



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 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 Ed O'Reilly to approve the September 7 and October 5, 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 October 22, 2016. The financial report showed 31.03% of the budget has been completed with 33.06% expended. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Transportation Council Operating Procedures – Dave Gedeon explained that 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. A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Ed O'Reilly to approve the operating procedures as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Council Chair and Vice Chair – Dave Gedeon explained that the Transportation Council leadership positions are appointed annually by the TMACOG Chair. The Council nominated to keep the leadership the same with Chair as Keith Earley and Vice Chair as Jim Bagdonas. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the chair and vice chair as nominated; the motion passed unanimously.

2017-2018 Transportation Legislative Agenda – Christine Connell discussed 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. She walked the council through the updated webpage on the TMACOG website for the Legislative Agenda. The document will be completed and ready for distribution in late March-early April.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:

TIP – Ed O'Reilly briefly explained the following amendments and asked that the council approve them as presented.

FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment #15 – 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. 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.

FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment # 16 – The amendment modifies the City of Rossford SR 65/Lime City/Colony & Lime City Bike Path project to move it from FY2017 to FY2019.

FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment #17 – 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).

A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the amendments as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly explained that the committee met in November and discussed the Chair and Vice Chair positions and the annual work plan will be voted on at the December meeting.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that the committee took a trip to Fostoria to visit Ohio Logistics and Mennell Milling.

Planning – Ron Myers reported that at the last meeting the committee discussed measuring goals and initiatives of the long range plan. Their next meeting will be February 21.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer reported that the committee reviewed crash diagrams for Navarre in the City of Oregon. Their next meeting is January 9.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse reported that the committee met and discussed the 5310 funding recipients.

Passenger Rail – Patrick Miller unable to attend. There is nothing new to report.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Mike Gramza was unable to attend the meeting. Imad Bdieri reported that 600 miles of projects were completed in 2016. Northbound I-475 will be 3 lanes by the end of the year.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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