



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018**

Voting Members in Attendance: Edgar Avila, James Bagdonas, Kris Cousino, John Crandall, Keith Earley, Ken Fallows, Jim Gee, Tom Gibbons, Mike Gramza, Ray Huber, Andy Langenderfer, John Musteric, Ron Myers, Shelley Papenfuse, Tim Porter, Mary Ellen Poturalski, Joe Shaw

Other Interested Parties in Attendance: Mike Pniewski, Michael Scott, Kathy Streng, Julie Thomas

TMACOG Staff in Attendance: Lance Dasher, Dana Doubler, David Gedeon, Austin Mack, Gilda Mitchell, Marc VonDeylen

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

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by John Crandall to approve the May 2, 2018 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Financial (Expense) Report – Dave Gedeon presented the expense reports for, July 1, 2017 through April 20, 2018. The financial report showed 80.46% of the budget has been completed with 61.41% expended. A motion was made by Mike Scott and seconded by Tom Gibbons to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

TARTA Move Toledo Strategic Vision – Jim Gee gave a presentation on the recently completed TARTA Strategic Vision Plan.

Safety Locations Report – Marc VonDeylen gave a presentation describing the method of analysis and highlighted the safety locations identified in this report.

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 reported on the TIP amendment.

Lance presented TIP Amendment #8 to the Transportation Council for approval. The amendment modifies one project at the request of TARTA for the Downtown Transit Hub and modifies two projects at the request of ODOT (Kilburn Rd Bike Lanes and Vandal Fence). The Kilburn Rd Bike Lanes project utilizes TMACOG managed funds while the TARTA and ODOT Vandal Fence projects do not. A motion was made by John Crandall and seconded by Tom Gibbons to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly was unable to attend the meeting. Lance Dasher stated that the committee did not meet in May due to Bike Month. Bike Month was very successful across the region. Lance also reported that the Bike Users map is now available.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that the committee met on May 23. Ray stated that Roger presented a few items for consideration. One was a list of upcoming projects for the area for the years 2018 and beyond. Another topic discussed was the ORDC update to the Ohio Statewide Rail Plan, expected to be completed later in 2018.

Planning – Ron Myers reported that the last meeting was on April 19 and the next meeting will be on June 19.

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System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer noted that the last meeting was on May 7. At that meeting, Stephanie Bartlett was appointed the new vice chair of the committee. They also reviewed the crash statistics at the intersection of Bancroft at Holland-Sylvania. They also discussed the Safety Locations Report. Their next meeting is scheduled for July 9.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse reported that the committee met May 23. They discussed the TARTA strategic plan and the sales tax proposal. The next meeting is scheduled for August 22.

Shelley presented the TARTA support letter to Transportation Council for approval. The letter was approved by the Public Transit Committee at their May meeting. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Ron Myers to approve the support letter as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Passenger Rail –Tim Porter reported that the committee met on May 13 and the MOU with a firm out of Traverse City, MI was discussed. Tony Reams, now with the ORDC, attended the meeting and discussed some issues with ORDC and passenger rail funding.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that the bids for the Anthony Wayne Bridge dehumidification and lighting will be open. Also, on this upcoming Tuesday, June 12, bids for the I-75 downtown project will open. On June 21, CSX bridge removal bids will open and in Wood County the bids for the reconstruction of interchange at the university will open.

Vice President's Report – Dave reported on several items:

Dave explained that based on FHWA guidance dated April 23, 2018, TMACOG staff will be performing a conformity analysis for the 2045 Plan and the FY 2018-2021 TIP. A conformity determination was not required when the Plan and TIP were approved but a recent federal court ruling put the requirement back in place for TMACOG and 81 other MPO's across the country. If the schedule proposed by TMACOG is approved, the conformity documentation will be presented to the Transportation Council in August.

Dave also reported that staff has been working with the consultant team that is conducting the Downtown Toledo Traffic Study. Staff has been reviewing base year TAZ files from our regional transportation model which will be provided to the team for study area modeling work. ODOT has a consultant under contract to perform the model work with TMACOG picking up half the expense and ODOT paying the other half. The total cost of the modeling work is estimated at \$55,000.

Dave reminded the council that the performance measures for PM2 and PM3 were recently acquired from ODOT and we should soon receive the information from MDOT. States were required to identify Performance Management targets by May 20th for Pavement and Bridge Conditions, Travel Time Reliability and Freight Movement, CMAQ Traffic Congestion, and Total CMAQ Emission Reductions. The targets will be reviewed and approved by the applicable transportation subcommittee and will move to the Transportation Council at a future meeting. MPO's have until November to approve the state's targets or to approve their own.

Dave reported that the Gas Cap Testing and Replacement Program kicked off yesterday June 5. There will be 24 testing dates at various Kroger, Circle K, True North/Shell, and Barney's Convenience Mart fueling stations through August 2nd. All testing events take place from 1:00-3:00 pm and the schedule can be found here: www.tmacog.org/gascap_body.htm. Testing is done through a partnership with the City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services.

Dave notified the council that TMACOG has hired two student interns to assist with the traffic counting program. Both will be on staff until August 24th, performing traffic and pedestrian/bike counts and GIS work.

Dave informed the council that Ohio EPA recently released the first Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund grant application opportunity on Monday, June 4. The Request for Proposals and application links are located here -

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epa.ohio.gov/oec/#131365122-vw-mitigation-grants. A total of \$15 million is available for grant awards between \$50,000 and \$2 million, to repower or replace medium and heavy-duty diesel engines and vehicles in 26 Ohio priority counties. Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky and Erie counties were designated as Second Priority Areas. Applications must be submitted online by August 3, 2018. Webinars for applicants will be held on June 20 at 10 am and on June 26 at 1 pm (registration is required).

Roundtable – John Musteric notified council that Buck and Lime City sells tomorrow and that Wood County did pass their \$5 permissive plate tax.

Upcoming events:

- **Summer Caucuses with State Lawmakers** – August 1st from 8:00 am – 12:45 pm at Penta Career Center

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next meeting will be August 1, 2018.

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