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**Date:** September 29, 2016  
**To:** Keith Earley, Chair  
James Bagdonas, Vice Chair  
Members of the Transportation Council  
**From:** David Gedeon, Vice President of Transportation  
**Subject:** **TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 5, 2016 MEETING**

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This report is an update of staff activity and background on selected agenda items for our next Transportation Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016. The agenda and meeting materials are available at [www.tmacog.org/Transportation/trancom.htm](http://www.tmacog.org/Transportation/trancom.htm). If you would like a hard copy or have any problems accessing any of the information, please contact Nikee Burton (ext. 129). If you have any questions or concerns on any agenda items, please contact me (ext. 125).

Financial Report (Agenda III – for approval) – The financial report for fiscal year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 is submitted for approval. With under 16% of the fiscal year completed, the program is very slightly over the original program budget. However, the budget figures currently presented would be replaced with revised budget amounts pending approval of the budget amendment in Agenda Item IV.

Transportation Budget Amendment #1 (Agenda IV – for approval) - Bill Best will present budget amendment #1. The amendment incorporates the final FY 2016 carryover figures from ODOT and an overall increase in FY 2017 transportation planning funds as a result of the FAST Act. The net increase incorporated into the revised FY 2017 budget is \$70,952. The additional resources were distributed among program elements as shown in the resolution. Pending approval, the resolution will advance to the TMACOG Board of Trustees at their October 19, 2016 meeting.

FY 2016 Annual Work Program Completion Report (Agenda V – for approval) - As a condition for receiving federal transportation planning funds, TMACOG is required to submit a Completion Report to ODOT documenting work accomplished related to our Annual Work Program. ODOT requires that the MPO Policy Board approve the Completion Report thus it is now submitted to Transportation Council for consideration prior to advancing to the Board of Trustees in October. The full report and a summary are linked to the agenda web page.

FY2016-2019 TIP Amendment #15 (Agenda VI – for approval) – TIP Amendment #15 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. The amendment modifies two projects at the request of the City of Toledo and adds one City of Oregon project. The first project is the Anthony Wayne Trail Gateway (PID 95676) and proposes to add \$990,000 of STBGP in FY 2017 for right-of-way. The second project is the Bancroft St Reconstruct (PID 95686) and proposes adding an additional \$800,000 of STBGP in FY 2018 for construction. These funds are requested to replace undersized drainage structures. The City of Oregon project will fund a newly approved TAP project for preservation of the Oregon bikeway system.

2016 Transportation Alternatives Program Application Round Summary (Agenda VII – for information) – The TIP Committee held a solicitation round for TAP applications with submittals due by August 12<sup>th</sup>. In all there were nine application submitted; City of Oregon (1), City of Perrysburg

(1), City of Toledo (1), Metroparks of the Toledo Area (2), Richfield Township (1), Olander Park System (2), and Village of Whitehouse (1). The TAP Committee met to score, rank and recommend projects for funding. The projects recommended to the TIP Committee for funding included the following projects; City of Oregon Bikeway Preservation, City of Perrysburg Roachton Multiuse Path, City of Toledo Overland Trail/Ottawa Park Segment, Metroparks of the Toledo Area Oak Openings Corridor Trail, and Richfield Township Kilburn Rd Bike Lanes.

Ohio Conference on Freight Recap (Agenda VIII – for information & discussion) – Christine Connell will present a recap of the 2016 conference. The event was held August 22-24 in Cleveland at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown and attracted nearly 300 registrants. The conference theme was “Steering Supply Chain Innovation in a Global Marketplace.” The conference included four keynote sessions, a dozen breakout sessions, and two tours of local freight-generating facilities.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Agenda XI) – From Committee chairs

Vice President’s Report (Agenda X – for discussion) – In addition to the above agenda topics and information covered in the Committee Reports, the following are other items members of Transportation Council should be aware of.

- A. The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) released project scores for the 2016 funding round. The two applications submitted by ODOT District 2 were ranked #4 (I-475 Phase 4 widening) and #5 (I-475 Phase #3 Hill and Dorr structures). The project scores were 64.5 and 63.5 respectively. The statewide public comment meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 13 at ODOT Central Office**. Presentations for District 2 projects will begin at 12:50.
- B. Congress succeeded in passing a continuing resolution Sept. 28 that headed off a potential government shutdown and funds transportation programs and most federal agencies at prior-year levels through Dec. 9. The CR passage meant lawmakers could leave as scheduled at month's end without having a funding crisis when the new federal budget year begins Oct. 1. But it also meant state departments of transportation and transit agencies around the country now face a delay of at least two months in receiving the scheduled Oct. 1 funding increases Congress already authorized and paid for through last year's Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act. Those agencies will continue receiving federal funds at the fiscal 2016 level, rather than collect the higher amounts they are due in fiscal 2017, until Congress acts on at least the surface transportation part of the budget. Lawmakers are not scheduled to return until after the November elections, when they could negotiate an "omnibus" budget measure to fund the entire government or a series of smaller appropriations bills. That would free up the 2017 increases for DOTs and transit agencies. However, reports persist that some members of Congress want to avoid negotiating an overall budget accord in a lame-duck session, and would prefer to seek another short-term extension to push funding of at least some federal departments into the 2017 calendar year. Under such a scenario, transportation programs could be left waiting months longer before they could tap the FAST Act's annual increase for 2017.
- C. Upcoming events:
  - **Public Transit Forum**, October 21, Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center
  - **Passenger Rail Forum**, October 24, Toledo Club
  - **APA NW Ohio Planning & Zoning Workshop**, November 18, Hensville Roost