

# Memo

**Date:** October 30, 2017  
**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 NOVEMBER 1, 2017 MEETING**

---

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, November 1, 2017. 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 Jodi Cole (ext. 1120). If you have any questions or concerns on any agenda items, please contact me (ext. 1125).

Financial Reports (Agenda III – for approval) – The financial report for fiscal year 2018 beginning July 1, 2017 through September 23, 2017 is submitted for approval. With 23% of fiscal year 2018 completed, the overall program is under budget with 19% expended. The submitted report includes the budget figures passed by the Council and the Board of Trustees in October.

Safety Performance Measures and Targets (Agenda IV – for approval) – In 2012, Congress enacted the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) which required setting performance targets and measures in a variety of areas including safety. The required performance measures for safety include number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, fatality rate, serious injury rate, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. In August, ODOT released their Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) report that set safety performance targets of a 1% annual reduction in each category. Once state DOT's set their performance targets, MPO's have 180 days to either adopt statewide targets or commit to a quantifiable target for that performance measure for their MPO area. MPO's must receive approval from their MPO board on their safety targets by February 27, 2018 to meet the deadline.

Draft CMAQ Project List (Agenda V) – Lance Dasher will present the draft CMAQ project list that will be presented at the November meeting of the Ohio Association of Regional Council's (OARC) Executive Directors meeting. The list contains all of the CMAQ applications TMACOG received in the most recent solicitation and highlights those that are recommended for funding with TMACOG resources through the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee (OSUCC). This list was discussed with the OARC Transportation Committee at their September meeting.

I-475/Dorr St Interchange TRAC Update (Agenda VI) – Mike Gramza will give the presentation delivered to the TRAC board at the public hearing on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Columbus. The presentation was very well received by the TRAC.

Public Comment Period (Agenda VIII) – Comments from the public.

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

FY 2018-2021 TIP Modification #3 (for approval) – TIP Modification #3 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. The modification splits one project in the FY 2018-2021 TIP at the request of ODOT. The split breaks out the demolition project for PID 93592 Woo/Luc-75-

30.00/0.00 Major Bridge/Multi-Lance project (Disalle Bridge). The project cost is \$713,000 in FY 2018.

FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment #3 (for approval) – TIP Amendment #3 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. The amendment modifies three projects at the request of the City of Toledo (Front St Resurfacing, Bennett Rd Reconstruction, and Summit St Enhancement), and modifies one project at the request of the Metroparks of the Toledo Area (Oak Openings Trail). These projects utilize TMACOG managed funds.

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 Trump administration is weighing the prospects of raising federal motor fuel taxes, various news reports said, to help pay for its long-promised infrastructure investment plan. And The Hill newspaper specifically reported that an industry source said "the White House intends to back a 7 cent gas tax increase to pay for U.S. roads, bridges, highways and other public works, though it's unclear if the proposal would be included in initial infrastructure legislation or if the administration will push to have it added at the committee level." And The Hill along with other news agencies soon reported House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster, R-Pa., saying there is little appetite in the House for raising taxes, although the story said he added that House members could accept it if the White House gets publicly involved and actively advocates for a fuel tax hike for infrastructure.
- B. The solicitation for Section 5310-Specialized Transportation applications closed on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The funds can be used to purchase vehicles, computer hardware/software, communications equipment, or fund preventative vehicle maintenance to support transportation services for the elderly and people living with disabilities where existing transportation is unavailable, inappropriate, or insufficient. In all, five applications were received: Maumee Senior Center, East Toledo Family Center, Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio, Anne Grady, and Sunshine Communities. Approximately \$260,000 is available in this funding round.
- C. TMACOG recently installed a new telephone system and as a result our extension numbers are four digits instead of three. You can simply insert a one (1) in front of our previous three digit extensions as the last three digits have not changed.
- D. Upcoming events:
  - **2017 NW Ohio Planning & Zoning Workshop** – November 17, 2017, Simpson Building, Bowling Green, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
  - **Census LUCA Training** – December 5, 2017, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby, 9 am – Noon
  - **2018 TMACOG General Assembly** – January 29, 2018, Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, 8:00 am