Increase awareness of air quality issues as related to ground level ozone formation and its effects by placing ten (10) radio and television advertisements and distribute print materials.

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## **First Semester Progress:**

1. The 2008 Ozone report was produced and provided to the Air Quality Committee.
2. The Gas Cap Replacement Program was completed by the City of Toledo Environmental Services.
3. Complete 2008 Ozone Action public awareness campaign to educate citizens of the negative health, environmental, and economic impact of elevated ozone level and begin preparation for 2009 campaign.
  - a. Air Quality fact sheets were distributed at the City of Toledo Environmental Fair on August 2, 2008.
  - b. Ozone information will be distributed at 2009 Kick Off event and the Oregon Fest on May 17, 2009.
  - c. The TMACOG website was updated every three days in the summer of 2008 with air quality information.
  - d. The Air Quality/Ozone Season was updated for the new campaign in the summer of 2008.
  - e. Billboards and print ads were purchased to promote the Ozone Action Season and Gas Cap Replacement Program events.
4. Ozone notices were produced and distributed on our website.
5. The annual air quality advisement was produced and distributed to the media and the public through TMACOG and the City of Toledo websites.
6. Failing gas caps were replaced at all Gas Cap Replacement Program events.
7. The Ozone and Share A Ride advertising was linked together to increase awareness of air quality issues.
8. With each of our media partners, print, radio and television, we have developed and maintained a relationship to increase awareness of air quality issues.
9. Radio advertisements and TV announcements were placed to increase awareness of ozone and air quality issues.

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

The outreach campaign for air quality issues is funding at a part-time position. Due to the change in the ozone awareness campaign in 2008, the City of Toledo Environmental Services Department implemented the Gas Cap Replacement Program Campaign.

## **Second Semester Progress:**

1. The 2009 Ozone report will be produced and submitted to the Air Quality Committee in the fall of 2009.
2. The 2009 Gas Cap Replacement Program Testing program will be completed by the City of Toledo Environmental Services.
3.
  - a. Air Quality fact sheets were distributed at the Oregon Fest on May 17, 2009.
  - b. Ozone information was distributed at the Oregon Fest on May 17, 2009.
  - c. The TMACOG website was updated every three days starting May, 18, 2009 with air quality information.

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- d. Ozone notices were produced and disturbed on our website starting May, 18, 2009.
- e. Billboards and print ads were purchased from May-June 2009 to promote Ozone Action Season.
- 4. Ozone notices were produced and disturbed on our website.
- 5. The annual air quality advisement was produced and distributed in May and June to the Media and the public through TMACOG and the City of Toledo websites.
- 6. TMACOG again partnered with the Toledo Division of Environmental Services to conduct the Gas Cap Replacement Program. All failed gas caps were replaced at gas cap events.
- 7. The Ozone and Share A Ride advertising was coordinated to enhance awareness of air quality issues.
- 8. Each of the four television news directors was called on in May 2009 to reintroduce the many issues of air quality in the region.
- 9. Both television and radio advertising was placed to increase awareness of air quality issues.

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

Again in 2009, the City of Toledo Environmental Services implemented the Gas Cap Replacement Program as a part-time position.



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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 60100 SHORT RANGE PLANNING / 60120 HIGHWAY PROJECT PLANNING \***

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA/ FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	OTHER FEDERAL	LOCAL	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$23,200	\$2,900	\$2,900			\$29,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

	SEMESTER	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure		\$15,086	\$10,184
Year-to-Date Expenditure		\$15,086	\$25,270
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended		52.02%	87.14%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed		100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed		50%	100%

\* Total Highway Project Planning Budget is \$56,000 with Maumee River Crossing budget of \$6,000.

**Active major projects as of February 2009 AWP include:**

- a. I-75/I-475 systems interchange upgrade (North Cove Split) including Douglas, Central/Upton/Jackman, Willys Parkway, Berdan, and Phillips interchange access modifications.
- b. Salisbury Road/Dussel Drive/I-475 Interchange Modification Study.
- c. US 24 Fort to Port.
- d. I-475 widening in western Lucas County including a new interchange in the Springfield Township area.

**Promised Products:**

1. Support and participate in other agencies' efforts to implement major "On the Move: 2007-2035 Transportation Plan" highway projects (Element 61100).
2. Provide staff and support for the I-75/I-475 Interchange Improvement Task Force.
3. Provide staff and support for the Salisbury Road / Dussel Drive / I-475 interchange modification study.

**First Semester Progress:**

1. Staff met with the ODOT District 2 director on a scheduled basis regarding implementation of highway projects identified in the 2035 Plan including all the major projects identified above. Staff also participated in continued meetings with ODOT, City of Toledo, and the Lucas County Engineer related to funding of the City of Toledo's Martin Luther King bridge rehabilitation project.
2. Related to the new I-75/I-475 interchange, attended meeting with Toledo Hospital administrative staff, board members, ODOT, and City of Toledo regarding upgrade of I-475 interchange at Upton, Monroe, and Oatis Avenue.
3. Met with planning consultant and provided information to the Toledo-Lucas County Port

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Authority regarding construction of the Salisbury Road / Dussel Drive / I-475 interchange modification.

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

None.

## **Second Semester Progress:**

1. a. Prepared letters of support required as a part of applications submitted by ODOT, the City of Toledo, Lucas County, TARTA, University of Toledo, Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, and TMACOG for 15 member-designated high priority projects to be funded through the next federal transportation bill.
- b. Attended several ODOT meetings and was deeply engaged in regional efforts related to funding of many area-wide projects through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.
2. No further planning activity is required for Phase 1 of the project which is scheduled for a May 2010 construction sale date. Related to Phase 2 of the project, prepared a letter of support that accompanied a member-designated high priority project funding application to be included in the next federal transportation bill.
3. No further activity is required. The project has been sold; contracts signed, and is now under construction.

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

None.

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## WORK PROGRAM NO. 60123 SAFETY STUDIES

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA/ FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	LOCAL Assess	OTHER Federal	Other LOCAL	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$30,400	\$3,800	\$3,800				\$38,000
REVISED AMOUNT:							\$110,000

	SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
	Semester Expenditure	\$50,965	\$20,527
	Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$50,965	\$71,492
	Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	134.12%	64.99%
	Semester Percentage of Work Completed	95%	30%
	Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	80%	85%

### **Promised Products:**

1. Finalize a formal work plan that includes prioritized safety locations and potential countermeasures, September 2008.
2. Review updated location data as it becomes available to incorporate into list of high accident prioritized locations.
3. Review existing conditions at high accident priority locations to identify or confirm obvious deficiencies.
4. Provide informational resources to local jurisdictions to assist their efforts to obtain safety program funding through ODOT.

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. The high accident safety locations report has been delayed but is nearing completion and will be available in February 2009.
2. This is an ongoing process and we are now able to utilize the new availability of data provided online by the Ohio Department of Public Safety.
3. A field review of existing conditions has been performed for those locations identified within the high accident safety locations report.
4. Information is provided to requesting jurisdictions. With the completion of the high accident safety locations report, area jurisdictions will have the reference material at hand.

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. Not completed. Refer to the Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action discussion below.
2. The ODPS online data continues to be utilized to evaluate the priorities of high accident locations.
3. Completed in the First Semester

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4. Information was supplied to area jurisdictions as requested to identify and address high accident locations and potential remedies.

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

The workload of the project application, review, evaluation and selection process associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act resulted in inadequate time to complete the High Accident Locations Safety Report. Efforts continue to complete this document.

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## WORK PROGRAM NO. 60130 REGIONAL PASSENGER RAIL PLANNING

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA/ FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	LOCAL Assess	OTHER	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$29,600	\$3,700	\$3,700			\$37,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

	SEMESTER	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure		\$16,772	\$47,085
Year-to-Date Expenditure		\$16,772	\$63,857
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended		45.33%	172.59%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed		100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed		50%	100%

### **Promised Products:**

1. Hold a public informational event on passenger rail and rail transit issues.
2. Coordinate with stakeholders to develop and implement a plan for the Toledo rail station area, including improved multimodal transportation and added intercity bus service.
3. Post information on the TMACOG website.
4. Support and participate in efforts toward implementing the Ohio Hub high speed rail system and Midwest Regional Rail Initiative Chicago Hub system.
5. Provide staff and support for the Passenger Rail Committee, and hold a minimum of three committee meetings.
6. Coordinate Passenger Rail Committee participation in rail transit initiatives, including the regional core circulator (downtown trolley). (See also 60160)
7. Coordinate activities with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), including connectivity to Michigan rail projects.

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. A working group began preparations for the second annual National Train Day informational open house, slated for the Toledo Amtrak station on May 2, 2009.
2. Staff provided stakeholders with e-mail updates on station-area developments. A meeting will be scheduled for the second half of the year.
3. Staff updated the Passenger Rail Committee page on the website with meeting materials, legislation information, and an Ohio Rail Development Commission slide presentation.
4. Statements of support for the Ohio Hub and the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative were provided to legislators via the 2008-2009 Legislative Agenda, which highlights both of these networks as rail transportation priorities. In addition, staff and the Passenger Rail Committee continued to communicate with the Ohio Rail Development Commission staff regarding the region's strong support for Ohio Hub implementation.
5. Two committee meetings were held, in July and October. Topics included Ohio Hub updates,

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the newly enacted federal Rail Investment and Improvement Act and its impact on Ohio's passenger rail strategy, the proposed Ohio Higher Education Rail Network Institute, and Nasby Tower preservation.

6. No activity this semester.
7. Staff maintained communications with SEMCOG regarding rail initiatives via cross representation on transportation councils and coordinating meetings held between SEMCOG and TMACOG staff.

## **Second Semester Progress:**

1. The second annual National Train Day informational open house was successfully staged at the Toledo Amtrak station on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Event partners included the Port Authority, Amtrak, and All Aboard Ohio. Approximately 3,500 attendees participated. The event included a panel of state and local officials who discussed rail issues, a slide presentation by All Aboard Ohio, and many informational booths. In addition to National Train Day, TMACOG arranged for a May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting between area leaders and Matt Dietrich, Ohio Rail Development Commission director, to discuss the status of Ohio Hub high speed rail system implementation. (See also 4. below.)
2. Staff continued to keep in touch with stakeholders regarding station-area events and developments. Station area stakeholders were invited to participate in National Train Day. A special meeting looked at the need to repair and upgrade the station platforms and passenger access to the tracks. An overall station area plan was not completed because priority shifted to support for implementation of the Ohio Hub.
3. Staff updated the Passenger Rail pages on the website with current meeting materials and National Train Day information, including the All Aboard Ohio slide presentation, "New York – Chicago: Restoring a premier passenger rail corridor."
4. Staff participated in the Federal Railroad Administration's Midwest workshop (Chicago, June ) to provide input on developing federal regulations for the \$8 billion high speed rail stimulus funds. Along with the rest of the "delegation" from Ohio, staff emphasized the need to give priority to high speed rail systems such as the Ohio Hub. In order to involve local leadership, a May initial meeting (see 1. above) and a June follow up meeting were held with economic development, business and government leaders to develop strategies to support implementation of the Ohio Hub corridors serving the TMACOG region. Staff and a Chamber of Commerce representative participated in a strategy session focused on supporting the Midwest Regional Rail System (Fort Wayne, June).
5. Two committee meetings were held, in January and April. Topics included Ohio Hub updates, progress on projects in Michigan, and a discussion with U.S. Representative Mary Kaptur's Washington D.C. staff about federal legislation and funding. In addition, a third special meeting was held with All Aboard Ohio to review opportunities for incremental improvements to station and track infrastructure.
6. Staff answered public and media inquiries about the Regional Core Circulator plan, and the Passenger Rail Committee continued to discuss the potential for a light rail linkage between universities.
7. Staff maintained communications with SEMCOG regarding rail initiatives via cross

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representation on transportation councils and coordinating meetings held between SEMCOG and TMACOG. Staff also explored the potential to provide a rail linkage between NW Ohio and SE Michigan with representatives of Toledo Regional and Ann Arbor Chambers of Commerce.



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## WORK PROGRAM NO. 60140 FREIGHT PLANNING

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA /FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	MI/ FHWA	OTHER Federal	LOCAL ASSESS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:							
Ohio	\$120,705	\$15,088	\$15,088				\$150,880
Michigan				\$28,745		\$6,374	\$35,120
REVISED AMOUNT:							
Ohio							\$170,000
Michigan							\$35,120

	SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure	Ohio:	\$116,153	\$64,986
	Michigan:	\$27,037	\$10,384
Year-to-Date Expenditure	Ohio:	\$116,153	\$181,139
	Michigan:	\$27,037	\$37,421
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	Ohio:	76.98%	106.55%
	Michigan:	76.98%	106.55%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	Ohio:	100%	100%
	Michigan:	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	Ohio:	100%	100%
	Michigan:	100%	100%

### Promised Products:

1. Update the Freight Transportation Needs List by completing a minimum of three listening sessions with freight transportation users and providers.
2. Complete the process of amending the NHS Connector list to include SR 18 from I-75 to the location of the proposed CSX intermodal facility in Henry Township.
3. Hold a regional freight leadership forum.
4. Investigate and report on freight planning practices in a minimum of four other MPOs to assess how the TMACOG area compares to others.
5. Update existing and publish additional GIS maps of freight assets on TMACOG website.
6. Work with SEMCOG and their partner, the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, on freight issues impacting both areas.
7. Support and, as needed, participate in feasibility studies for major highway / rail projects.
8. Staff and support a minimum of four meetings of the TMACOG Freight Committee.
9. Support development of The University of Toledo Intermodal Transportation Institute (UT ITI).
10. Support the implementation of the freight projects, initiatives and policies contained in the 2035 Plan.
11. Continue research for and support of development of the inland port portion of the Lake Erie West Global Logistics Hub.
12. Provide staff support for planning the Ohio Conference on Freight.

### First Semester Progress:

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1. Compiled information from prior listening sessions for presentation to the Freight Steering Committee. To increase efficiency in updating the Freight Transportation Needs List, decided to conduct surveys of local trucking firms, rail companies, and businesses dependent on shipping through facilities of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority. The first survey to trucking firms has been drafted and presented to the Freight Committee for approval.
2. On October 21, a formal submittal was made through ODOT for designation by FHWA of SR 18 as a NHS intermodal connector from I-75 to the CSX Gateway facility.
3. Participated in a discussion with Regional Growth Partnership, University of Toledo ITI, Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Toledo Trucking Association, and Owens Corning to prepare strategy for leveraging intermodal transportation assets and promote regional economic development.
4. Through the National Association of Regional Council's Freight Capacity Technical Advisory Group, participated in a peer to peer exchange evaluating freight planning practices in Chicago and Tacoma as compared to TMACOG. Two more locations and a report remain to be completed in the second semester.
5. Updated five GIS maps - the Michigan Weight Designated Permit Routes, Grade Separation Projects and Rail Volumes, Average Daily Truck Traffic Volume, NHS Connector Freight Movement Concerns, and Port Authority Port Terminal Network maps for publishing on the TMACOG website.
6. Met with staff of SEMCOG, MDOT and Monroe County Plan Commission to coordinate common freight and rail planning in SE Michigan. Also, TMACOG's VP of Transportation was appointed to the SEMCOG Transportation Advisory Committee. As a member of the committee, participated in monthly meetings and amended SEMCOG's 2030 Regional Transportation Plan to consolidate rail-truck traffic in SE Michigan that will impact rail operations in NW Ohio.
7. Staff attended several meetings and provided information as requested related to development of the Port of Toledo to receive container shipments from the proposed Melford International Terminal Facility in Nova Scotia, Canada. Also, became a stakeholder supporting local planning efforts to coordinate development resulting from construction of the CSX Intermodal Terminal in southern Wood County.
8. There have been three meetings of the Freight Steering Committee and two of the required four meetings of the full Freight Committee this semester. Presentations to the full freight committee included development of the Midwest Terminal Facility at the Port of Toledo and the relationship of transportation and economic development in NW Ohio. Also, the Freight Steering Committee evaluated recommendations for revisions to the operating procedures of the Freight Committee. The revisions to purpose, duties and responsibilities, and member representation were subsequently adopted by the Freight Committee and approved by Transportation Council this semester.
9. Staff attended meetings called by the University of Toledo and the UT ITI Director. Topics discussed included regional intermodal promotion, national / international branding of the Lake Erie West global logistics hub, and marketing of the region for passenger rail and freight development based on linking proximate MPO economic data in SE Michigan, NW Ohio, and NE Indiana.

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10. As a member of the Joint Intermodal Task Force, met weekly to develop a report containing five recommendations for specific freight projects and strategies that are consistent with the 2035 Plan. Among the recommendations are pursuit of Airline Junction Rail Yard as a rail intermodal site in partnership with Norfolk Southern and the State of Ohio, construction of an expanded customs facility at the Toledo Express Airport to accommodate increases in international freight traffic, and targeting 2,000 acres of industrial land for re-development in the City of Toledo.
11. Staff had several meetings with elected officials, government administrators, and business interests in Monroe County, Michigan to discuss latest development of the inland port facility proposed in the Detroit, NW Ohio, and southerly townships of SE Michigan. Also, staff participated in conference calls and meetings with national Norfolk Southern representatives to tour sites in Lucas County suitable for truck / rail intermodal development.
12. Following completion of the 2008 Ohio Conference on Freight in September, planning meetings began for the 2009 conference scheduled for September 22 and 23. To date, committee structure has been prepared, a preliminary budget developed, and contracts drafted for the event coordinator, program director, and the event venue Hilton Hotel/Dana Center.

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. Three listening sessions were completed during the second semester. The first was a Truck Freight Survey distributed to area trucking companies with the intent of identifying the most important issues affecting freight movement by trucks in the region. In response to concerns that our prior listening sessions were becoming too narrowly focused, our second listening session drew from a wide range of freight expertise within the TMACOG Freight Committee. We compiled responses of the top issues adversely affecting freight movement in the region from committee members representing all modes of freight transportation. For our third listening session, we contacted several companies who use heavy haul permits in Ohio and asked that they provide feedback regarding issuance, use, and financial comparisons with parallel permits issued by other states. Results from these and from previous listening sessions will be used to create a prioritized list of recommendations to improve regional freight movement. This information will also be used in the development of our long range transportation plan.
2. As a result of efforts by TMACOG, ODOT, Wood County, and local jurisdictions, the FHWA has officially designated a 4.6-mile segment of SR 18 in southern Wood County as an NHS Intermodal Connector. The designated segment connects I-75 to the entrance of the CSX Intermodal Terminal under construction west of the Village of North Baltimore.
3. As a follow up to activity described in the first semester, initiated monthly meetings with freight leadership in the region consisting of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Transportation Advocacy Group of NW Ohio, UT ITI, TMACOG, and ODOT District 2 Deputy Director.
4. Two more MPOs with freight planning practices, WAMPO (Wichita, KS) and SARPC (Mobile, AL), were chosen for study based on having similar populations to TMACOG. Examples of effective freight planning include WAMPO's 2007 railroad crossing plan, designed to relieve congestion and increase safety at rail crossings, and SARPC's focus on

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predicting freight growth in order to accurately plan for future infrastructure needs.

5. Updated four GIS maps for publishing on the TMACOG website – Average Daily Truck Traffic Volume (updated Lucas County numbers), NHS Intermodal Connector Routes, Airline Rail Yard Improvement Project, and Northwest Ohio Intermodal Projects. A TMACOG Freight Committee display with maps, photos, committee activities and accomplishments was featured at the local National Train Day event.
6. Attended scheduled meetings with SEMCOG Transportation Advisory Committee and supported actions (TIP, Detroit River Crossing, and Long Range Plan development) to improve freight movement in SE Michigan. Likewise, representatives from SEMCOG attended Transportation Council meetings and supported actions in NW Ohio to develop improved intermodal freight facilities in NW Ohio. In addition, a joint TMACOG/SEMCOG staff meeting was held in SE Michigan with members of the Monroe County Plan Commission to coordinate rail and truck related freight planning in the two regions.
7. Participated in weekly meetings as a member of a Joint Intermodal Task Force in development of studies and specific recommendations related to expansion of the Airline Junction Rail Yard, the Toledo Express/BAX Schenker International Air Cargo Facilities, and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Ironville Dock Facility.
8. There have been three meetings of the Freight Steering Committee and three meetings of the full Freight Committee this semester, bringing to six the number of committee meetings for the fiscal year. Presentation topics included congestion management, special hauling permit fees, economic stimulus funding, the progress of regional intermodal projects, and regional air freight. Guest speakers included Dan Murphy from CSX Transportation and Michael Gula from the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority.
9. Staff continued to attend meetings called by the University of Toledo and the UT ITI Director. Also reviewed, scored, and attended meeting to select proposals submitted for research funding through the UT ITI.
10. Participated in development of report recommendations and supported grant applications for improvements to add rail and container transfer facilities at Airline Junction Rail Yard, expansion of the customs and truck/plane transfer capabilities at BAX Schenker Air Cargo Hub, and new crane/bulk transfer equipment at the Ironville Dock Facility. All of the grant applications were subsequently approved for funding. These improvements are all consistent with the initiatives and policies contained in the 2035 Plan.
11. Research conducted by the UT ITI and Joint Intermodal Task Force discussions with several Class I railroads serving the region have determined that inland port portion of the Lake Erie West Global Logistics Hub will require phased implementation over many years. The Lang Yard location in North Toledo and SE Michigan as been deemed not suitable for intermodal development due to property and existing site constraints by CN railroad. CN has also advised they intend to invest their capital in the Detroit Intermodal Freight Terminal in southeast Michigan rather than NW Ohio. Currently, CSX has advised they intend to further invest their capital in the National Gateway project in North Baltimore. The first step and currently most feasible approach to developing increased intermodal capacity in the region is a public/private partnership investment in the existing NS Airline Junction Rail Yard. Should the Melford port in Nova Scotia be developed or short sea shipping through the region continue to increase, the

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next phase of the inland port would include the coordinated development of new short rail and expanded trucking facilities along the Maumee River.

12. Planning for the Ohio Conference on Freight continued in the second semester. Development of the program content, sponsorship, marketing, and registration materials are on schedule. The conference continues to mature into a statewide event through the support of the Ohio Department of Transportation, the National Association of Regional Councils, and through the financial support of a broad base of local, state, and national agencies, and companies.



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## WORK PROGRAM NO. 60150 PEDESTRIAN & BIKEWAY PLANNING

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA /FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	LOCAL	OTHER	LOCAL	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$44,000	\$5,500	\$5,500				\$55,000
REVISED AMOUNT:							

	SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
	Semester Expenditure	\$29,936	\$40,402
	Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$29,936	\$70,338
	Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	54.43%	127.89%
	Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
	Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

### **Promised Products:**

1. Encourage local transportation alternatives through promotion of annual Bike To Work event. Disseminate promotional and educational materials through media promotion and the TMACOG website.
2. Distribute TMACOG’s Recreational Bicycle Facility User’s Guide and develop Bicycle User’s Pocket Guide.
3. Work with the newly formed Maumee Valley Alternative Transportation Alliance to assist their encouragement and development of increased bicycle commuting.
4. Provide staff and support for the Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee and hold a minimum of four meetings.
5. Support implementation of policies developed from the 2035 Plan.
6. Support regional bikeway development efforts and project teams including facilitating meetings of the Westside Corridor acquisition task force and the Wabash Cannonball coordinating committee.
7. Continue to help implement the regional signed bike route system as needed, and develop/distribute bicycle facility maps.
8. Continue to update the “Facilities User Guide” as appropriate and disseminate the information via the TMACOG website.
9. Provide technical information on incorporating pedestrian and bicycle access into transportation and development projects and information on available funding.
10. Keep current on the TMACOG website: principles for accommodating bicycle and pedestrian transportation, bikeway definitions and the regional bicycle/pedestrian plan.
11. Continue coordinating a bicycle and pedestrian counting program to acquire usage statistics on area facilities.

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. The Bike To Work activity is a second semester activity. Initial plans have been discussed with the Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee as well as an area Obesity Coalition taskforce.

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2. The Recreational Bicycle Facility User's Guide has been distributed through local government offices, area libraries and area bike shops. Development of the Bicycle User's Pocket Guide continues with planned distribution in the spring of 2009.
3. TMACOG is working to help publicize the MVATA's sponsored Bicycle Commuter Instructor training classes organized through the local YMCA.
4. Ongoing. Three Pedestrian and Bikeways committee meetings were held on July 22, October 21 and November 18 in the first semester.
5. Efforts on 2035 Plan initiatives continue to be ongoing.
6. Several meetings were held in the first semester with individual stakeholders including the University of Toledo, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, Wood County Port District, City of Toledo, ODOT, Norfolk Southern Railroad, and U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur. Issues addressed included review of the corridor appraisal, development of a transaction agreement, phasing of improvements, and funding of the local project share. The Trust for Public Lands has also developed a draft critical path schedule for implementing the project. The proposed routing for a north-south connector segment of the Wabash Cannonball trail system has been determined to be not feasible due to wetland issues and alternatives are being pursued.
7. The Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee had previously worked with area jurisdictions to design a plan for a regional signed bike routes. As jurisdictions undertake maintenance projects on the roadways that constitute components of the plan, they are encouraged to consider any upgrades that contribute to the viability and establishment of the bike routes. The Recreational Bicycle Facility User's Guide has been distributed through local government offices, area libraries and area bike shops. Development of the Bicycle User's Pocket Guide continues with planned distribution in the spring of 2009.
8. The Recreational Bicycle Facility User's Guide maps and information on facilities is a part of TMACOG's website. As changes occur with facilities and/or new facilities are created, the relevant information is updated on the website and will be utilized in subsequent future printed versions of the guide. As the Bicycle User's Pocket Guide is completed, similar efforts will be made to keep the information current.
9. Ongoing informational resource available to local jurisdictions planning new or updated facilities. Specific efforts included working with the City of Sylvania on development of a trail plan along the Ottawa River; work with the City of Toledo on continuation of development of their area bikeways; work with Springfield Township and the Village of Holland on routing and development of an Enhancement Project path within those communities; work with the Village of Whitehouse on planning and routing of a path within the recreational development in the village for application for the Enhancement Program; and work with the Metroparks of the Toledo Area on resolution of planned routing for an addition to the Wabash Cannonball Trail connections.
10. Ongoing effort to enhance the information available through the TMACOG website.
11. Coordination of efforts by local jurisdictions charged with oversight of area bike and pedestrian facilities.

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## Second Semester Progress:

1. The Bike to Work activity was expanded in 2009 to incorporate an entire week of Bike Week activities including Bike To Work and School, Bicycle Safety and Education displays in cooperation with the local libraries, Kids Bicycle Safety Day, Family Bike ride activities, and the annual Bike Ride to the Capitol. This year's events were very successful and participation significantly increased compared to 2007 and 2008.
2. The Recreational Bicycle Facility User's Guide has been distributed through local government offices, area libraries and area bike shops. Development of the Bicycle User's Pocket Guide was completed and distributed (refer to item 7 below). Future enhancements and publications will continue as feedback is received from users.
3. The MVATA's sponsored Bicycle Commuter Instructor training classes were organized through the local YMCA and fifteen instructors were certified to teach appropriate bicycle commuting skills to riders.
4. Ongoing. Three Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee meetings were held on January 13, April 21, and May 19 in the second semester.
5. A project application round for Enhancement projects within the TIP was conducted. Applications were received, reviewed, ranked, and selected projects were incorporated into the TMACOG TIP and Pipeline consistent with the goals of the 2035 Plan.
6. TMACOG continued to be engaged in several meetings among stakeholders including the University of Toledo, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, Wood County Park District, City of Toledo, ODOT, Norfolk Southern Railroad, Trust for Public Lands, and U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur for the acquisition of the Westside Corridor Rails to Trails property. In this semester, a cultural review of the Maumee River railroad bridge was completed, environmental testing protocol was established for the rail right of way, and title review work was performed for the property transfer. We also reviewed and provided input regarding a draft Use Agreement addressing future ownership, maintenance, and use of the trail.
7. The Pedestrian & Bikeways Committee continues to encourage area jurisdictions to implement the plan for regional signed bike routes. As jurisdictions undertake maintenance projects on the roadways that constitute components of the plan, they are encouraged to consider any upgrades that contribute to the viability and establishment of the bike routes. The Recreational Bicycle Facility User's Guide has been distributed through local government offices, area libraries and area bike shops. The first edition of the Bicycle User's Pocket Guide was distributed in the spring of 2009 in conjunction with Bike Week 2009.
8. The Recreational Bicycle Facility User's Guide maps and information on facilities is a part of TMACOG's website. As changes occur with facilities and/or new facilities are created, the relevant information has been updated on the website and will be utilized in subsequent future printed versions of the guide. The initial version of the Bicycle User's Pocket Guide was printed and enhancements and updates are a continuing effort to keep the information current.
9. Ongoing informational resources are available to local jurisdictions planning new or updated facilities. Specific efforts included working with the City of Sylvania on development of a trail plan along the Ottawa River; work with the City of Toledo on continuation of development of their area bikeways; work with Springfield Township and the Village of Holland on routing and development of an Enhancement Project path within those communities; work with the

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Village of Whitehouse on planning and routing of a path within the recreational development in the village for application for the Enhancement Program; and work with the Metroparks of the Toledo Area on resolution of potential routing for an addition to the Wabash Cannonball Trail connections. Also, TMACOG coordinated a review of design details by interested area stakeholders for a pedestrian/bikeways bridge replacement of a railroad bridge over I-475 under design by ODOT District 2.

10. Efforts continued to enhance the information available through the TMACOG website.
11. Where feasible, TMACOG's annual traffic counting program is attempting to incorporate usage counts on area bikeway facilities as part of the annual traffic counting program.

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## WORK PROGRAM NO. 60160 REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA/ FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	LOCAL Assess	OTHER Federal	Other LOCAL	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$81,600	\$10,200	\$10,200				\$102,000
REVISED AMOUNT:							\$42,000

SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure	\$21,084	\$26,134
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$21,084	\$47,218
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	20.67%	112.42%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	70%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	40%	100%

### **Promised Products:**

1. Complete analysis and recommendations regarding creation of a more region-wide transit system that reflects changing land use patterns, and convene stakeholders to consider alternatives.
2. Support implementation of the Mobility Alliance action plan for improving and increasing coordination of transportation for citizens with disabilities.
3. Assist local governments, transit providers and other stakeholders in addressing other Regional Transit Study recommendations and 2035 Plan priorities.
4. Assist stakeholders in addressing Regional Core Circulator Study recommendations.

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. Conducted a transit forum with area leaders (November), at which TARTA presented plans to respond to issues raised in previous forums by conducting a comprehensive operations analysis (COA). TMACOG staff served on the consultant selection committee for TARTA COA and also provided data for use in the COA (GIS information, socio-economic data, and locations/numbers of housing foreclosures). Results of the COA will be presented at a transit forum scheduled for February 2009.
2. Invited the Mobility Alliance to present their action plan for improving transportation for citizens with disabilities at the November 2008 transit forum. Hosted an alliance meeting to review progress on the action plan. The present challenge is securing funding for a TARPS rider alert system.
3. No activity.
4. No activity.

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## Second Semester Progress:

1. Two transit forums were held with area leaders. At the February forum, TARTA presented the results and recommendation from their first-ever comprehensive operations analysis (COA). Local mayors reported on constituent feedback at a final forum in April. TMACOG staff participated in two public meetings held by local jurisdictions on the issue of expanding transit to all of Lucas County, one of the major recommendations of the COA. After meeting with TARTA for clarification, staff prepared a summary of the key provisions of TARTA's proposed legislation that area jurisdictions would need to pass to implement a more regional system. TMACOG continues to meet with and assist TARTA and area jurisdictions as requested.
2. Staff participated in the annual meeting of the Mobility Alliance (June).
3. No activity.
4. Staff answered public and media inquiries about the Regional Core Circulator plan.

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## WORK PROGRAM NO. 60180 INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) PLANNING

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA/ FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	LOCAL	OTHER	LOCAL	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$8,000	\$1,000	\$1,000				\$10,000
REVISED AMOUNT:							

SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure	\$5,548	\$4,171
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$5,548	\$9,719
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	55.48%	97.19%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	50%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	75%

### **Promised Products:**

1. Complete an update of the ITS regional architecture.
2. Support/participate in ODOT's implementation of an ITS freeway management project.
3. Coordinate with stakeholders and ODOT to implement other ITS plan recommendations and ITS projects included in the regional transportation plan.
4. Provide staff and support for any committees or ad hoc groups needed to maintain the regional architecture or implement plan recommendations.

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. No activity this semester.
- 2./3. Staff organized a presentation to area stakeholders on emergency evacuation and the use of the planned freeway management system during such emergencies (Transportation Summit, September 2008). Presenters were from ODOT and local and state emergency management agencies. A second Transportation Summit workshop included speakers on use of solar power for roadway signage and weather information systems. Staff participated in a follow-up workshop on emergency evacuation organized by Lucas County Emergency Management Agency and hosted by ODOT District 2. Staff maintained contact with ODOT on FMS progress and requested a stakeholder meeting after the design consultant is on board in early calendar year 2009.
4. Staff continued to support the Systems Performance & Monitoring Committee, responsible for ITS oversight.

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## **Second Semester Progress:**

1. Staff reviewed the ITS regional architecture documentation and prepared an initial outline for the update process. Staff met with Federal Highway Administration staff regarding recommended procedure and reviewed the Dayton area MPO's recent architecture update process. Staff then prepared a more detailed update process document. During FY 2010, this draft process document will be reviewed with FHWA and ODOT District 2 staff and the architecture update will be completed.
2. Staff maintained contact with ODOT regarding progress on the freeway management system. After ODOT hired a design consultant for the FMS, TMACOG staff worked with ODOT to arrange for and develop an invitation list for a public stakeholder meeting to review the planned system. This meeting will be hosted by TMACOG in July 2009. Staff will also participate in a technical stakeholder meeting in July. Staff provided a media interview on how the FMS would benefit freight flow in the region.
3. In February, staff participated in a second multi-disciplinary regional evacuation workshop organized by Lucas County Emergency Management Agency and hosted by ODOT District 2.
4. Staff continued to support the Systems Performance & Monitoring Committee, responsible for ITS oversight. An update on ITS developments will be included in the July meeting of the committee.

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

1. The completion of the ITS regional architecture will occur during FY 2010.

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## WORK PROGRAM NO. 60190 TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA/ FTA	LOCAL Assess	ODOT	LOCAL	OTHER	LOCAL	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$17,600	\$2,200	\$2,200				\$22,000
REVISED AMOUNT:							

SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure	\$10,800	\$8,675
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$10,800	\$19,475
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	49.09%	88.52%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

### **Promised Products:**

1. Transportation service at member request.
2. Provide traffic projections from the travel demand model for studies and member project requests within 60 days following the start date of the project request.
3. Provide GIS maps at member request.
4. Demographic and socio-economic data at member request.

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. At the request of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority and with the support of ODOT staff, assisted in discussions to address concerns by local businesses regarding economic impact of the new special hauling permit fee structure for Michigan legal loads. Over a two-month period, participated in twelve meetings, performed research, analyzed data, and provided information that led to a negotiated fee structure that achieves a balance between commerce and system preservation.
2. There were no requests for traffic projections from the travel demand model for TMACOG members in this semester.
3. TMACOG staff provided GIS information and maps on at least 21 occasions to 16 different members including among others the Lucas County Auditor's Office (streets and boundaries map), SEMCOG (political boundaries, roadways, port locations), City of Sylvania (street, hydrology, land use, wetlands, bike routes, parcel boundaries), Sylvania Township (land use/zoning), Rails to Trails, ODOT District 2, Crossroads Stakeholders, Stantec (bike routes), Joint Intermodal Task Force (roadways, rail, zoning map), Toledo 20/20 Committee (rail map), Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (economic development maps, Michigan legal permit route map), Perrysburg (highway functional class and sewer district maps), University of Toledo (rail crossings, streets, and traffic counts), TARTA (parcel, land use and zoning), and Poggemeyer Design Group (highway functional class map).
4. With respect to demographic and socio-economic data, TMACOG staff provided information to the Sylvania Township Zoning office (TAZ and census data), Hull and Associates (various

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census maps), and to TARTA for the strategic plan study (TAZ, population, employment, housing data)

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. Presented at a public hearing and participated in several follow up meetings with stakeholders and ODOT related to implementation of the new special hauling permit fee structure for Michigan legal loads. At the request of several mayors and service directors, held a forum in April to discuss options to reduce winter deicing cost of regional highways through possible joint salt purchase agreement(s) and share best practices to minimize salt use.
2. Provided traffic projection from the travel demand model for Tetra Tech and Lucas County Engineer's Office proposed roundabout at the intersection of Brint and Mitchaw roads.
3. TMACOG staff provided data and maps on at least 13 occasions to 7 different members including among others the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (parcel, flood zone, and port facility maps), Toledo Chamber of Commerce (truck count data), LCIC (port facility, road and rail, pipeline, and zoning maps), Hull & Associates (rail lines, rail yards, and rail volume map, heavy haul route data), and Wood County Engineer's Office (traffic count data).
4. There were no requests for demographic or socio-economic data for this semester.

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 60200 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
(60210 Transportation Improvement Program Development)**

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA/ FTA	ODOT	OTHER Local	OTHER Federal	LOCAL Assess	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT: 60210	\$62,400	\$7,800	\$7,800			\$78,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						\$95,000

SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure	\$44,558	\$41,854
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$44,558	\$86,412
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	57.13%	90.96%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Prepare and approve the FY 2010-2013 TIP.
  - a. Send out application packages and solicit new projects.
  - b. Applications due at TMACOG.
  - c. Rank projects and develop draft program of projects.
  - d. Complete fiscal analysis.
  - e. Develop air quality model network/complete air quality analysis.
  - f. Complete first draft of TIP.
  - g. Complete environmental justice analysis.
  - h. Complete public involvement.
  - i. Submit final draft of TIP to Transportation Council.
  - j. Approval of final draft of TIP by TIP Committee, Transportation Council and Executive Committee.
2. Implement the conversion of the FoxPro TIP project database to the TELUS system from NJIT.
3. Publish the annual listing of highway, transit, pedestrian, and bikeway projects using federal funding in our area.
4. Evaluate projects for CMAQ eligibility and provide justification analysis studies.
5. Monitor and maintain the FY 2008-2011 TIP.
6. Provide staff and support for the TIP Committee meetings to manage the program.

**First Semester Progress:**

1. This year's bi-annual update of the TIP has been cancelled by ODOT. However TMACOG has solicited new project applications and will be ranking them internally for future projects in preparation for the next TIP update.
2. Ongoing evaluation of benefits.
3. Completed.
4. Ongoing. A new tracking program is being implemented to ensure compliance in this area.

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5. Ongoing.
6. TIP Committee meetings are scheduled for the fourth Monday of every month. In order to not unnecessarily impose on Committee members' time, occasionally when there is no formal business to conduct a meeting may be cancelled. Meetings were held in the first semester of FY2009 on August 25, September 22, October 27, and December 15.

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. The TIP Committee accepted new project applications; however, with the ongoing emphasis on the ARRA Transportation Project allocation process, the original TIP applications have been put on hold pending a decision by ODOT regarding the preparation of a new FY2010-2013 TIP. Another round of project applications was solicited for projects appropriate to the "shovel ready" concept of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Sixty-two applications were received, evaluated, scored and ranked for selection. Fifteen projects were subsequently selected and programmed by TMACOG that would meet the ARRA requirements for TMACOG's sub-allocation of \$11,755,512.
2. After internal review of processes, it has been determined that there is no significant benefit at this time to be derived by conversion from the pre-existing FoxPro database system utilized by TMACOG to the TELUS system. TMACOG uses the information available from the ELLIS and other sources to incorporate data into an Excel base tracking system for TIP and STIP projects within the transportation planning area.
3. Completed in First Semester.
4. Efforts continue to track CMAQ-eligible projects and ensure that the appropriate eligibility and justification documents are completed and approved by ODOT and the FHWA. Reviews of eligibility justification for 11 CMAQ projects were prepared and submitted in FY2009.
5. This is a continuously ongoing process for the TIP Committee to take advantage of situations that may arise requiring additional allocated funding and/or where funding may be redirected into existing TIP projects or projects accelerated from the TIP Pipeline.
6. TIP Committee meetings are scheduled for the fourth Monday of every month. In order to not unnecessarily impose on Committee members' time, occasionally a meeting may be cancelled when there is no formal business to conduct. Five meetings were held in the second semester of FY2009 on February 23, March 23, March 30, April 27, and June 22. In FY2009 TMACOG also began to incorporate Bill Best, Vice President of Finance into the workings of the TIP Committee so as to broaden the fiscal oversight of the program.

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## WORK PROGRAM NO. 60200 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (60220 Transportation Improvement Program Management\*\*)

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA/ FTA	ODOT	OTHER Local	OTHER Federal	LOCAL Assess	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:			\$4,500	\$80,000	\$15,500	\$100,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure	\$28,412	\$71,991
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$28,412	\$100,403
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	28.41%	100.40%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	80%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	40%	100%

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

### Promised Products:

1. Prepare four program monitoring reports with actions needed to keep projects on schedule.
2. Complete FY 2010 “lock down” in cooperation with ODOT District 2 staff.
3. Design and develop a TIP project management system. Design procedures to import Ellis reports from ODOT and incorporate them into the Ellis system.
4. Proactive management of TMACOG sub-allocation funding to actively pursue project schedules, track adherence to project development commitment dates, and notify project sponsors of missed commitment dates.
5. Work with project sponsors and ODOT District 2 to schedule project sales with quarterly goals of 20 percent, 30 percent, 30 percent, and 20 percent of projects sold in the respective quarters of the fiscal year.
6. Work with project sponsors and ODOT District 2 to identify reservoir of projects ready to be sold totaling 25 percent of current year allocation.
7. Monitor ODOT Ellis system and notify ODOT of inconsistencies that are found between Ellis and TMACOG TIP project schedules and funding.

### First Semester Progress:

1. Regular monitoring sessions are held with project sponsors and District 2 ODOT to review projects. A comprehensive monitoring report is completed for each session. Two monitoring sessions were held in the first semester.
2. Ongoing.
3. Research into this item is ongoing as time is available.
4. Ongoing. TIP projects in the TMACOG region continue to be delivered on time or in an accelerated fashion.
5. Ongoing successful effort.
6. Ongoing effort.

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7. Ongoing coordination of information between project sponsors, ODOT District 2, and TMACOG.

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. Regular monitoring sessions are held with project sponsors and ODOT District 2 to review projects. A comprehensive monitoring report is completed for each session. In the second semester two monitoring sessions were held, the second of which included tracking of ARRA projects.
2. Completed.
3. The TMACOG TIP utilizes information obtained through the Ellis System as well as other sources for inclusion into the database of TIP and STIP projects monitored for the TMACOG transportation planning area. At the present time, it has been found that use of Excel spreadsheets provides the greatest flexibility of data handling for the information related to the programs. It is not currently anticipated that the data will be converted into the TELUS system.
4. Ongoing. TIP projects in the TMACOG region continue to be successfully delivered on time or in an accelerated fashion.
5. Ongoing successful effort.
6. Ongoing successful effort.
7. Ongoing coordination of information between project sponsors, ODOT District 2, and TMACOG. Regular updates of project information are communicated between ODOT District 2 and TMACOG.

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## WORK PROGRAM NO. 60500 CONTINUING PLANNING - SURVEILLANCE (60510 Data Collection and Management)

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA/ FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	LOCAL Assess	OTHER	LOCAL	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$170,245	\$21,281	\$21,281				\$212,806
REVISED AMOUNT:							\$151,686

SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure	\$76,748	\$73,895
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$76,748	\$150,643
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	36.06%	99.31%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

### **Promised Products:**

1. Complete the traffic-counting identified on the state system as identified by ODOT for priority traffic counting locations in FY 2008 (about 200 locations remaining).
2. Produce a FY 2009 Traffic Flow map with all the latest information.
3. Work with consultants to have them provide us the count files to be uploaded on the TCDS website.
4. Design procedures to import ELLIS reports from ODOT and incorporate them into the TIP system.
5. Update the database that organizes all transportation data (ODOT inventory system, network inputs, counts, TIP projects, forecasts, etc.).
6. Maintain and update socio-economic data files for the transportation study area.
7. Maintain and update network data files including newly constructed project information.
8. Maintain and update traffic count database.
9. Maintain and update GIS data (roads, political boundaries, census etc.).
10. Mapping needs, as required, to assist various transportation committees and events.
11. Continue to work with local jurisdictions to use the TCDS software to upload counts into the traffic count website.

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. No activity. Will work with ODOT in conjunction with safety directive to update counts beginning spring 2009.
2. Postponed to spring 2009.
3. Complete. ODOT files have been added to TCDS.
4. Ongoing research into the applicability and efficiency of this goal.
5. Updated the transportation data with 2008 ODOT LRS (linear referencing system) road network, and with a new Wood County street network with LRS capabilities.
6. There were no socio-economic data updates for this semester.

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7. Ongoing.
8. Ongoing.
9. GIS data acquired or updated: ODOT roads, rails, and boundaries, Wood County streets, Monroe County streets, Hillsdale County roads, rails, and boundaries, Metroparks of the Toledo Area boundaries, port facilities, rail yards and crossings, truck counts, land use, foreign trade zones, heavy truck permit routes, foreclosure locations, pipelines, and power lines.
10. Continued work on creating a website map gallery. Created maps of bike routes, truck counts, rail grade separations, and NHS connector routes for use in displays at the Transportation Summit and Ohio Conference on Freight. Created a comprehensive freight facility map for the Port Authority and for TMACOG freight planning. Updated the heavy truck routes map and added a map of routes in Fulton and Williams counties. Created several maps for the Norfolk Southern rail corridor abandonment study, and a map of roads, rails, and zoning for the Joint Intermodal Task Force.
11. Ongoing.

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. We received a database from ODOT of traffic count locations along screen lines (to validate the travel demand model) and HPMS routes in April 2009. Thus, TMACOG staff and jurisdictions with traffic counting programs are focusing efforts to obtain counts at these locations within a specific time period (screen lines are to be obtained from 2009-2011 and HPMS counts are to be obtained from 2009-2014). As of June 30, 2009 we have obtained 94 screen lines (out of 374) and 53 HPMS counts (out of 970).
2. An online version of the 2009 traffic flow map is being produced by a consultant, Midwestern Software Solutions. (*see below: Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Actions*)
3. No activity. We did not receive any traffic count data files from consultants of member jurisdictions for uploading in this semester.
4. After investigation of alternative processes to the existing FoxPro database system that has been utilized by TMACOG for the tracking of TIP and STIP projects, it has been determined that TMACOG will be able to function effectively through utilization of Microsoft spreadsheets and database products to incorporate input from ODOT's Ellis system and other sources of data in the management of information related to TIP and STIP projects within the MPO transportation planning area. Work is beginning to transfer the information to those systems to allow for preparation of the next iteration of the four-year TIP when so directed by ODOT.
5. Ongoing. We updated the transportation database with a traffic count database and shape file containing 2008 counts.
6. Ongoing. There were no socio-economic data updates available for this semester.
7. Ongoing. There were no updates to the network data files for this semester. The network files were last updated in conjunction with the 2035 Plan and 2008-2011 TIP.
8. Ongoing. Counts performed by TMACOG staff are being uploaded to the website within a day of being obtained in the field.
9. GIS data acquired or updated in this semester: ODOT highway construction data; Ohio data (U.S. State Congressional districts, state Senate districts); Indiana data (counties, highways,

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rivers, railroads, municipal boundaries); Michigan data (highways, railroads, U.S./State Congressional districts, state Senate districts, watersheds, cities/villages); Ontario data (cities, highways); Wood County (centerlines, hydrology, municipal boundaries); Lucas County ARIES data; TARTA routes and stops; various economic development organization boundary shape files (such as NORED and RGP); various state agency boundary shape files (such as ODOT, ODNR, EPA); Lake Erie watersheds; aerial photography (Wood County and Monroe County).

10. A total of 27 maps were placed on the website map gallery during this semester and are categorized under transportation, boundaries, demographics, and environment. All but three of these maps were either new or were existing maps that were updated for content and/or appearance reasons. There were eight maps created related to freight transportation for the Freight Committee (and on display at National Train Day). A map of suggested bike routes was created for Bike Week activities. New county boundary and legislative boundary maps were created for the TMACOG Directory of Public Officials. A series of maps showing the boundaries of various economic development organizations and state agencies was created for TMACOG's orientation meeting. Various transportation and freight maps were created to support economic development efforts for the Port Authority, LCIC, and the Intermodal Task Force.
11. Ongoing. Counts are uploaded to the traffic count website as they are received from member jurisdictions with counting programs.

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

2. The contract execution with the consultant, Midwestern Software Solutions, was delayed due to budget limitations. Data necessary for the project was sent to the consultant in June 2009. The contract was executed July 15, 2009 and work as of July 29, 2009 is 100% complete.



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## WORK PROGRAM NO. 61000 LONG RANGE PLANNING

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA / FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	MI/ FHWA	LOCAL	LOCAL ASSESS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT: Ohio	\$87,104	\$10,888	\$10,888				\$108,880
Michigan				\$28,746		\$6,374	\$35,120
REVISED AMOUNT:							

	SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure	Ohio:	\$53,424	\$46,283
	Michigan:	\$17,232	\$14,929
Year-to-Date Expenditure	Ohio:	\$53,424	\$99,707
	Michigan:	\$17,232	\$32,161
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	Ohio:	49.07%	91.58%
	Michigan:	49.07%	91.58%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	Ohio:	90%	100%
	Michigan:	90%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	Ohio:	45%	100%
	Michigan:	45%	100%

### **Promised Products:**

1. Prepare a 2035 Plan progress chart and a table measuring progress on implementing 2035 Plan goals.
2. Update the FY 2008 white paper outlining priorities, partners, and strategies for implementing 2035 Plan initiatives (studies, other regional actions) and work on at least one initiative.
3. Assist in preparation of a Bedford Township (Michigan) transportation plan. (element 61101)
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. Provide staff support for at least four meetings of the Transportation Planning Committee.

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. Staff consulted with potential 2035 Plan project sponsors and developed a project progress chart. The Transportation Planning Committee approved the final set of measures to be used in assessing progress on implementing 2035 Plan goals.
2. TMACOG staff continued work on 2035 Plan initiatives including the public transit-related initiatives (see Element 60160) and Lake Erie West Global Logistics Hub initiative (see 60140). In addition, steps were taken in the Safety and Security Coordination initiative by holding a Transportation Summit workshop on the need to coordinate transportation assets for emergency evacuation (see 60180).

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3. No activity. This planning effort has not yet started.
4. Presentations on the 2035 Plan were given to Wood County Economic Development Commission, the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commissions, and ODOT District 2 staff.
5. Staff is participating as a resource in a series of City of Toledo 2020 Plan update meetings.
6. Three Transportation Planning Committee meetings were held. Agenda items included work on finalizing the 2035 Plan goal measures and the project progress chart, updates on major highway projects, and presentations on TMACOG's new congestion management process and current freight transportation developments in the region.

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. Staff reviewed the 2035 Plan goal measures, and developed data for selected measures, including pavement condition, bridge condition, bikeway mileage, transit and rail ridership, and crash data. The data will be presented to the Planning Committee at its first meeting of FY 2010.
2. TMACOG staff work on initiatives included focus on public transit-related (see Element 60160), the Lake Erie West Global Logistics Hub (see 60140), and the system preservation process (see 61500). A table documenting progress on initiatives was completed and presented to the Transportation Planning Committee.
3. No activity. This planning effort has not yet started.
4. Presentations on the 2035 Plan were given to the TMACOG Environmental Council and to Monroe Road Elementary School students.
5. Staff continues to participate as a resource in a series of City of Toledo 2020 Plan update meetings. Also met with planning consultant and provided information regarding preparation of the University of Toledo Strategic Land Use Plan.
6. Two Transportation Planning Committee meetings were held. Agenda topics included the federal stimulus funding, Ohio's 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force report, and progress on 2035 Plan initiatives.

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

3. The Bedford Township transportation plan did not proceed because of Monroe County Road Commission staffing changes and lack of county funds. TMACOG is in discussion with Monroe County about a possible shift to participation in a rural transit needs survey.

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## WORK PROGRAM NO. 61500 CONTINUING PLANNING – PROCEDURAL DEVELOPMENT (61520 Modeling and Forecasting)

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA/ FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	LOCAL Assess	OTHER	LOCAL	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$91,200	\$11,400	\$11,400				\$114,000
REVISED AMOUNT:							

SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure	\$62,311	\$45,883
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$62,311	\$108,194
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	54.66%	94.91%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

### Promised Products:

1. Study the preliminary results of the pavement condition data used in the 2035 Plan development and refine it further to include Michigan data and build a model to forecast future pavement condition.
  - a) Research pavement deterioration rates.
  - b) Build a model to forecast future pavement condition.
  - c) Report list of catch-up projects and recommendations about funding requirements by jurisdiction. Report steady state funding by jurisdiction.
2. Work with one of the local jurisdictions to help them establish a pavement management system.
3. Work on the transit model to test alternatives from the transit forum discussions.
4. Work with census/CTPP to provide an up-to-date TAZ layer for upcoming census 2010 work.
5. Work with area jurisdictions to enable additional familiarization and/or training in the use of roundabouts.
6. Provide traffic projection results to members as needed.
7. Provide staff and support for System Performance and Monitoring Committee meetings.
8. Continue to develop annual pavement condition report for all the federal aid routes.

### First Semester Progress:

1. Work on this item has been delayed due to the maternity leave of the staff member involved in the project.
2. TMACOG is working with the Village of Waterville to design and implement a pavement management system based upon the ODOT process that will provide a translatable methodology to other area jurisdictions.
3. No activity due to the fact TARTA is conducting its own comprehensive operational analysis.
4. The Census Bureau has pushed back the deadline to TAZ updates to 2012 until after the 2010 Census counts have been released. However, staff is working with Lucas, Wood and Ottawa

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- counties to update census tract and block group boundaries at the request of the Census Bureau.
5. Lucas County is in the design process of the first modern roundabout within the region. After construction, TMACOG will work with Lucas County to educate other area jurisdiction on lessons learned.
  6. Ongoing.
  7. The System Performance and Monitoring Committee held two meetings this semester on August 14 and October 14, 2008.
  8. Ongoing coordination of data.

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. Ongoing. Staff coordinated with ODOT District 2 in regards to the specific modeling element of this product. TMACOG researched the use of existing models, which include PMIS used at Central Office and Detour used at District 2. Because the two models provide different future rating outputs, TMACOG will not develop a third model for the use of determining future pavement conditions. Instead, staff is in the process of developing a methodology to identify the list of catch-up projects within each jurisdiction. This will be accomplished, through the aid of a GIS, by examining and utilizing ODOT pavement condition data ratings obtained in 2007. The prepared jurisdictional maps and corresponding analyses will aid in the process of identifying and reporting on catch-up projects; furthermore, reports on funding will be accomplished by establishing a timeline of construction needs based on pavement condition ratings. Expect completion by June 2010.
2. Ongoing. Staff completed the pavement inventory within the Village of Waterville and is in the process of producing a report containing the pavement condition ratings on all of the streets. Staff will meet with the Village to determine if they wish to move forward with the next phase of establishing a pavement management system.
3. No activity as TARTA retained an independent consultant, Parsons Brinkerhoff, to perform modeling and complete a transit comprehensive operational analysis.
4. The Census Bureau has pushed back the deadline for TAZ updates to 2012 until after the 2010 Census counts have been released. Staff has completed working with Lucas, Wood, and Ottawa counties and submitted the updated census tract and block group boundaries to the Census Bureau.
5. Following completion of the King and Nebraska roundabout now under construction, TMACOG will work with Lucas County to educate other area jurisdictions on lessons learned.
6. Ongoing. TMACOG provided traffic projection results from the travel demand model for Tetra Tech and Lucas County Engineer's Office related to the roundabout to be constructed at the intersection of Brint and Mitchaw roads.
7. The System Performance and Monitoring Committee held four meetings this semester on January 15, March 19, May 14, and June 3.
8. Ongoing coordination of data. A map containing the pavement condition ratings on federal aid routes was created in August 2009.

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 67400 TRANSIT  
(67490 TARTA Short Range Planning Program\*)**

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA/ FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	LOCAL	OTHER	SECTION 5307	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$250,000	\$62,500				\$250,000	\$312,500
REVISED AMOUNT:							

	SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
	Semester Expenditure	\$271,899	\$439,995
	Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$271,899	\$711,894
	Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	87%	100%
	Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
	Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	50%	100%

**Promised Products\*:**

1. Preparation of 2009 Program of Projects.
2. Planning for the purchase of 35’ - 40’ transit vehicles as part of the bus replacement program.
3. Planning for the purchase of replacement small buses for the TARPS paratransit service.
4. Complete and submit the annual Capital Plan for Transit Improvements.
5. Market and evaluate Spencer Twp., Rossford, and Waterville Flex-Route services.
6. Market and evaluate the success of the Toledo Mud Hens service.
7. PTMS Report Update.
8. Certification of Data.
9. National Transit Database Report.
10. Investigated and instituted service changes as necessary.
11. Attendance at scheduled Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMACOG) meetings.
12. Provide input on the transit items involving TMACOG TIP and long range transportation planning activities.
13. Market special TARTA events and/or special fares: Environment Awareness, Bike to Work Week, along with regular TARTA services.
14. Planning for the implementation of annual Art in TARTA program projects.

\* Funded through TARTA Section 5307 funding.

**First Semester Progress:**

1. 2009 Program of Projects completed in September of 2008.
2. Planning for an additional Ten – 35’ LF replacement buses was conducted in this period.
3. Planning for the TARPS’ ADA paratransit service vehicle replacement/expansion was conducted in this period.

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4. The annual Capital Plan for Transit Improvements was completed through December 2008.
5. Marketed and evaluated Spencer Twp., Rossford, Perrysburg, and Waterville Flex-routes through December 2008.
6. Marketed and monitored the operation of the Toledo Mud Hens service in the second half of the 2008 season.
7. PTMS Report was completed as scheduled.
8. The Certification of Data was submitted by the scheduled deadline.
9. The National Transit Database Report was submitted by the scheduled deadline.
10. Service changes continued to be investigated and instituted through December 2008, including initial Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) activity toward the end of the reporting period.
11. Attended scheduled Metropolitan Planning Organization meetings through December 2008.
12. Transit input was provided to TMACOG for TIP and long range transportation planning issues through December 2008.
13. The marketing of TARTA's special events and/or special fares: Bike to Work Week, Election Day, Elderly and Disabled Person's Awareness Day, Going Green with Transit promotions, Burb to Burb Express service promotion, and regular TARTA service campaigns through December 2008.
14. Planning was conducted for the implementation of the annual Art in TARTA transit enhancement activities through December 2008.

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

No significant delays or problems were encountered during the reporting period.

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. 2009 Program of Projects was completed in September of 2008.
2. Planning for eighteen 35' LF replacement buses was funded through ARRA (15) and ODOT (3), as well as ten <30' LTV replacement buses was conducted in this period.
3. Planning for the TARPS ADA paratransit service vehicle replacement/expansion program eleven buses funded through ARRA, was conducted in this period.
4. The annual Capital Plan for Transit improvements was completed through June 2009 due to the ARRA legislation.
5. Marketed and evaluated: Sylvania, Spenser Twp., Rossford, Perrysburg, Maumee, and Waterville Flex-routes through June 2009.
6. Marketed and monitored the operation of the Toledo Mud Hens service in the first half of the 2009 season.
7. PTMS report was completed as scheduled.
8. The Certification of data was submitted as scheduled.
9. The National Transit Database Report was submitted as scheduled.
10. Service changes continued to be investigated and instituted through June 2009 in conjunction with the findings and recommendations of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) study that was completed in the reporting period.

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11. Attended scheduled Metropolitan Planning Organization meetings through June 2009.
12. Transit input was provided to TMACOG for TIP and long range transportation planning issues through June 2009.
13. The marketing of TARTA's special events and/or special fares: Bike to Work Week, Election Day, Elderly and Disabled Persons' Awareness Day, Going Green with Transit promotions, Burb to Burb Express service promotion, and regular TARTA service campaigns through June 2009.
14. Planning was conducted for the implementation of the annual Art in TARTA transit enhancement activities through June.

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

No significant delays or problems were encountered during the reporting period.



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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 69700 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM REPORTING  
(69710 Transportation Policy Committee Reporting and Administration)  
(69720 Transportation Summit)**

FUNDING SOURCES: <b>69710</b>	FHWA/ FTA	LOCAL ASSES	ODOT	LOCAL ASSES	OTHER LOCAL	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$47,722	\$5,965	\$5,965			\$59,653
REVISED AMOUNT:						

SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure	\$13,924	\$40,307
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$13,924	\$54,231
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	31.57%	90.91%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%	100%

FUNDING SOURCES: <b>69720</b>	FHWA/ FTA	LOCAL ASSES	ODOT	LOCAL ASSES	OTHER LOCAL	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$20,000	\$2,500	\$2,500			\$40,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure	\$42,167	\$70
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$42,167	\$42,237
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	105.42%	105.59%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed	99%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	99%	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Convene the 2008 Ohio Conference on Freight to provide information and exchange ideas on strengthening intermodal freight transportation.
2. Convene a TMACOG Transportation Summit to coordinate area activities and provide current information to stakeholders. (Element 69720)
3. Review and update the TMACOG Transportation website.
4. Support further development of University of Toledo Intermodal Transportation Institute (UT ITI).
5. Provide staff and support for the Transportation Council. Complete the Annual Work Program.
6. Maintain environmental justice and public involvement in transportation planning at TMACOG, in accordance with TMACOG's public involvement policy document (which will

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be updated as needed).

## **First Semester Progress:**

1. The second Ohio Conference on Freight, co-sponsored by the National Association of Regional Councils, was held on September 15 through 17, 2008. The keynote speaker was Mortimer Downey, Chairman of the Board of PB Consult, Inc. and former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation, who spoke regarding the next federal transportation bill. Approximately 200 attended the three-day conference with workshops that focused on two tracks - freight movement and workforce development. Evaluations received from conference participants favorably rated the information presented (excellent or good), and provided suggestions for topics and venue selection for next year. Also, next year, the conference will engage other Ohio MPOs that have requested the opportunity to participate in the program development as well.
2. The Summit was held September 15 prior to the 2008 Ohio Conference on Freight. Presentations on transportation safety and security, green transportation, transportation and economic development, and transportation funding were included. Approximately 200 attended this event but unlike the conference on freight, the Summit attendees were more from NW Ohio.
3. The website was reviewed and updated with new tabs and drop down menus provided to make navigation by the public more intuitive. Also, technical aspects of the website software were revised to speed access to maps, data, and information on the site.
4. TMACOG staff coordinated efforts and interacted with the UT ITI on several regional matters including the Joint Intermodal Task Force for Transportation and Logistics, development of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority facilities, presenter at the Ohio Conference on Freight, Transportation Leadership Forum, regional intermodal development with Norfolk Southern, and development of the Westside CSX corridor for intercampus transportation. TMACOG staff also supported the continued research activities funded through the MIOH UTC.
5. Transportation Council met five times this semester. These meetings were supported with minutes, agenda, briefings, etc. During this semester, one staff member went on maternity leave and is expected to return to work in late January 2009. Also, a contract to provide support for traffic and modeling services was amended with Sujatha Mohanakrishnan to extend through December 31, 2009. All business is current.
6. Ongoing. Participated in the FHWA webinar for Title VI/DBE compliance. Contracts were reviewed and updated accordingly for compliance.

## **Second Semester Progress:**

1. The 2008 Ohio Conference on Freight took place as scheduled during the first semester. In the second semester, staff and consultants prepared for the next Ohio Conference on Freight to be held in September of 2009. This fall's conference is being co-hosted by the Ohio Department of Transportation, the National Association of Regional Councils, and TMACOG. Several new participants to the 2009 Conference include the Cleveland Port Authority, the National

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Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Canadian National Consulate. The conference will feature 19 sessions on statewide topics including the ARRA stimulus bill and its impact on Ohio, economic importance of the St. Lawrence Seaway, innovative freight movement solutions using new technologies, and development of the I-70 corridor through Ohio to name a few.

2. Completed during first semester. Planning for the FY 2010 event will begin next semester.
3. Transportation committee pages on the website were updated and reformatted for consistency. Several additional maps were posted to the online map gallery.
4. Staff attended meetings and provided assistance as requested by the ITI director. Primary efforts were devoted to development of a new intermodal site in Lucas County and coordination of planning for transportation and research at the University of Toledo.
5.
  - a. Six meetings of the Transportation Council were held in the second semester; the sixth and last being a joint TMACOG/SEMCOG meeting held in Dundee, Michigan. These meetings were supported with minutes, agenda, briefings, etc. The FY 2010 AWP was completed and a coordination meeting held with ODOT staff.
  - b. A FY 2009 AWP amendment was also adopted to adjust expenses that were below expected budgeted amounts for the Regional Public Transportation Planning and Continuing Planning – Surveillance. Under runs from the above items were distributed to offset increased costs for the Safety Study, Freight Planning, Transportation Improvement Program, and Transportation Summit.
  - c. In accordance with the recommendations of the planning certification review conducted by FHWA and ODOT in 2008, a new Memorandum of Understanding was prepared and executed by TMACOG and TARTA.
  - d. With respect to staff, an agreement for contract services was renewed for a one-year period to allow further software training of another individual related to traffic demand modeling. All staff evaluations and other administrative tasks were completed as required.
6. Ongoing. TMACOG invited and encouraged community participation in a wide variety of meetings and events, including transit forums, meetings on passenger rail, ITS, and intermodal freight planning initiatives.



# **COMMUTER SERVICES**



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## 70000 COMMUTER SERVICES

**WORK PROGRAM NO. 73100 SHARE A RIDE  
74100 SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION**

FUNDING SOURCES:	FHWA /FTA	LOCAL	ODOT	OTHER FEDERAL	OTHER LOCAL	TOTAL*
SHARE A RIDE 73100				\$112,836		\$112,836
SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION 74100	\$5,600	\$700	\$700			\$7,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

<b>Share A Ride 73100</b>			
	SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure		\$50,331	\$59,609
Year-to-Date Expenditure		\$50,331	\$109,940
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended		44.61%	97.43%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed		100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed		50%	100%

<b>Specialized Transportation. 74100</b>			
	SEMESTER:	FIRST	SECOND
Semester Expenditure		\$4,304	\$1,533
Year-to-Date Expenditure		\$4,304	\$5,837
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended		61.48%	83.39%
Semester Percentage of Work Completed		100%	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed		80%	100%

\* 73100, Share A Ride, is funded through TMACOG STP funding through the TIP

### Promised Products:

#### **73100 Share A Ride**

Share A Ride is a computer matching service that matches registered commuters who live and work in the same area to form carpools and/or vanpools. This element is funded through a separate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding (PID # 76595), and is not part of Consolidated Planning Grant Funds at TMACOG. **CMAQ funding is provided through TMACOG-managed funds allocated through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), PID # 76417.**

### **Specific Products:**

1. Annual review of the Share A Ride database.
2. Expand the Share A Ride database by five percent through presentations, campaigns, and community events.

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3. Contact twelve (12) employers throughout the year regarding the benefits of offering commuting alternatives to their employees.
4. Partner with the Ozone Action Program to foster a greater awareness of the importance of air quality issues and the impact of the single occupant vehicle (SOV) on air quality.
5. Increase awareness of all the programs in the Commuter Services Department through marketing and promotional programs.
6. Work with CommuterLINK to provide carpool information to individuals making the transition from welfare to work, the working poor, and those who face transportation challenges.
7. Maintain the Commuter Services information on TMACOG's website so that it is consistent with marketing efforts being used to promote the department's programs.
8. Participate in and support the Gas Cap Testing 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.
9. Market the Guaranteed Ride Home Program (GRHP)

### **First Semester Progress:**

1. The annual review of the date base will be complete by June 30, 2009.
2. All campaigns are now promoting Share A Ride registration and reports on line.
3. Employee campaigns were reduced due to part-time staff in FY 2009.
4. All of the Ozone Action promotion connects the benefits of air quality through carpooling. TMACOG's rideshare staff also serves on the Air Quality Committee as a liaison between the ozone and rideshare programs.
5. The Share A Ride promotional materials include the Commuter Services programs.
6. All Commuter Link clients receive Share A Ride information.
7. Information is maintained and updated on our website.
8. Share A Ride information is incorporated in all of the Gas Cap Replacement Program promotions.
9. The GRHP service is highlighted as a benefit in all of the market efforts.

### **Second Semester Progress:**

1. The annual review of the database was completed on June 29, 2009. Letters were mailed to each person registered in the Share A Ride database asking for updated contact information and answers to a few survey questions. Those individuals who responded to the mailing were kept in the database.
2. All external outreach promotes the registration online.
3. Employee campaigns are reduced due to part-time staff in FY 09.
4. Air quality issues such as ozone season are connected to Share A Ride promotions.
5. Commuter services programs are linked to the Share A Ride campaign materials.
6. All CommuterLINK and Car Buy clients receive Share A Ride information.
7. Our website is maintained and updated with Commuter Services and Share A Ride information.
8. The Gas Cap Replacement Program promotions include Share A Ride information.

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9. The Guaranteed Ride Home program is a marketing tool in the Share A Ride campaigns.

## **Promised Products:**

### **74100 Specialized Transportation**

1. Continue to monitor the maintenance and use of Specialized Transportation Program (Section 5310) vehicles in accordance with ODOT requirements.
2. Administer the Specialized Transportation Program grant process, following procedures set by ODOT.
3. Work to increase the quality and quantity of applications for Specialized Transportation Program funds.

## **First Semester Progress:**

1. There were 4 vehicles inspected as part of the annual vehicle inspection program.
2. TMACOG mailed notification of the announced 2009 funding round to approximately 150 local entities. There were 4 agencies that were approved for the full application package and staff worked with them to complete the application. TMACOG again coordinated the publication of a public notice for applicants.
3. Staff attended an ODOT training session to better understand the 5310 process, the application package, and the available vehicles to help local agencies with their application packages.

## **Second Semester Progress:**

1. There were four vehicles inspected in June as part of the annual vehicle inspection program.
2. A grant review committee was assembled to review full grant submittals. The committee scored and ranked the projects per the ODOT guidelines. The application scoring sheets were submitted to ODOT for their review and final award selection.
3. TMACOG staff and president communicate the program to agencies and organizations in the area at workshops, event, meetings and other such occasions.

