



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017**

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 November 1, 2017 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Financial (Expense) Report – Dave Gedeon presented expense report for, July 1, 2017 through October 20, 2017. The financial report showed 30.65% of the budget has been completed with 24.47% expended. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by John Musteric to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

5310 Specialized Transportation Award Recommendations – Dave Gedeon gave a brief presentation stating that the 2017 funding round has \$260,386 available. Five applications were received requesting a total of \$502,266. The 5310 Scoring Committee met in early November to score and rank the applications and make funding recommendations. The Transit Committee reviewed and approved a recommendation to fund the following agencies: Maumee Senior Center (1 vehicle and preventative maintenance), East Toledo Family Center (2 vehicles), Anne Grady (2 vehicles), Epilepsy Center of NW Ohio (1 vehicle). A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the funding recommendations as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Council Chair and Vice Chair for 2018 – A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Ed O'Reilly to approve the chair and vice chair as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Ozone Standard and Designations/VW Settlement – Dave Gedeon explained that air quality really sets a lot of the time lines for transportation planning. On October 1, 2015, the US EPA lowered the ozone standard to 70 parts per billion (ppb) from 75 ppb set in 2008. The US EPA released a partial list of counties that would not be impacted by the 2015 NAAQS for Ozone and Lucas and Wood counties are included on the list as attainment. Designations for counties not included on the lists will be considered later. Even though Monroe County is part of the TMACOG transportation planning area, it is not part of our air quality area because it follows the state line.

The VW mitigation settlement requires VW to pay \$2.7 billion into an Environmental Mitigation trust fund. Ohio expects to receive \$75.3 million from the trust between 2017 and 2027. This can be used to fund certain eligible projects to reduce NOx emissions.

Public Comment Period – There were no public comments presented at this time.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:

TIP – Ed O'Reilly reported that the committee reviewed the 2019 AWP. He went on to explain the TIP amendment stating that it adds two projects at the request of ODOT (Albon-Salisbury roundabout, and roundabouts on US 20A and a connector road to the South Airfield Rd. Industrial Park) and modifies one project at the request of ODOT (Dorr St. interchange RW). A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Ron Myers to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly stated that the committee reviewed and approved the 2019 AWP. Also, ped/bike safety and crashes were discussed. A subcommittee is being put together for Bike Month. Also, TMACOG now has the ability to count bicycles.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that the committee met on November 15 and Wade Gottschalk made a presentation on Site Ohio and the state certification system. This is the system that helps prepare sites for potential businesses coming to the area. Since 1993, Wood County has attracted \$2.5 billion in investment and created around 7,000 jobs. Wood County currently has eight certified sites. Upcoming at the next meeting in January is a presentation by Cleveland Cliffs.

Planning – Ron Myers reported that there has been no meeting since the last Council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend the meeting. There was nothing new to report.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse was unable to attend the meeting. Dave Gedeon reported that at the last meeting the primary focus was approving the 5310 recommendations.

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

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that on December 14, TRAC votes on the draft project funding list. Waterville bridge sold last week for \$3 million under the states estimate. Two projects will carry over through the winter, the I-75 project through the Jeep area and the Indiana bridge over 75.

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

Rebekka Aparadian resigned her position of Transportation Planner as of December 1st. She is pursuing her doctoral degree from the Geography and Planning Department at the University of Toledo. TMACOG has posted two positions in the transportation department, one for a Transportation Planner and one for a Public Administration Specialist, the position previously held by Christine Connell.

ODOT has begun an update to Ohio's long-range transportation plan, Access Ohio. The purpose of Access Ohio is to guide, inform and support ODOT's policies and investment strategies for the coming years. The update will look towards the horizon year 2045 and is expected to be completed in the winter of 2019.

Congressional Republicans are pursuing a short-term bill that would avert a shutdown and fund the government through Dec. 22. The current continuing resolution ends on December 8th. The plan would mean lawmakers will likely need to pass a second stopgap spending measure right before the holidays that would keep the government operating into January. The latest strategy to emerge on November 30th would involve passing a two-week continuing resolution next week. If a deal on an omnibus package for fiscal 2018 can't be reached by then they would have to pass an additional continuing resolution that pushes the debate into January.

Upcoming events:

- **2018 TMACOG General Assembly** – January 29, 2018, Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, 8:00 am
- **2018 Transportation Summit** – March 16, 2018, The Premier, Toledo, 8:00 am – 2 pm

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next meeting will be February 7, 2018.