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**Date:** August 1, 2016  
**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 AUGUST 3, 2016 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, August 3, 2016. 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 2016 beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 is submitted for approval. With 100% of the fiscal year completed, the full transportation program came in at just under 90% of budget. The report is still preliminary and subject to year-end adjustments.

FY2016-2019 TIP Amendment #12 (Agenda IV – for approval) – TIP Amendment #10 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. Amendment #12 adds two projects at the request of ODOT (VGCS bridge lighting, and reconstruction of I-75 from South Ave north to Dorr St) and modifies two projects at the request of TARTA (Downtown Transit Hub and E&D Downtown Transit Hub). The TARTA modifications move funding up from previous fiscal years to FY2017.

2016 STP Application Rounds Summary (Agenda V – for approval) - The Scoring and Ranking Subcommittee of the TIP Committee met on July 21<sup>st</sup> to review the STP projects. In total, 33 projects were submitted requesting over \$41M in STP funds. The group performed a scoring consistency check amongst all projects and ranked projects based on final score. The final ranking and funding recommendation from the subcommittee was presented to the TIP Committee for approval. The approved recommendation is now being presented to the Transportation Council for approval.

TIP Committee Operating Procedures (Agenda VI – for approval) – The TIP Committee Operating Procedures had not been updated since 2006. A review of the document was undertaken by staff and reviewed with the TIP Committee. Staff had recommended that a number of standard articles be added for consistency with other transportation committees. This included articles on quorum, parliamentary authority, accountability, and amendments. An additional recommended change was that the Transportation Council would appoint members annually at the February meeting, removing the requirement the members be elected by a vote of attendees at the Transportation Summit. The amended operating procedures were approved by the TIP Committee and are being presented to the Transportation Council for approval.

HB528 Permissive License Plate Fees (Agenda VII – for discussion and potential action) – HB528 was introduced to the Ohio House of Representatives on April 20<sup>th</sup> and referred to the Ways and Means Committee on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The bill would authorize local authorities to establish additional motor vehicle license (i.e. registration) taxes (equal to a maximum total of \$15 in additional taxes per taxing district) as follows:

- A \$5 tax may be established by a municipal corporation with the revenue to be retained by the municipal corporation;
- A \$5 tax may be established by a township with the revenue to be retained by the township;
- A \$5 tax may be established by a county with the revenue to be retained by the county;
- A second \$5 tax may be established by a county with revenue to be shared between the county and any municipal corporations and townships that request adoption of the tax;
- A second \$5 tax may be established by a municipal corporation, beginning four years after the effective date of the bill if the county has not levied the second additional county tax above, with the revenue to be retained by the municipal corporation; and
- A second \$5 tax may be established by a township, beginning four years after the effective date of the bill if the county has not levied the second additional county tax above, with the revenue to be retained by the township.

NPRM MPO Coordination and Planning Area reform (Agenda VIII – for discussion) - On June 27, 2016 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that would make potentially significant changes to the structure and functioning of a large number of the nation’s Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). Titled “Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform,” this NPRM would change the codified definition of “metropolitan planning area” (MPA) to require that each of the nation’s urbanized areas (UZAs) be contained in its entirety within a single MPA. Further, in cases where more than one MPO exists within an MPA, the NPRM would require that the MPOs either merge or be required to produce a unified set of planning documents (metropolitan transportation plan, transportation improvement plan, and performance targets) for the entire UZA.

2012-2014 Safety Locations Report (Agenda IX - for information) – Every three years, TMACOG updates the Safety Locations Report with the latest crash data. The recently completed report uses data from 2012-2014 and ranks the top 50 federal aid eligible intersections and segments. The report can be downloaded from the TMACOG website at [http://tmacog.org/Transportation/Safety/Safety\\_Report/Safety\\_Locations\\_Report\\_2012-2014\\_Crash\\_Data.pdf](http://tmacog.org/Transportation/Safety/Safety_Report/Safety_Locations_Report_2012-2014_Crash_Data.pdf)

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

Vice President’s Report (Agenda XI – 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. On July 29<sup>th</sup> the US Department of Transportation announced the 2016 TIGER Grant recipients. Nearly \$500M in funding was distributed to 40 projects in 32 states, Guam and the US Virgin Islands. Two projects were awarded in Ohio (City of Akron – The Downtown Akron Promenade, Cleveland Metropolitan Park District – Re-Connecting Cleveland: Pathways to Opportunity) and Michigan receive one grant (City of Flint – Drinking Water Revolving Fund Roadway Reconstruction: Saginaw, Atherton & Dupont Streets).

- B. TMACOG is collaborating with Transportation for America, Great Ohio, and other to be identified partners around Ohio on an Ohio Transportation Leadership Academy. The Academy will consist of 5 workshops in Columbus. Regional teams will coalesce around clear local priorities and visions for their region, and will benefit from working side-by-side with peers from across the state with whom they can forge new connections and partnerships. Each workshop will focus on the elements that will build stronger local transportation systems, such as planning, financing, campaigning, and implementing, and include real-life lessons from other regions of the country and hands-on activities and exercises to understand critical concepts.
- C. The deadline for submitting 5310 Specialized Transportation applications ended on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Applications were received from five agencies: Bittersweet Farm, The Epilepsy Center of NW Ohio, Sunshine Communities, Anne Grady Corporation, and the Sisters of St. Francis. Applications will be scored in August and will be on the Public Transit Committee agenda for approval.
- D. TMACOG staff met with staff from SEMCOG on August 2<sup>nd</sup> for an information exchange. As neighboring MPO's, we met to discuss common issues and to inform each other of planning approaches and best practices. This effort was in place of the joint TMACOG/SEMCOG Transportation Council meeting that was previously held in early summer.
- E. Upcoming events:  
**2016 Ohio Conference on Freight**, August 22-24, 2016, Hilton Cleveland Downtown