



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 February 1, 2017 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 January 28, 2017. The financial report showed 57.85% of the budget has been completed with 51.45% expended. A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**FY 2017 Transportation Budget Amendment #2** – Dave Gedeon explained a budget amendment to move funds from underutilized work elements to others that require additional resources. Moving \$17,000 from Transportation Service to Safety Studies, moving \$5,000 from ITS to Regional Public Transportation Planning, moving \$40,000 and splitting it at \$20,000 a piece to Data Collection and Management and Transportation Policy Committee Reporting and Administration, and lastly adding \$5,000 to Transportation Mentoring Support. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**FY 2018 Transportation Annual Work Program** – Dave Gedeon presented the draft of the annual work program for approval. The draft document will be submitted to ODOT on March 3<sup>th</sup>. A one page summary provided at the meeting and on the council webpage listed the major work products outlined in the work program. Individual work element sections have been reviewed and approved by the different transportation committees. The final Annual Work Program document is due to ODOT on May 5, 2017. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the work program as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**I-73/I-74/I-75 Update** – Tom Kovacik presented 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. Tom also provided a copy of a letter that TMACOG wrote in support of the development of the corridor.

**Functional Classification Update** – Lisa Householder discussed the highlights on 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. TMACOG has recently been informed that the FHWA – Ohio Division has approved the FC network on non-NHS routes.

**Safety Performance Measures and Targets** – Rebekka Aparadian presented information on the safety performance measures and targets outlined in the long range plan. 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**

**Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:**

TIP – Ed O'Reilly briefly explained the following amendment and asked for council approval.

**FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment #19** – 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.

A motion was made by Jim Gee and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O’Reilly reported on the bike users map that is being developed and reminded everyone about upcoming Bike Month in May.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that the committee met at the end of February. They discussed the lack of adequate truck parking in Toledo, on time demands put on truckers, bad grade crossings that create bottlenecks, and they continue to review the long range plan to prioritize projects they would like to champion.

Planning – Ron Myers was unable to attend the meeting. Rebekka Apardian had nothing more to add after discussing the safety performance measures earlier in the meeting.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend the meeting. Lisa Householder reported that the committee had not met since the last Council meeting and is scheduled to meet on March 9.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse reported that the committee reviewed the recommendations from the fall public transportation forum and an outside group has been formed to review switching from property tax to sales tax to fund TARTA and to create a document to be handed to the public transit committee when they meet again. They also discussed Governor Kasich’s proposal to replace the Medicaid sales tax. In this budget it would not fund our local counties and Lucas County would lose \$11 million /year. The committee would like to write a letter to the governor explaining how this would hurt our counties by losing this fund. The committee would like to write a letter in support of ODOT increasing transit.

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

**Major Project Updates/Other Committees:**

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that DDI at SR 25 and 475 in Perrysburg, will be starting in early April. Also, the Monroe Street bridge over 475 will close for reconstruction. Also the rest area on southbound 75 will be open by Memorial Day

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

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.

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 (MORPC) is taking the lead on conference coordination.

TMACOG has purchased two traffic counters that are capable of determining bicycle traffic on roadways and bike lanes. The counters are hose based and are not able to detect pedestrians.

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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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The Federal Highway Administration said new estimates for vehicle miles traveled show that traffic volume on U.S. roads rose 2.8% 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.

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 Caucus & Forum with State Lawmakers** – August 2, 2017, Penta Career Center, 8 am-1 pm

**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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