



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016**

**Call to Order** – Chair Keith Earley brought the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes** – Approval of minutes from the March 3, 2016 meeting could not be completed due to lack of a quorum. They will be presented at June's meeting.

**Financial (Expense) Report** – Approval of financial report from July 1, 2015 through March 26, 2016 could not be completed due to lack of a quorum. It will be presented at June's meeting.

**FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment #10 and Administrative Modification** – Ed O'Reilly explained that Amendment #10 is a request from TARTA for a variety of changes including the addition of two projects and the modification of three projects in the TIP for FY 2017. The administrative modification involves moving the Jackson Blvd Transit Hub from FY 2017 to FY 2020. There is no change in funding. Due to a lack of a quorum this amendment was presented for discussion.

**FY 2017 Transportation Annual Work Program** – Approval of the annual work program could not be completed due to lack of a quorum. It will be presented at June's meeting and go to the Executive Committee on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Self Certification** – Approval of self-certification could not be completed due to lack of a quorum. It will be presented at June's meeting.

**Appointments to Complete Streets Appeals Committee** – Lance Dasher explained that the TMACOG Complete Streets Policy states that an appeals committee will be appointed by the Transportation Council chair for two-year terms. The five person committee consists of two representatives from jurisdictions, one representative from a transit agency, and two members who are professional engineers. The committee will also be supported by one TMACOG staff member. The purpose of the appeal committee is to review application exceptions to the Complete Streets Policy that have not been approved and a mutually acceptable alternative cannot be reached between the project sponsor and TMACOG staff. The people appointed to the committee are: Jim Bagdonas, Steve Day, Kevin Aller, Chris Beaulieu, Daniel Hunt, and Lance Dasher. No discussion was had by Transportation Council and no formal vote needed. Appointment of the members was made by the chair of Transportation Council, Keith Earley.

**Repurposing of Earmark Funding** – Dave Gedeon explained that earmarks must meet the following criteria to be repurposed – meet the definition of an earmark; authorized or designated on or before September 20, 2005; administered by FHWA; less than 10% obligated or the project has been completed or closed. There are no projects in the region that meet all the necessary criteria. The earmark received for the acquisition of the Chessie Circle corridor does meet the age requirement but is roughly 70% spent and is not subject to repurposing. The statewide contact regarding earmark repurposing is Alana Haberman from ODOT.

**Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

**Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:**

**Freight** – Ray Huber reported that the committee met on April 27. They discussed US DOT truck sizes and load limits. Roger Streiffert commented that FHWA released the national freight route network and the committee would like to create a TMACOG freight route network.

**Planning** – Ron Myers was unable to attend. Rebekka Aparadian reported that there was nothing new to report.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O’Reilly stated that May is bike month.

TIP – Ed O’Reilly had nothing new to report.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend the meeting. Lisa Householder reported that at their last meeting they discussed the bike user map.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse was unable to attend the meeting. Rebekka Apardian reported that the committee has yet to meet. There is a small group that is spearheading a public transit forum that will take place in the fall.

Passenger Rail – Patrick Miller was unable to attend the meeting. Rebekka Apardian reported the committee has not met. Saturday, May 7 is National Train Day.

**Major Project Updates/Other Committees:**

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that the I-75 widening from Findlay to Roachton Road will be open by the end of the year. Then Roachton through the Interchange will open next year. On May 23 the northbound interchange of I-75/475 in Perrysburg will be closed for 120 days.

Mike also reported that the piece of I-75 from Dorr to Central will be done in September of this year. And also the piece of I-75 near I-280 into Michigan will be re-routed off of the interstate onto Central Avenue adding approximately 7 minutes to travel time.

Mike also discussed the Central Avenue bridge completion. It will be done by next year but this year traffic will be driving on new pavement.

Mike also mentioned that the High Level Bridge painting will start in July of this year and continue into November of 2017.

**Vice President’s Report** – Dave reported that on April 12<sup>th</sup>, FHWA Deputy Administrator David Kim was in Toledo for National Work Zone Awareness Week. He participated in an event in Perrysburg and wanted to meet with TMACOG staff. He noted the various funding programs that are available through the FAST Act. Among other topics was a discussion on the Ohio Conference on Freight. From that discussion, FHWA posed the possibility of FHWA Administrator Greg Nadeau speaking at this year’s conference. His office has confirmed that he will be the luncheon keynote speaker on Wednesday. In addition, FHWA wants to do a roundtable immediately following the conference for a smaller more select group, facilitated by Mr. Nadeau.

Dave also talked about a support letter for TransitCenter. TMACOG submitted a letter of support for a grant application submitted by Transportation for America to TransitCenter to fund a transportation leadership academy program for Ohio’s metropolitan areas. This is the same leadership academy that James Corliss spoke of at the Transportation Summit.

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

**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.