



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

**Members and Alternates Present:** Edgar Avila, Mike Brillhart (VA), Lori Brodie, Eric Dokurno (A), Ken Fallows, Mike Gramza, Ray Huber, Tom Kovacik, Ron Myers, Ed O'Reilly, Tim Porter, Mike Pniewski (A), Mary Ellen Poturalski, Joe Shaw, Robert Ruse

**Other Interested Parties Present:**

**TMACOG Staff Present:** Jodi Cole, Lance Dasher, Dana Doubler, David Gedeon, Austin Mack

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**Call to Order** – Chair Keith Earley was unable to attend the meeting. Vice Chair Joe Shaw brought the meeting to order with introductions around the room.

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Ken Fallows to approve the December 5, 2018 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial (Expense) Report** – Dave Gedeon presented the expense reports for, July 1, 2018 through December 28, 2018. The financial report showed 49.81% of the budget has been completed with 37.90% expended. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**2019 Safety Performance Targets for Ohio and Michigan** – Dana Doubler gave a brief presentation on the safety performance targets for Ohio and Michigan. Dana then explained that the safety targets need updated annually. She went on to give a brief overview of the updates for Ohio and Michigan for 2019. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Tim Porter to approve the safety performance targets as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**2019-2020 Transportation Legislative Agenda** – Austin Mack gave a brief overview of the draft legislative agenda. The approach for the 2019-2020 legislative agenda was to again create a series of white papers expressing the consensus of the coalition members that provided input on funding, logistics, and modal transportation topics. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Ron Myers to approve the legislative agenda as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Fix our Roads (FOR) Ohio** – Dave Gedeon gave a presentation on the FOR Ohio Coalition. The objective of this coalition was to have a united effort to educate Ohio leaders on the needs of Ohio's transportation infrastructure and the need for a stable dedicated funding solution. The coalition created a briefing that identifies these needs and presents a package of revenue-raising options for consideration by the state.

Tom Kovacik made a recommendation that the handout associated with this be made available to everyone in our region via a mass email effort.

**Public Comment Period** – No public comments at this time.

**Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

**Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:**

**TIP** – Ed O'Reilly reported on the following modification and amendment.

Ed reported on the modification #7 adds federal and local funding to the N. Baltimore Enhancement Project (PID 99004) and changes the source of funding from state to local on the LUC 475 Interchange and Widening project (PID 88084). A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Mike Pniewski to approve the modification as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Ed then reported on the amendment #13 that modifies one project at the request of Rossford (WOO SR65/ Lime City/Colony), modifies one project at the request of Wood County (WOO CR 107 1.73 Oregon Rd) and one project at the request of Toledo (LUC US 24 20.07 – Detroit Ave). A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Mike Pniewski to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly reported that the committee changed the meeting schedule to monthly as needed from bi-monthly. They also have started to discuss Bike Month.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that the committee discussed the 2045 plan projects.

Planning – Ron Myers reported that the committee discussed the 2020 AWP for approval, safety targets, and the legislative agenda. They also discussed the public meeting schedule for the long range plan.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend the meeting. No report at this time.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse was unable to attend the meeting. Dana Doubler reported that the committee had not met since the last Transportation Council. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 27.

Passenger Rail – Tim Porter reported that the committee had not met since the last Transportation Council. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 21.

### **Major Project Updates/Other Committees:**

Major Projects – Mike Gramza gave a presentation on the upcoming road construction projects that will be happening on I-75 near downtown Toledo.

Autonomous Vehicle Steering Committee – Edgar Avila reported that the committee met for the first time on January 17. At that meeting they created a mission statement, goals, and objectives of the committee. They also set the committee leadership, Laurie Adams will be Chair and Edgar Avila will be Vice Chair.

**Vice President's Report** – Dave reported on a few additional items.

The agreement between the City of Toledo and Transportation Economics & Management Systems, Inc (TEMS) for the Toledo-Detroit Passenger Rail Study has been executed by all parties and TEMS has currently started working on the study. Alex Metcalf from TEMS has committed to speak at the Transportation Summit and discuss the study results.

Governor DeWine has named Jack Marchbanks the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation. Director Marchbanks previously served as District 6 Deputy Director. Most recently he served as Assistant Director for Business & Human Resources from July 2017 to January 2019. He also served on the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) and has worked in the private sector as Business Development & Marketing Director for PRIME AE Group, Inc.

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, Randy Cole left the Ohio Turnpike Commission to take on a new position with a Cleveland based block chain company, Onum, as Executive Vice President and Chief Solutions Officer. Martin Seekely, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Executive Director was appointed to serve as the Interim Executive Director until the Commission conducts a search and appoints a permanent Executive Director.

The 2019 Ohio Conference on Freight has been scheduled for August 8-9 in Cleveland.

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**Roundtable** – Ray Huber expressed concern regarding the gasoline tax and the use of revenue.

Upcoming events:

- **TMACOG Transportation Summit** – Friday, March 29, 2019 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, The Premier

**Next Meeting/Adjournment** – The next meeting will be March 6, 2019. A motion for adjournment was made by Ron Myers and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski.

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