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**Date:** December 5, 2016  
**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 DECEMBER 7, 2016 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, December 7, 2016. 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. 129). If you have any questions or concerns on any agenda items, please contact me (ext. 125).

Financial Report (Agenda III – for approval) – The financial report for fiscal year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 through October 22, 2017 is submitted for approval. With 31% of the fiscal year completed, the program is very slightly over the original program budget. This is expected to balance out as we progress into the fiscal year.

Transportation Council Operating Procedures (Agenda IV – for approval) – During a recent review of the TMACOG Bylaws, there were a couple of inconsistencies noted in the Transportation Council Operating Procedures. Specifically, Article III (Duties and Responsibilities) needs to state the Board of Trustees in A and B as the Board is officially recognized by the FHWA as the MPO for the Toledo area. In addition, under Article IV (Membership), it is proposed that the University of Toledo University Transportation Center be removed. In the future, the TMACOG Chair could appoint representation from the University of Toledo as a Council member under Part F.

Council Chair and Vice Chair for 2017 (Agenda V – for approval) – The Transportation Council leadership positions are appointed annually by the TMACOG Chair. The Council nominates and votes on the Chair and Vice Chair positions at the December meeting. Nominations will be opened for discussion and action at the meeting.

2017-2018 Transportation Legislative Agenda (Agenda VI – for information) – Christine Connell will discuss the approach and progress on the Legislative Agenda update. Christine is meeting with members of the Toledo Region Transportation Coalition to collect input for the first draft. The Transportation Legislative Agenda is a guideline for transportation decision making. The document will be completed and ready for distribution in late March-early April.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Agenda VII) – From Committee chairs  
FY2016-2019 TIP Amendment #15 (for approval) – TIP Amendment #15 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. The amendment modifies two projects at the request of the City of Toledo, adds five TAP projects and deletes two projects. The first modification 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. As part of these requests, if there is a future shortfall of STP funds, the City of Toledo will be asked to move a project back to avoid a financial impact to other sponsors. The five projects being added are projects recently

approved in the 2016 TAP solicitation. The two projects being deleted are the Jackson Blvd Transit Center and the City of Toledo's Front St Urban Improvement, both funded with TAP.

FY2016-2019 TIP Amendment #16 (for approval) – TIP amendment #16 is being presented for approval. The amendment modifies the City of Rossford SR 65/Lime City/Colony & Lime City Bike Path project to move it from FY2017 to FY2019. The TIP Committee requested that TMACOG send a letter to the City requesting that a resolution be approved and sent to staff committing local funding and identifying the project scope by February 15, 2017.

FY2016-2019 TIP Amendment #17 (for approval) – TIP amendment #17 is being presented for approval. The amendment adds two projects at the request of ODOT (LUC SR 25 8.04 reconstruct: reconstruct the Anthony Wayne Trail from City Park to I-75 and the Rides to Wellness Grant). These projects do not utilize TMACOG managed funds.

Vice President's Report (Agenda VIII – 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. On November 29th, President-elect Donald Trump announced that he is nominating Elaine Chao to serve as the next Secretary of Transportation. Chao has extensive executive experience, having served as Secretary of Labor for the entirety of the George W. Bush Administration and Deputy Secretary of Transportation under the George H.W. Bush Administration. Chao also has an extensive maritime background, having served as Deputy Administrator of the Maritime Administration and Chair of the Federal Maritime Commission under President Ronald Reagan. Most recently, Chao worked with the Hudson Institute and Heritage Foundation, in addition to serving on the board of directors for a number of nonprofit and corporate institutions. Chao is married to current Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY).
- B. The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) will hold their voting session on the draft project list on December 14, 2016. The two applications submitted by ODOT District 2 were ranked #4 (I-475 Phase 4 widening, \$24.6M) and #5 (I-475 Phase #3 Hill and Dorr structures, \$14.3M). The project scores were 64.5 and 63.5 respectively.
- C. TMACOG has informed Transportation for America that we will not be a participant in the Ohio Transportation Academy. TMACOG needed to raise \$15,000 and provide a list of 8-10 potential academy attendees in order to participate. Cleveland and Columbus have also notified them that they are out as well. Cincinnati had previously confirmed their involvement but we are unsure of their status at this time.
- D. The U.S. Department of Transportation's Build America Bureau is now soliciting applications for up to \$850 million in Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grants. The FAST Act authorized the program at \$4.5 billion for fiscal years (FY) 2016 through 2020, including \$850 million for FY 2017 to be awarded by the Secretary of Transportation. The deadline for submitting applications is 8:00 PM on December 15, 2016.
- E. Upcoming events:
  - **2017 TMACOG General Assembly** – Jan. 30, 2017, Holiday Inn French Quarter, 8 am-1 pm
  - **Active Transportation Engineer's Forum** – Feb. 1, 2017, MLK Plaza Grand Lobby, Time TBD
  - **Transportation Summit** – March 31, 2017, The Premier Banquet Complex, 8 am-2 pm