



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018**

**Members and Alternates Present:** Edgar Avila, Jim Bagdonas, Stephanie Bartlett, John Crandall, Chris Delaney, Keith Earley, Ken Fallows, Mike Gramza, Ray Huber, Tom Kovacik, Neil Munger, Joe Shaw, Tim Porter, Mary Ellen Poturalski

**Other Interested Parties Present:** Kathy Streng

**TMACOG Staff Present:** Jodi Cole, Lance Dasher, Dana Doubler, David Gedeon, Gilda Mitchell, Roger Streiffert

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**Call to Order** – Chair Keith Earley brought the meeting to order with introductions around the room.

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by John Crandall to approve the September 5, 2018 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial (Expense) Report** – Dave Gedeon presented the expense reports for, July 1, 2018 through September 22, 2018. The financial report showed 22.99% of the budget has been completed with 19.59% expended. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Congestion Management Process (CMP) Report** – Lance Dasher gave a presentation highlighting the major points of the congestion management process. The Congestion Management Process is intended to provide decision-makers with the following: a status on the transportation system congestion; an understanding of existing and anticipated system performances; information on congestion management strategies; specific performance measures; and recommended next steps for implementation. A motion was made by Tim Porter and seconded by Ray Huber to approve the report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Pavement & Bridge Condition Performance Management Targets** – Dana Doubler gave a presentation explaining the management targets that were released statewide in May 2018, by both ODOT and MDOT. 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. A motion was made by Robert Ruse and seconded by Jim Bagdonas to approve these performance management targets as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Travel Time Reliability Performance Management Targets** – Dana went on to discuss the travel time reliability targets that were also released in May 2018, by both ODOT and MDOT. 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. A motion was made by Ray Huber and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve these performance management targets as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Toledo-Detroit Ridership Feasibility & Cost Estimate Study** – Dave Gedeon spoke to the committee about the feasibility study that TMACOG along with the City of Toledo, and the Passenger Rail Committee is working to fund. This study as a first step to restoring passenger rail service between Toledo and Detroit. TMACOG has made \$20,000 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** – No public comments at this time.

### **Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

#### **Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:**

**TIP** – Ed O’Reilly was unable to attend the meeting. Lance Dasher reported that the committee met on October 22 and discussed the 2020-2023 TIP. It is being pushed back a year due to funding uncertainty.

Lance reported on the amendment. Amendment #11 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. A motion was made by Tim Porter and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Pedestrian & Bikeways** – Ed O’Reilly was unable to attend. Lance Dasher reported that the committee met on September 18. He also noted that ToGo Bike share launched and there is a bike rack on the ground floor outside of the Amtrak station.

**Freight** – Ray Huber reported that the committee met in September where they discussed the change in operating procedures to match the other committees and then held an additional meeting to discuss the Legislative Agenda. The freight committee would like to make the changes to their operating procedures effective January 1 to give them time to adjust the committee roster. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by John Crandall to approve the operating procedures as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Planning** – Ron Myers was unable to attend the meeting. Dana Doubler reported that the committee discussed the maps on non-motorized transportation, transit networks, and multimodal facilities. The committee also did a land use scenario breakout session where members of the committee suggested different areas where the population would increase or decrease by 2045.

**System Performance and Monitoring** – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend the meeting. Stephanie Bartlett reported that the committee met on November 5 and discussed the Legislative Agenda. They received a safety report update and reviewed crash data for Byrne to South on Anthony Wayne Trail. They also discussed the operating procedures to make the necessary changes to match the other committees that have already been approved at the last council meeting. A motion was made by Robert Ruse and seconded by Jim Bagdonas to approve the operating procedures as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Transit** – Shelley Papenfuse was unable to attend the meeting. Dana Doubler reported that the committee has not met since last council meeting and will meet on November 28. The committee will review the Legislative Agenda. There is also a public transit forum on November 19.

**Passenger Rail** – Tim Porter reported that the committee has not met. There is no report at this time.

#### **Major Project Updates/Other Committees:**

**Major Projects** – Mike Gramza reported that the Dorr St project on I-75 was originally set to be shut down November 19 is now moving to January. Next big piece is the I-75 portion over the Maumee river by the casino set to sell in February or March.

**Vice President's Report** – Dave reported that he has just received a notification that the \$30,000 for the feasibility study mentioned earlier this meeting from Toledo City Council has been approved. He then went on to discuss another item:

Now that the Democrats have regained control of the House, Nancy Pelosi promised a transformational infrastructure plan. TMACOG will keep an eye on this and report any of the necessary information at future meetings.

**Roundtable** – Jim Bagdonas will be retiring at the year of 2019 and this will be his last meeting. The Council thanked him for his years of participation and leadership.

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, The Premier

**Next Meeting/Adjournment** – The next meeting will be December 5, 2018. A motion for adjournment was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Tim Porter.

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