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**Date:** November 6, 2018  
**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 7, 2018 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, November 7, 2018. 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 2019 beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 is submitted for approval. With just under 23% of fiscal year 2019 completed, the overall program was under budget with 19.6% expended.

Congestion Management Process (CMP) Report (Agenda IV – for approval) – As the population in the Toledo Urbanized Area (TMA) exceeds 200,000, our region is subject to the planning requirements that apply to TMAs including the development and implementation of a Congestion Management Process (CMP). Over the past several months, staff has been preparing a CMP report and presented an update to the System Performance and Performance Committee on September 10th.

The Congestion Management Process is intended to provide decision-makers with the following:

- 1) a status on the transportation system congestion
- 2) an understanding of existing and anticipated system performances
- 3) information on congestion management strategies
- 4) specific performance measures
- 5) recommended next steps for implementation

Staff seeks approval of the CMP at this meeting for the document to go to the Executive Committee on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Pavement & Bridge Condition Performance Management Targets (Agenda V - for approval) – In May 2018, both ODOT and MDOT released statewide target setting for pavement and bridge conditions. States were required to establish 2 and 4 year targets for pavement and bridge condition on the National Highway System. MPO's then had 180 days to either adopt state targets or develop their own. The Transportation Planning Committee reviewed the pavement and bridge condition targets and approved the adoption of the ODOT and MDOT targets. The matter is now brought before the Transportation Council for approval.

Travel Time Reliability Performance Management Targets (Agenda VI – for approval) – also in May 2018, both ODOT and MDOT released statewide target setting for travel time reliability. States were required to establish 2 and 4 year targets for interstate, non-interstate National Highway System, and interstate truck travel time reliability index. Targets relate to the Level of Travel Time Reliability (LOTTR) which is defined as the ratio of the longer times (80<sup>th</sup> Percentile) to a “normal” travel time

(50<sup>th</sup> percentile) and the percentage of time the system considered reliable. MPO's then had 180 days to either adopt state targets or develop their own. The Transportation Planning Committee reviewed the travel time reliability targets and approved the adoption of the ODOT and MDOT targets. The matter is now brought before the Transportation Council for approval.

Detroit-Toledo Ridership Feasibility & Cost Estimate Study (Agenda VII – for information) – TMACOG is working with the City of Toledo and the Passenger Rail Committee to fund a study as a first step to restoring passenger rail service between Toledo and Detroit. TMACOG has made \$10,000 in planning funds available as seed money to develop such studies and the Toledo City Council will vote on a request to allocate \$30,000 to the study. The study is expected to cost \$50,000 and is to be conducted by Transportation Economics & Management Systems, Inc. (TEMS). TEMS recently completed an identical study of the Ann Arbor to Traverse City corridor and in the past developed the Ohio Hub Study. They are also working on the Great Lakes Hyperloop Feasibility Study with NOACA along the Cleveland-Toledo-Chicago corridor.

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

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

FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment #11 (for approval) – TIP Amendment #11 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. The amendment adds one project at the request of ODOT (LUC 475 Dorr St Demo) and adds two projects and modifies five projects at the request of TARTA. None of the projects utilize TMACOG managed funds.

Approval of Freight Advisory Committee and System Performance and Monitoring Committee Operating Procedures (for approval) – Updates to two committee operating procedures are being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. Each set of procedures contains the same modification at the request of the TMACOG Board of Trustees and that is to the quorum language.

*A quorum shall exist when a simple majority of the Transportation Planning Committee's members are present at any duly called and scheduled meeting of the Committee. In addition, a Committee member must be physically present at a meeting to be counted towards a quorum or to cast a vote on any action items.*

The Freight Advisory Committee added an additional line stating the following: *A motion shall be considered to have passed upon affirmative vote of a quorum of members of the Freight Advisory Committee.*

Vice President's Report (Agenda XI – 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. Now that the midterm elections are past and Democrats have regained control of the House, early statements by leading Democrats indicate that infrastructure legislation will be high on the party's agenda. President Trump has also recently reiterated that funding an infrastructure investment plan remains a priority of his administration as well. Many questions remain unanswered including the funding level and how it would be funded, match percentage, program length and program priorities.

- B. TMACOG is in the process of updating the Transportation Legislative Agenda. Austin Mack has been meeting with each of the Transportation Committees and with members of the Transportation Coalition to get content input on the update. The document will be completed in the spring of 2019 and will remain in place for 2019-2020.
- C. The ToleGo Bike Share program kicked off on October 16<sup>th</sup>. There are 100 bikes distributed amongst 17 stations located around downtown Toledo including one at the ground level of the train station. The program is being managed by Gotcha Bikes and the City of Toledo.
- D. TMACOG Upcoming events:
- **2019 TMACOG General Assembly** – Monday, January 28, 2019, 8:00 am – 1:15 pm, Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg
  - **TMACOG Transportation Summit** – Friday, March 29, 2019 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm at The Premier