

Resolution endorsing the 2017-2018 Transportation Legislative Agenda – STAFF REPORT

TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA  
FEBRUARY 15, 2017

This resolution endorses the “Transportation Legislative Agenda of the Toledo Region, 2017-2018”. This document provides a vision together with specific recommendations that will enable us to leverage our transportation assets for the economic benefit of our region. It addresses the crisis in transportation funding by proposing several policy solutions. As in years past, the Legislative Agenda is primarily directed to our state and federal legislators. However, it is also provided to our local elected officials as a reference of key projects and initiatives that need their support to make happen.

The Transportation Legislative Agenda represents the consensus of a diverse coalition of area transportation professionals and organizations that include local governments, business groups, economic development agencies, construction and supply chain associations, accessibility interests, and university and health care institutions. The coalition members are unified in their desire to develop an effective transportation system that is essential to sustaining our regional economy and our quality of life. We are very pleased that the document is the result of a collaborative effort and that the recommendations contained therein encompass the entire region of our TMACOG members.

Approval of this resolution is requested to put TMACOG’s support on record.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
ENDORING THE TOLEDO REGION  
TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR 2017-2018**

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is a voluntary association of local governments and non-governmental partners in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, organized on May 31, 1968, and established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Michigan Public Act No. 7 (EX-SESS), and has carried out comprehensive metropolitan and regional planning since that date; and

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor through the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with local elected officials and is authorized to carry out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process (Process) for the Toledo area that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports community development and social goals; and

WHEREAS, the members of TMACOG are unified in their desire to develop an effective transportation system that is essential to improving our regional economy and vital to sustaining our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, TMACOG has prepared a long range plan entitled “On the Move: 2015-2045 Transportation Plan” that shapes our region’s transportation future through implementation of a program of fiscally constrained projects and policy recommendations in compliance with federal law; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Council has coordinated the preparation of the “Transportation Legislative Agenda of the Toledo Region, 2017-2018” (Transportation Legislative Agenda) that is consistent with the recommendations of the Long Range Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Legislative Agenda provides a vision of multi-modal transportation system that will provide economic benefit to our region and improve our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Legislative Agenda has been developed and endorsed by a diverse coalition of 17 members. The Transportation Coalition consists of area transportation professionals and organizations that include local governments, business groups, economic development agencies, construction and supply chain associations, accessibility interests, and university and health care institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Legislative Agenda is the result of a collaborative effort and that the recommendations contained therein encompass the entire region of our TMACOG members; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Legislative Agenda is intended to serve as a valuable reference to our federal and state legislators on matters related to transportation funding and implementing key transportation issues and projects vital to our region; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Transportation Council on February 1, 2017.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1:

That the Toledo Region Transportation Coalition and the Transportation Council of the TMACOG are commended for their work in developing the Legislative Agenda, and

Section 2:

That TMACOG hereby approves and supports the “Transportation Legislative Agenda of the Toledo Region, 2017-2018”, and

Section 3:

That the President of TMACOG is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this resolution to the governor of Ohio, state and federal legislators, and the director of the Ohio Department of Transportation as a statement of TMACOG policy.

Adopted by the Executive Committee on February 15, 2017.

Yea \_\_\_\_\_, Nay \_\_\_\_\_, Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

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Craig A. Stough, Chair  
Toledo Metropolitan Area  
Council of Governments (TMACOG)

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Tim W. Brown, President  
Toledo Metropolitan Area  
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