



**TMACOG Passenger Rail Committee**  
Wednesday, August 9, 2017 – 2:30 p.m.  
TMACOG Boardroom

**Minutes**

1. **Convene meeting/introductions/notes** – Patrick Miller convened the meeting. Notes were accepted with a motion from Tom Galloway, seconded by Tim Porter.
2. **Discussion Items**
  - Administrative committee items – Roger Shope needs to be contacted to see if he can still serve. Tom Galloway offered to serve as Vice Chair if necessary. The committee would like to review the operating procedures next meeting.
  - Fall Forum – Would like it in October but have not secured a speaker yet
  - Transportation Summit topics – Transit and demographics that are attracted by good transit; Joint Powers of Authority; Champaign-Urbana university line; connections between hospitals/universities; street cars; millennials – getting and keeping them; eco-friendly transportation
  - Maumee Rail Bridge – Need an engineering study to see if it would be feasible to repair or replace; bridge is only critical for Amtrak, CSX has alternate routes, neither has interest
  - Rally for Trains – City Council resolution
  - NORA – On hiatus
  - Traverse City to Ann Arbor; possible Toledo extension – Jerry talked to people involved with this to see if there is interest
  - Federal Budget -Updates on the federal budget, status of Amtrak and TIGER funds was discussed.
3. **Updates, Upcoming Events, Roundtable**
  - a. The committee would like to see elected officials serving on the committee
4. **Set Next Meeting**
  - a. Thursday, November 16
    - Patrick asked if it could be moved to Monroe, MI; check with Lee Markham on this.
5. **Adjourn**

a. **Next meeting: Thursday, November 16 at 2:30 pm**