

Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG)

**PASSENGER RAIL COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.**

Amtrak Classroom, Dr. MLK Plaza, Ground Floor

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

- 10:00 **I. Introductions; approve agenda and July notes** --Chairman Patrick Miller
- 10:05 **II. Ohio Hub and MWRRI** -- Stu Nicholson/Don Damron, Ohio Rail Dev't Commission  
-Ohio finds \$7 million for Ohio Hub  
-3C corridor progress: analysis report completed, and Ohio submits federal funding application  
-Indiana and other Midwest states submit applications for federal funds
- 10:25 **III. Legislative Agenda -- draft Rail requests** --Warren Henry  
TMACOG is working with partners to update transportation priority lists that will be shared with legislators.  
For Committee action: review and recommendations on draft Rail priorities
- 10:35 **IV. ODOT TIP Funding Reallocation Proposal**  
ODOT proposed a goal of 50% of all discretionary allocations to urban areas be invested in public transit and passenger rail. TMACOG and other MPOs object to loss of local control over dollars. (See draft TMACOG resolution: [tmacog.org/TransportationMeetings/TransCouncil/10-6-09/TIP\\_Funding\\_Reallocation\\_Proposal\\_Resolution.pdf](http://tmacog.org/TransportationMeetings/TransCouncil/10-6-09/TIP_Funding_Reallocation_Proposal_Resolution.pdf))
- 10:45 **V. Slide Presentation: "Rail Passenger Developments in Europe ... and Beyond"**--Ron Sheck(Lg File)  
Ron Sheck recently moved to our region after retiring from Washington State Department of Transportation where he last served as Urban Rail Program Manager (see [bio](#)). He will share images and insights about rail in other western nations.
- 11:25 **VI. Projects in Progress -- reports on new developments**  
A. Michigan update: WALLY and Ann Arbor-Detroit ([semcog.org/AADD.aspx](http://semcog.org/AADD.aspx)) projects  
--Patrick Miller, Lee Markham; John Guidinger  
B. National Train Day Toledo, May 1, 2010 --Bill Gill  
C. Amtrak update - new time tables, possible Greyhound addition, condition of the physical plant  
--Dave Kuhn  
D. Rail Users Network; All Aboard Ohio --Bill Gill, Beth McCray  
E. Light rail update --Jerry Wicks  
F. Northwest Ohio Passenger Rail Assoc. (NOPRA): Luncheon meeting, October 30, 11:30 a.m.. ORDC director and State Rep. Peter Ujvagi to speak (see [flier at tmacog.org/Transportation/Passenger%20Rail%20Committee/October\\_2009\\_flier.pdf](#))
- 11:50 **VII. Announcements, Other Business**
- 12:00 **VIII. Adjourn**

NEXT MEETING: January 25, 2010

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## Meeting Schedule for 2010

<b>Full Committee</b>	Last Monday, first month of each quarter, 10:00 a.m. (at TMACOG): 2010—January 25, April 26, July 26, October 25
<b>Steering Committee</b>	As needed one month prior to the full committee meeting.
<b>Transportation Summit</b>	<i>To be determined</i> (March 2010)
<b>Toledo's National Train Day</b>	Saturday, May 1, Toledo Amtrak Station/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza
<b>2010 Ohio Conference on Freight</b>	September 21-22, 2010, Toledo