



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017**

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 3, 2017 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by John Crandall to approve the June 7, 2017 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Financial (Expense) Report – Dave Gedeon presented two expense reports but focused on the report that ended the fiscal year, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The financial report showed 100% of the budget has been completed with 90.35% expended. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Kris Cousino to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Support for Permissive License Plate Fee Increases – Keith Earley presented this topic to Transportation Council at the June meeting. Keith gave an update saying that earliest the additional fees could be enacted is July 1, 2018. He intends to hold public meetings and gain support after the first of the year 2018. The topic will be brought before the Transportation Council at a later date for further information and discussion.

CMAQ Scoring and Ranking – Lance Dasher reported that the applications we submitted in June for the 2017 CMAQ solicitation. The TIP scoring and ranking subcommittee reviewed and scored all application and recommended \$13.2 million in projects to fill the available CMAQ funding through FY 2023. The recommendations were approved by the TIP Committee at their July meeting. The recommendations will then be submitted to the OSUCC in September with final approval from OARC in December. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the recommendations as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Special STBGP Finding Request – I-475 Widening/Dorr St. Interchange – Lance Dasher reported that ODOT District 2 is submitting a TRAC application to fund improvements on I-475 from Central Ave (US20) to Airport Hwy (SR2). ODOT staff made a presentation to the TIP Committee in June to request TMACOG managed STBGP funds and show additional local participation in the TRAC application. Lance reported that in order to more closely follow the TIP process, the Committee requested that an STBGP application be submitted that could be scored and ranked against the unfunded projects from the FY 2016 funding solicitation round. Following the submittal and scoring, the matter was again discussed at the July TIP Committee and a \$4 M funding request was approved. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the funding request as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

TARTA Sales Tax Next Steps – Jim Gee stated that in June, Steve Atkinson discussed the proposal to replace the TARTA property tax with a .5% sales tax levied by TARTA. The proposal needed approved resolutions by all nine TARTA member jurisdictions in order to be placed on the fall ballot. However, during the solicitation of the resolutions one jurisdiction cast a no vote. Jim asked that TMACOG participate in the effort to help develop a county wide transit plan. The next election deadline is February 9. Jim's goal would be to have the plan completed by October to better the exposure prior to the election deadline. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Ken Fallows to approve the request as made; the motion passed unanimously.

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 and modification then asked for approval.

FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment #1 – TIP Amendment #1 deletes one project at the request of the City of Toledo (PID 103437 – Secor Rd widening). This project utilized \$2,600,000 of CMAQ funding in FY 2020 for RW and \$5,838,000 of CMAQ funding in FY 2022 for construction. The amendment also revises funding for two projects at the request of TARTA. A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Jim Gee to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

FY 2018-2021 TIP Modification #1 – TIP Modification #1 moves one City of Toledo project (SR 51 Signalization) from FY 2021 to FY 2018 and adds \$31,295 to the City of Waterville SR 64 bridge project. A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Jim Gee to approve the modification as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly explained the proposed changes to the operating procedures.

Amendments to Operating Procedures – Ed explained that the most notable changes are the removal of the Pedestrian and Bikeways Steering Committee, and to move to holding meetings on a bi-monthly basis, and to nominate one committee member to serve on the TIP Committee and one on the Chessie Circle Coordinating Committee. A motion was made by Kris Cousino and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the changes as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that the committee met on July 26. They discussed the upcoming meeting topics and presentations, site visitations, reviewed the current and future freight projects in the area, and other transportation related business.

Amendments to Operating Procedures – Ray explained that the most notable changes are the removal of the Freight Steering Committee to bring the committee in line with all other subcommittees, and text updates to the Purpose, Membership, Members Term of Office, and the Committee Leadership Articles. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by John Musteric to approve the changes as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Planning – Ron Myers was unable to attend the meeting. Kris Cousino reported that the committee met and discussed the TARTA sales tax and brainstormed best ways to go about securing funding.

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

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse reported that at the May meeting of the Public Transit committee a letter was drafted and sent to Ohio legislators asking them to establish a revenue stream for the counties and transit agencies that rely on Medicaid sales tax rather than leave them without funds. Another letter was also sent to legislators asking congress to maintain Amtrak funding.

Passenger Rail – Patrick Miller was unable to attend the meeting. Bekka Aparadian reported that the committee met in July to discuss the agenda topics for future meetings. They will resume their quarterly meeting schedule next week.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Mike Gramza was unable to attend the meeting. Aaron Behrman reported that they are currently in the process of buying property for the South bridge project. They are working with the Casino to have a demo project out soon. ODOT submitted two TRAC projects for I-475. TRAC has added Todd Audet as a member of the Council.

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

The Senate Appropriations Committee backed a bill to fund the U.S. DOT for the 2018 budget year that would increase TIGER infrastructure grants, support new transit capital starts and avoid rescinding any highway program funds. The version that House appropriates would zero out TIGER, make deeper cuts in transit capital grants and rescind \$800 million in contract authority from state DOTs' federal-aid highway funds.

Dave also mentioned that there had been a staff change. Christine Connell notified TMACOG of her two-week notice on July 17th. Christine accepted a position at the Consulate General of Canada-Detroit. Christine's vacancy on staff will be filled in the upcoming months.

Royce Maniko brought up an issue at the TMACOG Board of Trustees meeting that was referred to the Transportation Council for review. Royce attended a meeting at SEMCOG and participated in a discussion of connected and automated vehicles. He would like to present information at a future meeting and discuss ways for TMACOG and SEMCOG to collaborate on planning efforts.

TMACOG was notified that we received an Active Transportation Grant award from ODOT. TMACOG applied for \$27,375 to purchase five pneumatic and five infrared trail counters to conduct additional bicycle and pedestrian counting. We are working for ODOT District 2 on the final scope of services prior to the equipment purchase.

The Ohio Conference on Freight begins today in Columbus and goes through Friday. This will be the first year that TMACOG did not lead the event coordination. The conference is being led this year by the Mid-MORPC with financial support from the 8 largest MPO's that make up OARC. As of last Friday, the registered attendance was 280 and all tours were fully booked.

Upcoming events:

- **2018 TMACOG General Assembly** – January 29, 2018, Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, 8:00 am

Roundtable – Adam Greenslade told the committee about the proposed improvements to the toll collection system on the turnpike. In the future, they anticipate all electric tolling with the removal of the gates but that won't be any time in the near term.

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next meeting will be September 6, 2017.