

Highlights of the FY 2016 Completion Report for Annual Work Program Transportation Planning Activities

TMACOG is required to submit a Completion Report to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) documenting work accomplished related to each year's Annual Work Program due in September of each year. As a condition for receiving federal transportation planning funds, ODOT further requires that the completion report be approved by the MPO Policy Board.

Highlights of our FY 2016 Work Program activities include:

Passenger Rail

- Supported the Passenger Rail Forum in November, 2015 with keynote presenter John Schneider, who was instrumental in the development of Cincinnati's streetcars.
- Co-hosted and provided significant support of the 2016 National Train Day event attended by several thousand people.
- Participated in the development of the Middlegrounds District Plan, led by the Toledo Design Center, for improvements to the Amtrak station and the surrounding neighborhood.

Public Transit

- Established the Public Transit Committee midway through the fiscal year.
- Solicited for 5310 Specialized Transportation projects and created a subcommittee for scoring, ranking and award recommendations.

Freight Planning

- For 2015, the Ohio Conference on Freight and the Mid-America Freight Coalition joined forces with the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and the Indiana Department of Transportation along with FHWA to offer a comprehensive forum addressing the freight and logistics industry in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and the 10-state mid-America freight region. The program theme was "Breaking Boundaries: Building a Future Together" and the conference was held September 14-16 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The conference attracted 375 attendees from 26 states and Canada.
- Staff developed a draft regional highway freight network and provided detailed comments on the draft National Strategic Freight Plan and Multimodal Freight Network; the draft Transport Ohio plan; and proposed changes to the National Highway System.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Planning

- Promoted Bike Month activities that included Bike to School Day, Bike Day at the Farmer's Market, and the Ride of Silence to honor those cyclists who have been injured or killed on the roadway.
- A subcommittee has been formed and staff performed mapping to create a regional Bike User Map that rates the street network according to ride-ability.

Long Range Planning

- Prepared the 2045 Plan Summary for printing in FY 2017.
- TMACOG staff joined a partnership with ProMedica, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, LiveWell, and more to develop a grant for GE's Healthy Cities Challenge to foster private/public partnership in downtown Toledo to encourage investments that work towards a more walkable downtown.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Managed TMACOG sub-allocation funding to actively pursue project schedules, tracked adherence to project development commitment dates, notified project sponsors of missed commitment dates, and maintained compliance with the statewide carryover policy.
- Solicited for STBGP and TAP projects for inclusion in the upcoming FY 2018-2021 TIP.
- Supported and participated in the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee (OSUCC) by soliciting for CMAQ projects and approving projects for FY 2021.

Transportation Service

- Provided data, maps and/or information to the Regional Growth Partnership, Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Cities of Toledo and Sylvania, the Toledo Design Center, Lucas County, Wood County, the University of Toledo, and Mannik and Smith.
- TMACOG hosted a meeting for the FHWA Local Road Focused Approach effort which convened stakeholders to discuss areas with a high number of pedestrian and intersection-related crashes in Lucas County, as well as to determine a more targeted delivery of technical assistance and resources.

Safety/Modeling/Data Collection and Management

- Completed the *Safety Locations Report* using 2012 -2014 data.
- Updated the ITS Architecture Plan with extensive stakeholder involvement.
- Collected traffic counts within the planning area and uploaded counts obtained by Lucas County, Toledo and Oregon.
- Completed five requests for traffic projections from three TMACOG members.

Air Quality

- Conducted the 2015 Gas Cap Replacement Program with events at 27 locations in Lucas and Wood counties in Ohio and in Monroe County, Michigan. Overall, 687 gas caps were tested and 76 missing or faulty caps were replaced. Testing was conducted by interns at the City of Toledo through a subcontract with TMACOG.
- Implemented the Ozone Action Season Program by participating in Earth Day events, updating the website with Air Quality forecasts, advertising in print, web, radio, and TV outlets, and sponsorship of Air Quality Night at a Toledo Mud Hens game along with advertising on a field sign throughout the season.

Transportation Program Reporting

- Hosted 22nd Transportation Summit held on March 18, 2016 had approximately 200 attendees. Presentations included a review of major transportation projects in progress and upcoming in Ohio and Michigan, and another on active transportation initiatives. The keynote speaker was James Corless, the Director of Transportation for America.
- In January, 2016 TMACOG had its Federal Certification Review with FHWA and FTA. Included in the Certification Review was a public meeting for the review team to receive input from the community.

The full completion report is linked to the TMACOG web page.