



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016**

**Call to Order** – Chair Keith Earley brought the meeting to order with introductions around the room.

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Jim Gee to approve the February 3, 2016 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial (Expense) Report** – Dave Gedeon presented and briefly reviewed the expense report for the period July 1, 2015 through January 30, 2016. The financial report showed 58.62% of the budget has been completed with 49.50% expended. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Ken Fallows to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment #7 and #8** – Ed O'Reilly explained that Amendment #7 adds one project at the request of ODOT to construct a new roadway connecting Woodmore St. to Miami St. ahead of the larger I-75 project. Amendment #8 is a request from TARTA for a variety of changes including the addition of one project, the modification of nine projects and the deletion of three projects. Amendment #8 was received following the TIP Committee meeting and is being advanced directly to the Transportation Council. A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Jim Gee to approve the amendments as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Transit Committee Operating Procedures** – Rebekkah Apardian explained that following the February 2016 approval of changes to the Transportation Council Operating Procedures, a formational meeting of the Public Transit Committee was held and new operating procedures were discussed. The group voted on and approved the operating procedures which are now brought before the Transportation Council for approval. A motion was made by Jim Gee and seconded by Shelley Papenfuse to approve the operating procedures as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Passenger Rail Committee Operating Procedures** – Rebekkah Apardian explained that the Passenger Rail Committee reviewed their operating procedures and made appropriate modifications. The Committee voted on and approved the operating procedures which are now brought before the Transportation Council for approval. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Andy Langenderfer to approve the modifications in operating procedures as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**FY 2017 Transportation Annual Work Program** – Dave Gedeon presented the draft of the annual work program that will be submitted to ODOT on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Dave provided a handout that highlighted the major work products for FY 2017. The final work program document is due to ODOT on May 2, 2016. The work program will be updated based on comments received and will be submitted to the Transportation Council in April for approval.

**TMACOG Transportation Summit** – Christine Connell discussed briefly the upcoming Transportation Summit. This will take place on March 18 at the Parkway Place in Maumee. Currently there are approximately 150 registered for the event. The keynote speaker is the Director of Transportation for America, James Corless. Mike Gramza from ODOT and a counterpart from MDOT will speak about highway project updates in our area.

**Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

**Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:**

**Freight** – Ray Huber reported that the steering committee met and discussed the Freight Advisory Committee Goals. They also discussed the regional freight connector inventory.

Planning – Ron Myers was unable to attend. Rebekka Aparadian reported that the committee met and they discussed the 2045 long range plan. They also discussed the annual work plan for FY 2017 and potential legislative agenda topics.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly reported that the committee met and they discussed the annual work program. The steering committee endorsed the plan to map and sign bike routes. Ed also wanted to remind council that bike month is coming up in May.

TIP – Ed O'Reilly reported that the committee is doing a STP solicitation. The scoring has been updated and the applications will reflect the new scoring.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer reported that March 7 is the next meeting. The committee will be looking at crash and safety hotspots. They are also helping to update the Safety Locations and Measures Report.

Public Transit and Passenger Rail – Rebekka Aparadian reported that the Passenger Rail Committee met for the first time after the split. They reviewed the leadership and decided to keep the same chair and vice chair. Shelley Papenfuse reported on the Public Transit Committee. The committee met and Rebekka gave a presentation on how the committee fits into TMACOG.

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

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that he will be giving his major project update at the Summit. He did discuss the approval of Lucas/Wood Miami Street connector.

**Vice President's Report** – Dave reported that on February 23rd, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Fox announced the FY 2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant program. As in the previous seven rounds, \$500 million is available nationwide. Applications are due on April 29, 2016.

Dave also mentioned that on February 25<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. EPA announced the availability of \$26 million in grant funding to establish clean diesel projects to reduce emissions from existing diesel fleets. For EPA Region V (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin), EPA is requesting proposals ranging between \$500,000 and \$2,500,000 and priority will be given to fleets in areas with poor air quality. Applications are due on April 26, 2016.

Dave also discussed the new Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grant program. The FAST Act authorizes \$800 million in funding for the FASTLANE program for fiscal year 2016, with 25% reserved for rural projects, and 10% for smaller projects. FASTLANE grants, authorized by the FAST Act's Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (NSFHP) program, will fund small and large projects, based on project size, that meet statutory requirements. Large projects (equal to the lesser of \$100 million or a certain specified statutory percentage of the project state's FY 2015 apportionment) are eligible for a minimum award of \$25 million. Small projects, which consist of projects below the minimum large project size threshold, are eligible for a minimum award of \$5 million. Applications are due on April 14, 2016.

Dave also mentioned that TMACOG will be issuing a solicitation for STP projects in the coming week. The solicitation will fill projects into the TIP for FY 2021 and FY 2022 and include approximately \$11M in funds. Applications will be due on June 3, 2016.

**Roundtable** – No action items to report.

**Next Meeting/Adjournment** – A motion was made by and Keith Earley seconded by Andy Langenderfer to adjourn the meeting; the motion was passed unanimously.