NOTES FROM THE TMACOG
SYSTEM PERFORMANCE & MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was held on November 5, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the TMACOG Library, 300 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 300, 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 Stephanie Bartlett, Pete Bick, Brooke Biniker, Jamie Blazevich, Andy Langenderfer, Corrine Lochtefeld, Babar Stelzer, Gary Stookey, Mike Stormer, Lisa Householder, Austin Mack, and Marc VonDeylen.

II. Legislative Agenda – TMACOG staff member, Austin Mack, informed the committee that staff will be updating the Legislative Agenda (LA) this year and provided an overview of the current document. The LA is a policy brief presented to legislators to provide insight on transportation programs and issues within our planning region. It is developed collaboratively with many area stakeholders on a two year cycle. This committee focused primarily on the section involving Streets, Highways, and Bridges. The committee suggested he include additional items to the State Priorities list, including House Bill 293 (alter time periods pertaining to new drivers), Toward Zero Deaths (statewide safety campaign), and advocate for Ohio’s Move Over Law (for bicyclists and work zone safety). Austin also stated the Project Priorities list will be updated from the last document.

III. Crash diagram review – Airport Highway from Byrne to South - The committee reviewed the prepared crash diagrams for the section of Airport Highway (SR 2) from just east of Byrne Road through the South Avenue intersection containing 2015-2017 crash data. This primarily two-lane corridor is in the City of Toledo with many intersecting local streets, residential and commercial driveways. An urban paving project is scheduled in either 2020 or 2021. There were 191 total crashes along the segment. Most of the crash types were Rear End due to following too closely. Some issues to note:

- 54% of the crashes were in the eastbound direction, 34% were in the westbound direction, and 12% were in the northbound and southbound direction (originating from a side street or driveway).
- There are 18 foot lanes on Airport.
- If the Chessie Circle Trail ever gets constructed, then there will be the potential for increased pedestrian and bicycle activity along the corridor.

Recommendations made at this time include:

- Since the lanes are wide enough, consider redoing the pavement markings to include a shared center turn lane.

IV. Regional Safety Report – Lisa shared an update that TMACOG will be taking advantage of ODOT’s offer to pay for a consultant-led comprehensive regional safety report. This effort will update crash list rankings by jurisdiction containing data from 2015-2017, it will pull together additional stakeholders from the region, it will identify systemic safety improvements and countermeasures at these identified high crash locations, and it will identify areas of concern that TMACOG can then disseminate safety information and messages. The committee looked at SEMCOG’s Walk Drive Bike Safe campaign as an example of what TMACOG can potentially promote locally. The committee discussed one area of concern are pedestrian crashes because they are trending upwards. They also discussed the issue of many new drivers who are waiting until they are 18-21 years old to obtain a driver’s license without taking the educational courses and the resulting increase in crashes within that age group.

V. Other Business – There was no additional business.

VI. Next meeting date: January 7, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom.

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