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Date: February 27, 2017
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 MARCH 1, 2017 MEETING**

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, March 1, 2017. The agenda and meeting materials are available at 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. 120). 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 January 28, 2017 is submitted for approval. With nearly 58% of the fiscal year completed, the overall program is under budget at 51.4% expended. A Transportation Budget Amendment (#2) is being presented for Transportation Council consideration to shift funds from elements that are well underspent to others that have required more staff time this year.

FY 2017 Transportation Budget Amendment #2 (Agenda IV – for information) – TMACOG is presenting a budget amendment for Transportation Council approval to move funds from underutilized work elements to others that require additional resources. A summary sheet is provided that identifies proposed funding shifts among work elements.

FY 2018 Transportation Annual Work Program (Agenda V – for approval) – The draft of the annual work program is being presented to Transportation Council for approval will be submitted to ODOT on March 3rd. The FY2018 major work products are listed on a one page summary provided at the meeting and on the Council webpage. Individual work element sections have been reviewed and approved by the Transportation Committees. The final Annual Work Program document is due to ODOT on May 5, 2017.

I-73/I-74/I-75 Update (Agenda VI – for information) – Tom Kovacik will present an update on the current status of the I-73/I-74/I-75 corridor. The transportation funding proposals being discussed at the federal level may provide an opportunity for corridor development.

Functional Classification Update (Agenda VII – for information) – Lisa Householder will discuss and highlight the recent approval of the Ohio Functional Classification Network. TMACOG convened transportation stakeholders in 2014 to begin the update process and submitted a list of network changes to ODOT. We were recently informed that the FHWA – Ohio Division has approved the FC network on non-NHS routes.

Safety Performance Measures and Targets (Agenda VIII – for information) – Rebekka Apardian will present information of safety performance measures and targets. States have until August 31, 2017 to set safety targets and MPO's must establish safety targets by February 27, 2018.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Agenda IX) – From Committee chairs

FY2016-2019 TIP Amendment #19 (for approval) – TIP Amendment #19 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. The amendment adds one project (TARTA Operating Assistance 2017) and modifies two projects (TARTA ADA Service 2017 and TARTA Capitalized Maintenance 2017), all at the request of TARTA. These projects to not utilize TMACOG managed funds.

Vice President's Report (Agenda X – 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 February 27, TMACOG participated in a press conference coordinated by Senator Sherrod Brown. The press conference focused of the *Blueprint to Rebuild America's Infrastructure* proposal. Also participating were City of Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson and the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce President Wendy Gramza.
- B. The 2017 Ohio Conference on Freight will be held in Columbus from August 2-4 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. The theme is "Freight 2.0: The Rise of Smart Logistics". The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is taking the lead on conference coordination.
- C. TMACOG has purchased two traffic counters that are capable of discriminating bicycle traffic on roadways and bike lanes. The counters are hose based and are not able to detect pedestrians however.
- D. TMACOG will conduct a solicitation for Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality funding in the coming weeks. Approximately \$4.5 million will be available for projects in FY 2023. Applications will be due on June 2nd.
- E. The Federal Highway Administration said new estimates for vehicle miles traveled show that traffic volume on U.S. roads rose 2.8 percent in 2016 to a new record high of more than 3.2 trillion. This was also the fifth straight year in which vehicle mileage increased on public roads throughout the nation.
- F. 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