

Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG)

PASSENGER RAIL COMMITTEE

Monday, April 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

TMACOG Boardroom

PROPOSED AGENDA

- 10:00 **I. Introductions; approve agenda and January notes** --Chairman Patrick Miller
- 10:10 **II. Results of “Fastest Train” Presentation: Washington, DC meeting in the works** --TMACOG staff; Stu Nicholson, Ohio Rail Development Commission
- Pursuing Congresswoman Kaptur’s call to “bring states together to build the northern corridor.” →Discussion: how can we support this effort?
- (If you missed the program, see slides and video links at http://www.tmacog.org/what_is_hot_tmacog.htm)
- 10:25 **III. Response to Governor’s letter** -- Meeting participants
- Letter from Governor Strickland* requests that Amtrak analyze possible rail service, Cincinnati – Columbus – Cleveland. (Also review *news release*)
- TMACOG Transportation Council requests this committee’s comments and recommendation
- 10:40 **IV. National Train Day, Saturday, May 10 in Toledo** --Bill Gill, Beth McCray
- A fun and informative event is shaping up for the Toledo Amtrak station (see *flier and release*).
- Volunteers needed.
- 10:55 **V. Light Rail: Part of our region’s future?** --Jerry Wicks, Professor Emeritus, BGSU
- The Bombardier diesel-powered O-Train has low start-up cost, internal power source, proven reliability. Can we link Toledo-Bowling Green? (See *note with web links*)
- 11:25 **VI. Projects in Progress -- reports on new developments**
- A. Michigan update --Patrick Miller, Lee Markham; John Guidinger
- B. Rail Users Network; All Aboard Ohio --Bill Gill, Beth McCray
- C. MLK Station Environs Plan– Redevelopment plan partnership --Staff
- D. Ann Arbor-Detroit Commuter Rail Demo --Patrick Miller
- 11:50 **VII. Announcements, Other Business**
- 4th Annual Rail/Transit Legislative Summit, Columbus, Wed., April 30: register at www.allaboardohio.org/
 - September 15: TMACOG Transportation Summit
 - September 16-17: Ohio Conference on Freight
- 12:00 **VIII. Adjourn**

NEXT MEETING: July 28, 2008

Meeting Schedule for 2008

Full Committee	Last Monday, first month of each quarter, 10:00 a.m. (at TMACOG): 2008—January 28, April 28, July 28, October 27
Steering Committee	As needed one month prior to the full committee meeting.
“Fastest Train in the World”: High Speed Rail Presentation	Thursday, March 27, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., The Toledo Club
2008 Transportation Summit and Ohio Conference on Freight	September 15 (Summit) and September 16-17 (Conference), SeaGate Convention Centre, Toledo.