

NOTES FROM THE TMACOG SYSTEM PERFORMANCE & MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was held on May 12, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom, 300 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Toledo OH 43697-9508.

- I. Call to Order** – Chair of the System Performance and Monitoring committee, Andy Langenderfer, called the meeting to order. Attendees included Andy Langenderfer, Doug Parrish, Stephanie Bartlett, Pete Bick, Mike Stormer, Lisa Householder, and Christine Drennen.
- II. Discussion of the committee's functions** – The meeting began with a continuation of the brainstorming session, which started in March, to address the overall functions of the committee. Some of the ideas include:
- It was reiterated that the desired outcome is to create more purpose for the committee by creating projects and using available data.
 - Pete attended the TIP meeting in March and told that committee we can assist with them by analyzing data and providing tech support when applications are submitted.
 - Lisa stated that eventually there may be an opportunity to aid the Planning and Freight committees with any projects they are working on.
 - Doug suggested we look at the travel demand model. The group decided we will examine a portion of the network at each meeting and check for accuracies/inaccuracies with the data.
 - Lisa stated that TMACOG is working on a Safety Locations and Measures Report with a consultant. This report will assess crash statistic characteristics in our area; review fatal and serious injury crashes; summarize ODOT identified high crash locations on U.S. and state routes; rank the top 25 crash intersections and sections existing in our region; and identify countermeasures and review potential needs. In all, it will assist jurisdictions as they apply for safety funding from the state. Because it is still in draft form, the committee will review the final Safety Report in more detail at the July meeting.
 - Doug stated that Lucas and Wood counties are using TSASS for safety data; he and Mike are curious how this report, the TSASS reports, and the ODOT safety reports will relate to each other.
 - Stephanie stated Don O'Connor at City of Toledo may be interested in this report.
 - The group also had a discussion about drivers' perceptions on roundabouts.

Based on the discussion today, this committee will aim to reach out to other TMACOG committees (at this time we will focus on the TIP) for technical assistance, implement greater review of the travel demand model, and concentrate on top accident locations based on available safety data and reports.

- III. Discussion about the potential Turnpike lease** – Christine lead a discussion about the potential lease of the Ohio Turnpike, outlined in a briefing paper provided to the committee before this meeting. TMACOG is not seeking to adopt a position for or against a lease, but want to summarize the issue, provide objective information, and facilitate discussions about the issue. Some points of the discussion include:
- Andy asked how can northwest Ohio protect the money from the lease and keep it in this region. Christine stated this will be up to the government to decide and cannot be determined in the lease. The language in the lease can, however, prohibit money going towards projects in other parts of the state. But, it is yet to be determined if that language will actually occur. Mike state money can go to fulfill the TRAC funds.
 - Doug asked when the Turnpike will complete the widening to three lanes and upgrade certain bridges. Mike stated the widening will continue from I-75 to Reynolds Road, but construction is still a couple years away.
 - Christine stated she was at NOACA (Cleveland MPO) last week for a discussion on the Turnpike, so Mike asked if they are taking a formal opinion for or against a lease. Christine said they, as well as AMATS (Akron MPO), may eventually come out for or against it but

they are waiting on more facts.

- Mike stated that the lease should have language about addressing/maintaining pavement condition ratings.
- Lisa asked what Ohio's definition is of a competing parallel route (compared to Indiana's definition of at least 20 continuous miles within 10 miles of the toll road). Christine said Ohio has not defined that yet, but that ODOT Director Wray said they will not agree to a non-compete clause that would prevent ODOT from improving roads running parallel to the Turnpike. Pete stated people in northwest Ohio will be forced to use the Turnpike if there are not any good parallel routes. Christine continued that there are many studies about diversions and there will be some level of diversion if the tolls are increased.
- Doug asked if the lease will contain language that a certain amount of money will go specifically towards maintaining infrastructure. Christine said a minimum standard may be met, as northern Indiana counties got a certain payout as well as ongoing pay. Pennsylvania did not have enabling legislation to negotiate this so that is why the lease option for the Turnpike died in that state.
- Mike asked if any other states besides Indiana are doing a public-private partnership. Christine said Pennsylvania tried but it failed; Florida used to have a Turnpike commission but it is now owned by FDOT; and 8 miles of the Chicago Skyway is privately leased (99 years). Pete thinks Texas may be doing this, too.
- Christine added there may be language in future federal legislation about tolling other interstates.

IV. Congestion maps – New congestion maps were created as part of the 2035 Plan – Update 2011 document and Lisa displayed them for this meeting. The committee did not have enough time to review the maps, so Lisa will email them ahead of the July meeting and we can discuss them at that time.

V. Other Business – There was no other business.

VI. Next meeting date: July 14, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

VII. There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.