



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017**

Call to Order – Chair Keith Earley brought the meeting to order with introductions around the room. There was no quorum for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes – No quorum, unable to approve.

Financial (Expense) Report – No quorum, unable to approve.

Permissive License Plate Fees – Keith Earley discussed the funding needs in Lucas County and a proposal to increase the Lucas County permissive tax by \$5. The total estimated revenue from this tax would be a little under \$1.8 million and is based off the number of vehicles registered in that municipality. The revenue would be split 50/50 between the municipalities and the county. The money would be strictly used for capital improvement projects.

Lucas County Transit and Road Repair Sales Tax – Steve Atkinson from TARTA discussed a proposal that was unveiled in late May to replace the TARTA property tax with a .5% sales tax that would be levied by TARTA. Under this proposal, 2/3 of the funds would support TARTA's public transit activities and 1/3 would be distributed among Lucas County communities and Rossford for street repair and other transportation related projects.

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 explained the amendment, that will remove the Secor Rd. widening project from the 2018-2021 TIP. Since there was no quorum, it is likely that the amendment will go to the Executive Committee or Board of Trustees for approval.

FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment #1 – No quorum, unable to approve.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly reported that bike month was an overall success. There were two rides of silence this year and most of the events were met with nice weather and a good turn out.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that the committee met on May 22. They discussed and updated the committee operating procedures and meeting schedule. The biggest changes were the elimination of the steering committee and the change in meeting frequency to 4 times a year. However, since there was no quorum to approve these changes, they will be held until the August Transportation Council meeting for approval.

Amendments to Operating Procedures – No quorum, unable to approve.

Planning – Ron Myers was unable to attend the meeting. Rebekka Aparadian reported that the committee did not meet and there was nothing to report on at this time.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend the meeting. There was nothing new to report.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse was unable to attend the meeting. Rebekka Aparadian presented a letter that the committee requested be drafted in support of preserving the funding for the Elderly and Disabled Fare Assistance Program in the Ohio operating budget. However, there was no quorum and it was unable to be approved.

Elderly & Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program – No quorum, unable to approve.

Passenger Rail – Patrick Miller was unable to attend the meeting. There was nothing new to report.

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Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that the Indiana bridge over I-75 will sell 6/29. The DDI project on 475/75 in Perrysburg will start lane closures on 6/12 and on 6/19 ramp closure to 75 will occur. This area will be congested until a September/October timeframe.

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

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*. This final rule sets forth measures that State DOTs and 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 carrying out the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program

The state targets will be released first and then TMACOG will have 6 months to develop our own targets or adopt the state targets that will be incorporated into our next long range plan.

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>

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 3rd. A list of testing dates, times, and locations can be found at http://www.tmacog.org/gascap_body.htm

And finally, the TMACOG office security system is now fully operational. All visitors will need to be let into the office by a TMACOG staff member. If you need to use 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. Also, please do not stand in front of the doors within the office. The sensor will detect you and keep the doors unlocked.

Upcoming events:

- **Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Workshop** – June 29, 2017, MLK Plaza Grand Lobby, 8:30 am
- **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 – There will be no meeting held in July. The next meeting will be August 2, 2017.