



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

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 Tom Gibbons to approve the August 3, 2016 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Financial (Expense) Report – Dave Gedeon presented and briefly reviewed the expense report for the period July 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016. The financial report showed 8.05% of the budget has been completed with 8.36% expended. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Shelley Papenfuse to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment #13 & #14 – Ed O'Reilly presented TIP Amendments #13 & #14 for approval. Amendment #13 adds two projects at the request of ODOT (I-75 from Glenwood Rd to Segur Rd/South Ave & I-475 to straighten the initial horizontal curve at the SB exit ramp 4B on I-475 in Lucas county). The I-75 project is requesting detailed design and right-of-way in FY2017 and the I-475 project requests preliminary engineering and detailed design in FY2017 and construction in FY2019. TIP amendment #14 would add a project for demolition of buildings as a new PID (103990) in conjunction with the existing Waterville Bridge/SR 64 construction project (PID 92088). A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Jim Bagdonas to approve the amendments as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Supporting Safe Bicycle Passing Law and Allowing Non-Detected Vehicles to proceed at Intersections – Ed O'Reilly stated that this resolution supports passage of HB154 by the Ohio Senate. The bill was approved by the Ohio House of Representatives on May 24, 2016. The bill provides that when a motor vehicle overtakes and passes a bicycle, the safe passing distance to the left is not less than three feet and requires a vehicle operator at an intersection where the traffic control signal is malfunctioning, including when there is a failure of the vehicle detector to detect the vehicle, to follow the same procedures that apply when a traffic control signal fails to indicate the assignment of the right-of-way. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Tom Gibbons to approve the resolution as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

ITS Architecture Presentation – Bruce Eisenhart from ConSysTec presented the updated ITS architecture. The ITS architecture was originally developed in 2005 and updated in 2010. The horizon year of the updated architecture is 2030. Also, included in the update are additional service packages that were not a part of the previous updates.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:

Freight – Roger Streiffert reported that the Committee did not meet in August. There is nothing new to report.

Planning – Rebekka Aparidian reported that the committee met in August. The meeting focused on planning measures for the long range plan and transit mobility goals.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly reported that the committee met on August 16, 2016 and they discussed the resolution supporting safe bicycle passing law. Also discussed was the regional bike users map development. The next meeting will be on October 18, 2016.

TIP – Ed O'Reilly reported that amendments #13 and #14 were discussed at the last meeting. On September 16, 2016 regional monitoring of the actual TIP program occurs. On September 20, 2016 the subcommittee for transportation alternatives will be meeting.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend. Lisa Householder reported that the committee did not meet last month but will have their next meeting on November 7, 2016.

Public Transit - Shelley Papenfuse reported that the committee had a meeting last week. 5310 applications were submitted. Five applications were submitted and three were awarded. Also reported was that a change in the Medicaid program is going to cause a lack of funding for patients that need transportation to dialysis. The committee has been asked to come up with possible options for this problem.

Passenger Rail – Patrick Miller unable to attend. Rebekka Aparidian reported that they toured the TARTA operations facility.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that the 475/ I-75 project is tentatively scheduled to open September 19, 2016. The I-75/ I-280 detour is on schedule to meet the Thanksgiving deadline.

Vice President's Report – Dave reported that The 2016 Ohio Conference of Freight was held in Cleveland from August 22-24. There were 301 registrants for the multi-day event. Activities included a tour of the Giant Eagle Distribution Facility and a boat tour aboard the Nautica Queen hosted by the Port of Cleveland. The event featured 12 workshop sessions and multiple keynote presentations. The Wednesday luncheon keynote was delivered by Greg Nadeau, Administrator, FHWA. The 2017 Conference will be held in Columbus.

TMACOG submitted comments to the docket on the NPRM for MPO Coordination and Planning Area reform. In total there were 514 comments submitted to the docket. TMACOG comments focused on the cost and difficulty of implementation and the complications created with air quality conformity.

The ODOT Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) will hold a single public hearing on **Thursday, October 13, 2016, at ODOT's Central office**. ODOT District 2 submitted two applications for funding: Reconstruction and widening of structures over I-475 Hill Ave and Dorr St (\$14.3M), Reconstruction and widening of I-475 from .7 miles south of Hill Ave to .5 miles south of US20/Central Ave (\$24.6M). Overall, 19 projects were submitted requesting over \$405M in TRAC funding.

Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Transportation announced the release of the 2016 Request for Proposals to the Diesel Emission Reduction Grant (DERG) program. They are soliciting proposals from all public sector and private sector (with a public sponsor) diesel fleets that will undertake vehicle/equipment replacement, repower, and retrofit projects in eligible Ohio counties for the purpose of emissions reduction. Fleets may also apply for idle reduction equipment and infrastructure. They expect to award \$12 million this cycle, with approximately \$4 million allocated for transit projects, and \$4 million allocated for school bus replacement and retrofit projects, in keeping with ODOT and Ohio EPA priorities. The deadline to submit applications is **5:00 p.m. on Friday October 7th, 2016**.

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 Keith Earley seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to adjourn the meeting; the motion was passed unanimously.