

Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG)

PASSENGER RAIL COMMITTEE
Monday, January 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Special Forum on Ohio Hub Funding Issues for Northern Ohio & SE Michigan
TMACOG Boardroom

PROPOSED AGENDA

- 10:00 **I. Welcome, introductions** [*see attendance list*]; **approve agenda** --Chairman Patrick Miller
- 10:10 **II. Ohio Hub: Proposed Federal Funding Request** --Stu Nicholson, Ohio Rail Development Commission
- ORDC is asking Congress for funds to review the environmental impact of the Ohio Hub high-speed rail system (*see Ohio Hub slide show*) in Cleveland-Toledo-Detroit and Cleveland-Columbus corridors.
- Also propose to evaluate start-up service in the short term
 - Local/state matching funds may be needed
- (*see examples of documents needed for program-level environmental impact study: scope of work template; purpose & need statement; and "statement of independent utility." Source: Midwest HSR System*)
- 10:30 **III. Response to Proposed Ohio Hub Funding Request** -- Meeting participants
- a. Does the request address northern Ohio and SE Michigan needs?
 - Proposed corridors (*see TMACOG Passenger Rail Service map*)
 - Start-up service
 - Specific infrastructure improvements
 - Toledo station area redevelopment plan
 - b. Resolutions of support (*see attached draft resolution and letter*): who can provide?
- 11:25 **IV. "Fastest Train in the World": High Speed Rail Presentation, March 27** --Diane Reamer-Evans, TMACOG
- Save the date: "*Can you imagine traveling 400 MPH - on the ground? Through simulation, you will be doing just that.*" Speaker: Charles R. Wochele, Vice President, Business Development, Alstom Transportation (equipment manufacturers of the French T.G.V.)
- 11:30 **V. FY 2009: What's in Store?** --Staff
- Approval of draft passenger rail section of the TMACOG Work Program
- 11:40 **VI. Projects in Progress** -- reports on new developments
- 11:55 **VII. Announcements, Other Business**
- March 15: National Association of Railroad Passengers, Region VI (at Toledo station)
 - September 15: TMACOG Transportation Summit

12:00 **VIII. Adjourn:** *participants are welcome to join us for lunch at a nearby restaurant*

NEXT MEETING: April 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. (Charge for lunch; RSVP’s required)
2008 Transportation Summit and Ohio Conference on Freight	September 15 (Summit) and September 17-18 (Conference), SeaGate Convention Centre, Toledo.