



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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 Tom Gibbons to approve the December 7, 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 December 31, 2016. The financial report showed 50.19% of the budget has been completed with 45.40% expended. A motion was made by Jim Bagdonas and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

2017 TMACOG Prospectus – Dave Gedeon explained that TMACOG recently completed an agency prospectus to satisfy an ODOT Central Office request. TMACOG's last prospectus was dated 1993. The document describes the agency's planning functions, identifies the organizational and committee structure, membership, and funding. While not a required document, it is a good desk reference to understand how TMACOG functions. This document will be reviewed and updated as needed and is available on the TMACOG website.

2017-2018 Transportation Legislative Agenda – Dave Gedeon presented the updated Transportation Legislative Agenda for approval. The approach for this update was to create a series of ten whitepapers expressing the consensus of the Transportation Coalition members that provided input. Topics covered include funding, logistics, and modal transportation. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by John Musteric to approve the legislative agenda as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Update on Federal Infrastructure Proposals – Dave Gedeon explained that the Senate Democrats released a *Blueprint to Rebuild America's Infrastructure*, pledging a trillion dollars over the next ten years to repair, modernize, and build infrastructure from ports to schools. The Democrats proposal highlights areas where infrastructure spending is most needed. The blueprint targets sixteen discreet areas of investment and outlines potential options for spending. These investments include \$100 billion towards reconstructing roads and bridges, a \$10 billion TIGER Grant expansion, \$25 billion for community resilience projects, \$110 billion for water and sewer rehabilitation, and \$130 billion to repair and expand transit systems. The Democrats expect this federal investment to generate 15 million new jobs in industries like construction and manufacturing. To pay for these investments, Democrats suggest closing tax loopholes or relying on the generation of revenue through job creation, but ultimately left the question of how to fund their proposal to the administration. Additionally, the Trump Administration transition team solicited a list of high priority infrastructure projects from the National Governors Association. The list includes 50 projects totaling \$137.5 billion as public-private partnerships.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:

TIP – Ed O'Reilly was unable to attend the meeting. Lance Dasher briefly explained the following amendment and asked for council approval. Lance also notified the council that the draft of the 2018-2021 TIP is being submitted to ODOT and the final will be brought to council at the April meeting.

FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment #18 – The amendment adds two projects at the request of TARTA (MM Specialized Transportation Purchase < 30' LTV Buses & PM for Awardees). These projects do not utilize TMACOG Managed funds. A motion was made by Shelley Papenfuse and seconded by Ron Myers to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of TIP Members – Following the recent amendment to the TIP Committee Operating Procedures, the approval of TIP members will now be done by the Transportation Council. Voting will no longer take place at the Transportation Summit. The 2017 roster has been approved by the TIP Committee and has been advanced to the Council for final approval. A motion was made by Robert Ruse and seconded by Neil Munger to approve the TIP Members as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O’Reilly was unable to attend the meeting. Lance Dasher explained that the committee met on January 19 and discussed the regional bike user map development.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that the committee met at the end of January. They discussed the legislative agenda and held the election of the committee officers.

Planning – Ron Myers reported that the committee hasn’t met since the last Transportation Council meeting. He noted that the 2045 Plan Summary is complete and copies are available. Their next meeting will be February 21.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer reported that the committee met on January 9. They discussed the AWP and continued to review crash diagrams and problem intersections.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse reported that the committee has not met in 2017. There is nothing new to report.

Passenger Rail – Patrick Miller unable to attend. Rebekka Apardian reported that the committee has not met in 2017 and there is nothing new to report.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that I-75 between South and Dorr Street has been delayed. Mike also mentioned that District 2 structure funding is being cut 60%. They are, however, looking for safety projects to fund.

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

On January 31st, Elaine Chao was confirmed by the US Senate as Transportation Secretary. Chao had previously been the Deputy Secretary of Transportation from 1989-1991 under George H. W. Bush and served as the Secretary of Labor from 2001-2009 under George W. Bush.

The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) released the Final 2017-2020 Major New Construction List and ODOT District 2 did not receive funding for the I-475 bridge projects (US 20A and Dorr St) or the I-475 widening project.

TMACOG provided Tom Kovacik with a letter of support for the I-73/I-74/I-75 corridor. Tom is attending a meeting in Washington DC and requested a letter to take with him.

TMACOG provided two letters of support to the Metroparks of the Toledo Area for Recreational Trail program applications through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. One application is the Chessie Circle Trail Parking Lot and Restroom Facility project and the other is the University Parks Trail Extension project.

ODOT is conducting the Ohio Maritime Study to provide key information as it assesses its role with respect to the maritime transportation system in Ohio, including bolstering regional competitiveness and economic development, addressing the requirements of the regions shippers and receivers, and securing freight dollars available through the FAST Act, private investors, and other sources. As part of this study, ODOT has retained the services of CPCS Transcom Inc. and W.R. Coles & Associates to conduct a review of Ohio’s maritime transportation system. The study is expected to be completed in late 2018.

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TMACOG will be adding a security system to the office entry doors requiring that meeting attendees and visitors be buzzed in for access. It is anticipated that these improvements will be installed within the next 2-3 months, possibly sooner.

Upcoming events:

- **Transportation Summit** – March 31, 2017, The Premier Banquet Complex, 8 am-2 pm
- **Ohio Sunshine Law Certification Training** – April 7, 2017, Owens Community College Audio Visual Classroom, 8:45 am-12:15 pm
- **Summer Caucuses & Forum withy State Lawmakers** – August 2, 2017, Penta Career Center, 8 am-1 pm

Roundtable – Kris Cousino reported that the City of Toledo will completely cut bridge funding after 2019. Dave Gedeon reported that I-75 near Detroit has been closed and will remain so for 2 years.

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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