

Highlights of the FY 2018 Completion Report for Annual Work Program Transportation Planning Activities

TMACOG is required to submit a Completion Report to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) documenting work accomplished related to each year's Annual Work Program due in September of each year. As a condition for receiving federal transportation planning funds, ODOT further requires that the completion report be approved by the MPO Policy Board.

Highlights of our FY 2018 Work Program (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) activities include:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Monitored and maintained the FY 2018–2021 TIP.
- Solicited for STBGP projects for inclusion in the FY 2020-2023 TIP.
- Managed TMACOG sub-allocation funding to actively pursue project schedules, tracked adherence to project development commitment dates, notified project sponsors of missed commitment dates, and maintained compliance with the statewide carryover policy.

Long Range Planning

- Updated the TMACOG Multimodal Needs Assessment in coordination with regional plans.
- Approved safety performance management targets consistent with both ODOT and MDOT in accordance with federal requirements.

Freight Planning

- Participated in an update of the Ohio Statewide Rail Plan being conducted by the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC).
- Key locations have been identified for the freight bottlenecks analysis to be conducted in early FY 2019.
- Updated the freight network map with truck routes in Monroe County along with new NHS intermodal connectors that were approved by FHWA in 2017.

Passenger Rail

- The 2017 Passenger Rail Forum was held on October 23 at The Toledo Club. The forum provides information for stakeholders and for the public and promotes the development of passenger rail as a viable public transportation mode.
- Provided information to the ORDC for the update of the Ohio Statewide Rail Plan.

Public Transit

- Conducted the FY 2018 solicitation of 5310 Specialized Transportation projects in the fall of 2017 and awarded vehicles to four local agencies.
- Support and work with the Community Advocates for Transportation Rights (CATR) to hear from transit users what gaps in service they recognize.
- Provided information for integration into the Multi-Modal Needs Analysis.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Planning

- Bike Month events were coordinated throughout the month of May 2017. Some of the events included Bike to School Day, Bike Day at the Farmer's Market where free Bike Month shirts were awarded to those who rode their bikes, and the Ride of Silence to honor those cyclists who have been injured or killed on the roadway.
- Printed and distributed the *Bike User Map* in May 2018. throughout Lucas, Wood and southern Monroe counties.

- An Active Transportation Grant was awarded to TMACOG and staff purchased five pneumatic and five infrared trail counters. TMACOG expanded its counting program to include bicycles and pedestrians in the spring on 2018

Transportation Service

- Provided GIS files Lucas County (parks data, roundabouts) and City of Toledo (functional class network). Provided crash data for Toledo Design Center and for Tetra Tech. Provided pavement condition data for the City of Toledo and weight restrictions information for Lucas County. Provided traffic counts for ODOT (Central Office), Lucas County and for Poggemeyer Design Group. Provided various travel demand model results for Mannik & Smith, and provided LOS, AADT, and peak hour traffic results for TARTA's downtown loop study.
- Produced the 2018 Regional Highway Projects map.
- Prepared model inputs, including updating and organizing zonal data and network files, for the 2018 Downtown Toledo traffic study.

Safety/Modeling/Data Collection and Management

- Updated the Safety Locations Report using data from 2014 to 2016. New to this report was rankings for each of the major jurisdictions in the region. Top segments and intersections were determined for Bowling Green, Maumee, Oregon, Perrysburg, Sylvania, Toledo, Lucas County, and Monroe County.
- Collected traffic counts within the planning area and uploaded counts obtained by Lucas County, Toledo and Oregon.
- Completed requests for traffic projections for several area projects, including requests by consultants on behalf of TARTA (downtown Toledo transit loop) and the cities of Maumee (Anthony Wayne Trail corridor), Sylvania (I-475/Monroe Street interchange project), and Rossford (near various schools).

Air Quality

- Completed the 2017 Gas Cap Replacement Program with events at 27 locations in Lucas and Wood counties in Ohio and in Monroe County, Michigan. Overall, 688 gas caps were tested and 62 missing or faulty caps were replaced. Testing was conducted by interns at the City of Toledo through a subcontract with TMACOG.
- Implemented the Ozone Action Season Program by participating in Earth Day events, updating the website with Air Quality forecasts, advertising in print, web, radio, and TV outlets, and signs posted on City of Bowling Green Service Trucks, TARTA bus stations, a pedicab, and an on-field sign at the Mud Hens' Fifth Third Field. Radio ads were purchased on Q 105, WIMX, WKKO, WRQN.

Share A Ride

- Promoted the Gohio Commute program through newsletter articles, local news stories, social media postings, advertising, email and online distribution, and paper fliers. TMACOG staff began a campaign to increase awareness of the program among local college and university students.

Transportation Program Reporting

- Hosted 24th Transportation Summit on March 16, 2018 with approximately 190 attendees. The presentations focused on transportation safety, including presentations from the Lucas and Wood County Safety Coordinators, a presentation on pedestrian and bicycle safety and a keynote address from Michelle May from ODOT.
- Reviewed and updated the Public Participation Plan. The plan will go through the TMACOG approval process in the first quarter of FY 2019.

The full completion report is linked to the TMACOG web page.