



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016**

Call to Order – Chair Keith Earley brought the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes – No quorum, unable to approve.

Financial (Expense) Report – No quorum, unable to approve.

Transportation Budget Amendment #1 – Bill Best explained that Amendment #1 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. Due to the lack of a quorum, Bill Best suggested the amendment be recommended for approval by the TMACOG Board of Trustees at their October 19, 2016 meeting.

FY 2016 Annual Work Program Completion Report – Dave Gedeon explained that 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. Due to the lack of a quorum, Dave Gedeon recommended the completion report be advanced to the TMACOG Board of Trustees at their October 19, 2016 meeting for approval.

FY 2016 – 2019 TIP Amendment #15 – Lance Dasher explained that 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. Due to the lack of a quorum, Lance Dasher recommended the amendment be moved to the next Transportation Council meeting for approval.

2016 Transportation Alternatives Program Application Round Summary – Lance Dasher explained that the TIP Committee held a solicitation round for TAP applications with submittals due by August 12th. In all there were nine applications 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. This information has been approved by the TIP Committee and brought before Council for information only.

Ohio Conference on Freight Recap – Christine Connell gave a brief overview of the 2016 conference. It took place in Cleveland, August 22-24. Based on the attendee and partner comments it appears to have been another successful event. Approximately 300 people were registered and there was more than \$99,000 raised in partnership revenue. She also mentioned that OARC is very interested in seeing this conference go forward. There will be several meetings held by some of the OARC members to decide what actions will be taken.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:

Freight – Ray Huber was unable to attend. Roger Streiffert reported on the committee meeting from September 28.

Planning – Ron Myers had nothing new to report. The next meeting is on October 18.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly was unable to attend. Lance Dasher had nothing new to report. The next meeting is October 18.

TIP – Ed O'Reilly was unable to attend. Lance Dasher reported that the committee met on September 26 and approved the TAP funding round. They also discussed the TIP monitoring meeting.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend. Nothing new to report.

Public Transit – Rebekka Aparadian had nothing new to report. The transit forum will be on October 21.

Passenger Rail – Patrick Miller unable to attend. There is nothing new to report. The rail forum will be on October 24.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that the ground breaking for the DDI in Perrysburg was held last week. He also reported that the Jeep interchange will open to eastbound I-75 traffic in a few weeks. Also in Wood County from North Baltimore to 582 will open to 3 lanes.

Vice President's Report – Dave reported that the 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.

Dave also reported that Congress succeeded in passing a continuing resolution on September 28 that headed off a potential government shutdown and funds transportation programs and most federal agencies at prior-year levels through December 9. The resolution 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 FAST Act. Those agencies will continue receiving federal funds at the FY 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.

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

Roundtable – No action items to report.

Next Meeting/Adjournment – A motion was made by and Keith Earley seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to adjourn the meeting; the motion was passed unanimously.