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**Date:** June 2, 2017

**To:** Keith Earley, Chair  
James Bagdonas, Vice Chair  
Members of the Transportation Council

**From:** David Gedeon, Vice President of Transportation

**Subject:** **TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPORT FOR JUNE 7, 2017 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 7, 2017. 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 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 through April 22, 2017 is submitted for approval. With just under 81% of the fiscal year completed, the overall program is under budget at 70.75% expended. Some individual work elements are over budget as the fiscal year draws to a close and staff is managing those items.

Permissive License Plate Fees (Agenda IV – for discussion) – Keith Earley will discuss the funding needs in Lucas County and a proposal to increase the Lucas County permissive tax by \$5. Wood County may consider a similar increase as well.

Lucas County Transit and Road Repair Sales Tax (Agenda V – for information) – Jim Gee will discuss a proposal unveiled in late May to replace the TARTA property tax with a .5% sales tax levied by TARTA. Under the proposal, two-thirds of the funds would support TARTA's public transit activities and one-third would be distributed among Lucas County communities and Rossford for street repair and other transportation-related projects.

Public Comment Period (Agenda VI) – Comments from the public.

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

FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment #1 (for approval) – TIP Amendment #1 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. The amendment deletes one project at the request of the City of Toledo (PID 103437 – Secor Rd widening). This project utilized \$2,600,000 of CMAQ funding in FY 2020 for RW and \$5,838,000 of CMAQ funding in FY 2022 for construction.

Freight Advisory Committee Operating Procedures (for approval) – The Freight Advisory Committee reviewed their Operating Procedures and requests the approval of updates. The most notable changes are the removal of the Freight Steering Committee, and text updates to the Purpose, Membership, Members Term of Office, and the Committee Leadership Articles. The amended operating procedures were approved by the Freight Advisory Committee and are being presented to the Transportation Council for approval.

Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program (for approval) – The Public Transit Committee requested that a letter of support be drafted to preserve funding for the Elderly and Disabled Fare Assistance Program in the Ohio operating budget for FY 2018-2019. This program provides grant funds to reimburse eligible public

transportation systems who offer reduced fares to the elderly and people with disabilities. These funds offset the farebox loss incurred by each eligible transportation system as a result of offering this reduced fare. A letter is submitted to the Transportation Council for approval.

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. Two FHWA Final Rules went into effect on May 20 after being delayed by the new administration. They are the *Pavement and Bridge Condition Performance Measures Final Rule* and the *System Performance/Freight/CMAQ Performance Measures Final Rule*. However, a greenhouse gas measure has been further delayed indefinitely from the system performance final rule. This final rule sets forth measures that State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) will use to report on the following characteristics within their jurisdiction:
- the condition of pavements on the non-Interstate NHS; pavements on the Interstate System; and bridges carrying the NHS, including on- and off-ramps connected to the NHS
  - the performance of the Interstate and non-Interstate National Highway System (NHS) to carry out the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)
  - freight movement on the Interstate system
  - traffic congestion and on-road mobile source emissions for the purpose of carrying out the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program
- B. Applications for CMAQ applications were due to TMACOG on June 2. In total, TMACOG received 17 applications from 9 entities requesting \$26,763,496 of CMAQ funding. A meeting of the TIP Scoring and Ranking Committee will be held to evaluate projects and make a funding recommendation to the TIP Committee.
- C. TMACOG is hosting a Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Workshop with the U.S. Census Bureau on Thursday, June 29 at 8:30 in the Grand Lobby of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Plaza. The workshop is the opportunity for local governments to review and comment on the U.S. Census Bureau's residential address list prior to the next Census. Additional information on the workshop can be found at <https://www.census.gov/geo/partnerships/luca.html>
- D. The testing dates for the Gas Cap Replacement Program have been set. In all, there are twenty-four (24) testing location at various True North/Shell, Kroger, Barney's and Circle K stations in Lucas, Wood and Monroe now through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. A list of testing dates, times, and locations can be found at [http://www.tmacog.org/gascap\\_body.htm](http://www.tmacog.org/gascap_body.htm)
- E. The TMACOG office security system is now fully operational. All visitors will now need to be let into the office by a TMACOG staff member. If you need to you the restroom, there is a key next to the door to let yourself back into the lobby. If you need to take/make a phone call, please use the Library if it's available to avoid having to get buzzed back into the office. Finally, please do not stand in front of the doors within the office. The sensor will detect you and keep the doors unlocked.
- F. Upcoming events:
- **Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Workshop** – June 29, 2017, MLK Plaza Grand Lobby, 8:30 am
  - **Summer Caucuses & Forum with State Lawmakers** – August 2, 2017, Penta Career Center, 8 am-1 pm