



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 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 Tom Gibbons and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to approve the May 3, 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 March 25, 2017. The financial report showed 73.18% of the budget has been completed with 64.22% expended. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Andy Langenderfer to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Toledo Urbanized Area Coordinated Public and Human Service Transportation Plan Addendum** – Jim Gee explained that the addendum proposes to incorporate all proposed projects from 2008's TMACOG and TARTA's Coordinated Public Transit- Human Services Transportation Plan for Toledo Metropolitan Area with present acting roles and local needs for 5310 funds into the current 2012 Toledo Urbanized Area Coordinated Public and Human Services Transportation Plan. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Kris Cousino to approve the addendum as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Rideshare Software Update** – Rebekka Aparadian gave a presentation on the new Rideshare software. TMACOG has partnered with other Ohio MPO's to select a new vendor for rideshare software. The selected vendor is Ride Amigo's and the statewide software is branded as Gohio. This will replace the current software through RidePro. The software works on computers, tablets and smartphones and allows users to connect with other users across multiple travel modes.

**Development of TMACOG Bike User Map** – Lance Dasher gave a presentation on the bike user map. TMACOG is developing a bike user map that will identify potential bike routes based on the skill of the user. An interactive map has been created giving the public the ability to track routes they use on the map and note their skill level along with other information. Paper maps have also been distributed to bike shops and libraries to gather additional information. The user data will be combined with other available data to generate a final product.

**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 was unable to attend the meeting. Lance Dasher presented an Administrative Modification that would be made to the FY 2016-2019 TIP. This modification is at the request of the City of Toledo and would add the reconstruction of University Hills Blvd. to the Bancroft St. Reconstruction project scope. This does not require an amendment only a modification.

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

**Pedestrian & Bikeways** – Ed O'Reilly was unable to attend the meeting. Lance Dasher reminded everyone that May is bike month. He also mentioned that the May committee meeting has been cancelled.

**Freight** – Ray Huber stated that there was nothing new to report since the last Transportation Council meeting.

Planning – Ron Myers was unable to attend the meeting. Kris Cousino reported that the committee met and reviewed the Toledo Urbanized Area coordinated Public and Human Service Transportation Plan Addendum and they passed it through to Transportation Council for approval.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer reported that the committee met and that they reviewed locations for countermeasures. July 10 is their next meeting.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse was unable to attend the meeting. Rebekka Aparadian presented a letter that will be sent to the local legislators regarding the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations.

A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Jim Gee to approve the letter as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Passenger Rail – Patrick Miller was unable to attend the meeting. Rebekka Aparadian said their next meeting will be May 17.

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

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that the Indiana Bridge over I-75 will sell in July. The project on I-75 from South to Dorr next July. Rossford's Hollywood Blvd. to sell in June. ODOT is working with the Metroparks to put a building on their property under the Rt. 2 bridge for dehumidifying equipment. Lastly the LED lighting on the 280 bridge will sell in July.

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

Congress avoided a federal shutdown by passing a one-week continuing resolution to fund the government at 2016 levels until May 5<sup>th</sup>. Congress also reached an agreement on a funding package that would extend funding to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Both chambers are expected to vote on the spending bill this week.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation 417-3 to repeal the MPO Coordination Rule. House passage was the final step of the legislative process, and the bill now goes to the President for his signature. After marking up H.R. 1346, the House ultimately passed S. 496, titled *To Repeal the Rule Issued by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration Entitled "Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform"*. Passing the Senate version, which was identical to the House bill, prevents the Senate from having to act again.

In October 2016, Volkswagen reached a \$14B settlement in federal court for installing "defeat devices" on vehicles that emit levels of NOx that significantly exceed federal standards. Of the \$14B, \$2.7B was set aside to remediate NOx emissions across all 50 states, DC, and Puerto Rico. Ohio can receive up to \$75M based on the number of defeat device vehicles sold in the state. OEPA is the lead agency for Ohio funding. In NW Ohio, the counties of Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky and Erie have been defined as secondary priority areas that are "possibly" eligible. OEPA would like to provide planning funds and work through MPO's to determine local lists of approx. 8-10 projects and locations. It has yet to be determined by the court-appointed Trustee if planning funds are an eligible expense under the Consent Decree.

May is National Bike Month. A full list of local activities, events, partners, and other information can be found on the TMACOG website at [www.tmacog.org/bikemonth/](http://www.tmacog.org/bikemonth/).

May 1-5 is National Clean Air Awareness Week. Our region is in attainment with each of the six criteria pollutants (ozone, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen dioxide, and sulfur dioxide) but it is important that we stay diligent and continue to meet federal air quality standards. TMACOG is promoting Clean Air Awareness Week through social media and additional information can be found at <https://www3.epa.gov/airnow/airaware/index.html>. May is also the beginning of our local Ozone Action Season.

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TMACOG is again partnering with the City of Toledo Division of Engineering Services to conduct the Gas Cap Testing and Replacement Program. Interns from the city will test gas caps in June, July and part of August and replace failing gas caps free of charge. Testing locations will be a gas stations across Lucas, Wood, and Monroe Counties

Adam Greenslade of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission will be coming to the May 17 Executive Committee meeting to give a presentation on their toll collection study. All are invited to attend. A meeting notice will be sent out closer to the meeting.

Upcoming events:

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

**Roundtable** – There were no roundtable comments.

**Next Meeting/Adjournment** – A motion was made by Andy Langenderfer seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to adjourn the meeting; the motion was passed unanimously.

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