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**Date:** May 27, 2016  
**To:** Keith Earley, Chair  
James Bagdonas, Vice Chair  
Members of the Transportation Council  
**From:** David Gedeon, Acting Vice President of Transportation  
**Subject:** **TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPORT FOR JUNE 1, 2016 MEETING**

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This report is an update of staff activity and background on selected agenda items for our next Transportation Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2016. The agenda and meeting materials are available at [www.tmacog.org/Transportation/trancom.htm](http://www.tmacog.org/Transportation/trancom.htm). If you would like a hard copy or have any problems accessing any of the information, please contact Jodi Cole (ext. 120). If you have any questions or concerns on any agenda items, please contact me (ext. 125).

Financial Report (Agenda III - for approval) – The financial report for fiscal year 2016 beginning July 1, 2015 through April 23, 2016 is submitted for approval. With 82% of the fiscal year completed, many work elements remain below budget but a few have seen increased costs. Expenditures were higher for Element 60150 (Ped/Bike) to coordinate Bike Month Activities and develop a new bike user map and for Element 60123 (Safety Planning) to develop the updated Safety Locations Report. Both the federally funded and locally funded program categories are still below budget.

FY2016-2019 TIP Amendment #10 & #11 (Agenda IV – for approval) – TIP Amendment #10 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. 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. Amendment #11 includes two projects being added to the TIP. The first is to add the right-of way phase to the Waterville Bridge Replacement project and the second is for capital improvements to the Martin Luther King Jr Plaza using. The latter project utilizes FY2010 federal earmark funding.

FY2017 Transportation Annual Work Program (Agenda V – for approval) - The draft of the annual work program and a summary of major FY 2017 work products was presented to the Transportation Council for review in March and is now on the agenda for approval. The Transportation work program will be incorporated into the agency-wide consolidated work program and will be presented to the TMACOG Board of Trustees on June 15<sup>th</sup> for final approval.

Annual Self Certification (Agenda VI – for approval) – Each year, TMACOG must certify that the transportation planning process complies with federal regulations and laws pertaining to metropolitan planning organizations (MPO). The resolution lists the main federal planning regulations that require a TIP, a Long Range Plan, an Annual Work Program, Community Involvement program, and other elements of the MPO process. It also lists the Environmental Justice Executive Order, Disadvantage and Minority Business Enterprise Participation regulations, Americans with Disabilities, Clean Air, and Civil Rights laws. To the best of our knowledge and appropriate to the scope and complexity of transportation issues in our area, the TMACOG planning process complies with these laws and regulations

2016 Ohio Conference on Freight (Agenda VII – for information) – Christine Connell will provide an update on the 2016 Ohio Conference on Freight including tours, speakers and other information.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Agenda VIII) – From Committee chairs

Vice President’s Report (Agenda IX – for discussion) – In addition to the above agenda topics and information covered in the Committee Reports, the following are other items members of Transportation Council should be aware of.

- A. The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) will accept 2016 funding applications starting June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. The online application will be available at the TRAC Website (<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/trac/Pages/Default.aspx>). TRAC will consider projects that meet one of the following criteria:
  - The project is an existing TRAC funded project (Tier I, II or III) and additional funds are needed to advance the project to the next stage of development.
  - A new project that demonstrates significant impact to jobs, regional economic impact and has significant non-ODOT funding commitments.
- B. TMACOG submitted three letters of support for recent proposals. The University of Toledo submitted an application to the US Department of Transportation to establish a Tier 1 University Transportation Center in collaboration with Wayne State University, Case Western University, and Bowling Green State University. Another letter was to support ODOT’s proposal to the US Department of Transportation for the development of a mobile app to provide the general public and human service transportation customers a one-stop service for a list of resources available for coordinated transportation. Finally, a letter was provided to the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio for a proposal coordinated by the Ohio Department of Transportation to the US Department of Transportation. The proposal is to develop a short and long-term plan to improve transportation access for pregnant women and women of childbearing age in hot spot zip codes with the highest rate of infant mortality.
- C. TMACOG has issued a solicitation for STP projects. The solicitation will fill projects into the TIP for FY2021 and FY2022 and include approximately \$11M in funds. Applications are due on June 3, 2016.
- D. TMACOG and TARTA have collaborated on an updated application for 5310 Specialized Transportation vehicles. The project solicitation will go out within the next week and applications will be due to TMACOG by Friday, July 29, 2016. Eligible applicants include transit agencies, governments, and non-profits that are seeking capital or operational funding for transportation projects which will continue or increase access to transportation options for seniors or individuals with disabilities within the Toledo Urbanized Area of Northwest Ohio.
- E. USDOT announced that they received 212 applications requesting almost \$9.8 billion through the new Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grant program. The applications requested total more than thirteen times the amount of funding than is available (\$800M for FY2016)
- F. Upcoming events:  
**2016 Ohio Conference on Freight**, August 22-24, 2016, Hilton Cleveland Downtown