



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017**

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 Ed O'Reilly to approve the October 4, 2017 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Financial (Expense) Report – Dave Gedeon presented expense report for, July 1, 2017 through September 23, 2017. The financial report showed 22.99% of the budget has been completed with 19% expended. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Jim Bagdonas to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Safety Performance Measures and Targets – Ron Myers reported that the last transportation bill (MAP-21) required setting performance targets and measures. Rebekka Aparadian then made a presentation on the measures and targets for safety. The required performance measures for safety include the 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 report that set the safety performance targets. Once the state DOT's set their performance targets the MPO's have 180 days to either adopt the statewide targets or commit to a quantifiable target in their MPO area. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by John Crandall to approve the safety performance measures and targets as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Draft CMAQ Project List – Lance Dasher presented the draft CMAQ project list that will be presented at the November meeting of OARC's Executive Directors meeting. The list contains all 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).

I-475/Dorr St. Interchange TRAC Update – Mike Gramza gave the presentation that was delivered to the TRAC board at the public hearing on October 12th in Columbus. The presentation was very well received by the TRAC with the projects scoring very high.

Public Comment Period – There were no public comments presented at this time.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:

TIP – Ed O'Reilly explained the TIP modification by saying it splits one project in the FY18-21 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 FY18. He went on to explain that 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. Ed then asked for approval of both the modification and amendment. A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to approve the modification and amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly stated that there was nothing new to report. But he did mention that Clean Ohio Trail Funds are available if people would apply.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that the committee has not met so there was nothing new to report. Ray did mention that Wade Gotschalk will be speaking at the November meeting and at the January meeting someone from the Cliffs company will be speaking.

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Planning – Ron Myers reported that the committee discussed the safety targets at their last meeting. Their next meeting will be December 19.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer had nothing new to report but their next meeting will be November 6. There was also mention of a potential joint meeting between the SPAM committee and the Freight Advisory Committee.

Public Transit – Rebekka Aparadian reported that they did meet. Their next meeting is November 30.

Passenger Rail – Patrick Miller was unable to attend the meeting. Their next meeting is November 16.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported the I-75 project from Phillips to 280 is wrapping up with one year left until complete from the interchange to Phillips. The I-475/SR25 DDI in Perrysburg opened last week. The turnpike funding was held up due to a lawsuit but that lawsuit has been thrown out by a judge and the appeal time has been expended. Some of the funding will go towards a project I-75 from South to Dorr and from South from Wales. That will allow ODOT to expedite the projects ahead a few months.

Vice President's Report – Dave reported on several items:

Dave stated that the Trump administration is weighing the prospects of raising federal motor fuel taxes, 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 \$0.07 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, 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. Dave also discussed the solicitation for Section 5310-Specialized Transportation applications closed on October 17th. He explained that 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. There was a total of five applications 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. Dave also notified the committee that 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 in front of our previous three digit extensions as the last three digits have not changed.

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

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next meeting will be December 6, 2017.