



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

Call to Order – Chair Keith Earley brought the meeting to order with introductions around the room. Dave Gedeon introduced Dana Doubler to the committee.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Ed O’Reilly and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the December 6, 2017 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Financial (Expense) Report – Dave Gedeon presented the expense reports for, July 1, 2017 through December 30, 2017. The financial report showed 49.81% of the budget has been completed with 36.26% expended. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by John Musteric to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Introduce Chris Van Newhouse, ODOT MPO Liaison to TMACOG – Dave Gedeon explained that due to the weather Mr. Van Newhouse was unable to attend the meeting today.

Michigan Safety Performance Targets – Ron Myers explained that since the TMACOG MPO area extends into Monroe County, TMACOG must take action on the Michigan safety performance targets. MDOT coordinated the safety targets with the 14 MPOs in Michigan through the monthly Target Coordination Meetings and through discussions at various meetings of the Michigan Transportation Planning Association. Once state DOT’s set their performance targets, MPO’s have 180 days to either adopt statewide targets or commit to a quantifiable target for that performance measure for their MPO area. MPO’s must receive approval from their MPO board on safety targets by February 27, 2018 to meet the deadline. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Ed O’Reilly to approve the targets as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

TMACOG Draft FY 2019 Annual Work Program – Dave Gedeon provided a one-page summary outlining the major work products as part of the meeting handouts. The draft of the annual work program is being brought before Transportation Council for approval and will be submitted to ODOT on March 2nd. Individual work element sections have been reviewed and approved by the subsequent transportation committees that have met in the past couple months. The final Annual Work Program document is due to ODOT on May 4, 2018. A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Doug Stephens to approve the draft AWP as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Permissive License Plate Fees – Keith Earley explained why it would be beneficial to pass the \$5 permissive license plate fee. The county has been living on a fixed income for the past 18 years. Revenue has gone up 7.6% while overall costs have increased 70%. It was recommended by the council that TMACOG advance a resolution to Executive Committee to affirm support for local authorities looking to pass the license plate fee. A motion was made by Ed O’Reilly and seconded by Tom Kovacik to advance a resolution; the motion passed unanimously.

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

Ed explained the TIP amendment stating that it adds four projects at the request of project sponsors (Toledo Metroparks: Swan Creek Trail and Riverside Trail East, Lucas County: Dorr and McCord Roundabout, City of Toledo: Jefferson Cycle Track) and modifies two projects at the request of project sponsors (Wood County: CR 107 1.73 Oregon Rd, Lucas County: Kilburn Rd Bike Lanes). These projects utilize TMACOG managed

funds. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Ed explained that following an amendment to the TIP Committee Operating Procedures, the approval of TIP members is now done by the Transportation Council. This action replaces voting at the Transportation Summit. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by John Musteric to approve the committee roster as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O’Reilly stated that the committee met in January and decided on the leadership of the committee, discussed the bike users map, and the planning of bike month.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that the committee met the last week in January and a representative from Cleveland Cliffs came and made a presentation to the committee.

Planning – Ron Myers reported that the committee met in January and discussed the Michigan safety targets and the annual work program items.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer reported that the committee met in January and discussed the annual work program items. They also discussed before and after of a few safety related projects using the traffic demand model.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse was unable to attend the meeting. Nothing new to report.

Passenger Rail – Patrick Miller was unable to attend the meeting. Roger Streiffert reported that the committee will meet February 15 and on the agenda is passenger rail priorities for the region and goals for the committee.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that TRAC officially approved the Dorr St Interchange / I-475 widening from Airport Highway to Central Avenue. Environmental clearance was also received this month.

I-75 reconstruction between South Avenue and Dorr Street is selling in May and will take 3 ½ to 4 years for construction. This will impact the interchange with Anthony Wayne Trail. Following right behind this project in March of 2019 will be the section from Glenwood Ave in Wood county to South Ave. That will include new interchanges at South and Miami streets.

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

Congress is up against a funding deadline once again. Congress needs to adopt an omnibus spending bill by this Friday, February 8, to fund the government for the remainder of the year and avoid another government shutdown. They could pass their fifth short-term continuing resolution to keep the government running at current (2017) funding levels.

ODOT has begun an update to Ohio’s long-range transportation plan, Access Ohio 2045. The purpose of Access Ohio is to guide, inform and support ODOT’s policies and investment strategies for the coming years. The update is expected to be completed in the winter of 2019. The first round of regional public meetings has been scheduled and ODOT will be in Toledo on Wednesday, May 9th at TMACOG. A stakeholder meeting will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 and a general public meeting from 6:00 – 8:00.

The Ohio LTAP Center has announced the following free 1-day workshop session, *ADA Self-Evaluations/Transition Plans and Overview of Elements of Public Right-of-Way Accessibility*. The session will be held in Bowling Green on May 15th at ODOT District 2 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

Upcoming events:

- **2018 Transportation Summit** – March 16, 2018, The Premier, Toledo, 8:00 am – 2 pm

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

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