



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016**

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 Jim Gee to approve the March 2, 2016 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Financial (Expense) Report – Dave Gedeon presented and briefly reviewed the expense report for the period July 1, 2015 through April 23, 2016. The financial report showed 71% of the budget has been expended and over all we are under budget. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Tom Gibbons to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment #10 and #11 – Lance Dasher explained that 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 adds 2 projects to the TIP 1) Right of way for state route 64 bridge 2) MLK Jr Plaza renovations. The MLK Jr Plaza renovations would utilize the FY2010 federal earmark funding set aside for the Detroit-Toledo-Cleveland passenger rail study that have been redirected for the improvements. Both resolutions were approved on a motion by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Ron Myers and the motion passed.

FY 2017 Transportation Annual Work Program – Dave Gedeon highlighted the documents that were given at the March 2, 2016 meeting. The floor was open for discussion. A motion for approval was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Ray Huber and the motion unanimously passed.

Annual Self Certification – It was explained that all MPO's are required to self-certify annually that the TMACOG transportation planning process complies with federal regulations and laws pertaining to metropolitan planning organizations (MPO's). A motion for approval was made by Jim Bagdonas and was seconded by Ray Huber and the motion unanimously passed.

2016 Ohio Conference on Freight – Christine Connell provided an update on the 2016 Ohio Conference on Freight including tours, speakers and other information. The conference will be held in Cleveland from August 22-24. Early bird registration is available until July 29th.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:

Freight – Ray Huber reported that the committee toured the Maritime Academy. Students are able to experience and get a better understanding of different skills of maritime trade. Roger Streiffert commented that TMACOG has put together a draft freight route network.

Planning – Ron Myers reported that the committee will be meeting on Friday June 21, 2016.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Lance Dasher stated that the bike month activities had a good turn out this year.

TIP – Lance Dasher discussed the transportation alternatives program and updating the TIP operating procedures.

System Performance and Monitoring – There is nothing new to report.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse introduced the new mobility manager, Mr. Daniel Hunt. He is working with TARTA and TARPS.

Passenger Rail – Patrick Miller was unable to attend the meeting. Rebekka Apardian reported the committee had a recap of National Train Day. They also went over current statistics of passenger rail service.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that both detours the I-75/475 in Perrysburg have been started. Mike also reported that the Central Avenue reroute is working better than expected.

Vice President's Report – Dave reported that TRAC will accept 2016 funding applications through June 30th.

He also stated that 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.

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.

Dave also talked about how 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.

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).

Roundtable – TARTA is having a job fair on June 4, 2016.

Next Meeting/Adjournment – A motion was made by and Keith Earley seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to adjourn the meeting; the motion was passed unanimously.