

Highlights of the FY 2017 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 2017 Work Program (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) activities include:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Monitored and maintained the FY 2016–2019 TIP.
- Completed the FY 2018-2021 TIP.
- Solicited for STBGP, and TAP projects for inclusion in the FY 2018-2021 TIP.
- Supported and participated in the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee (OSUCC) by soliciting for CMAQ projects through FY 2023.

Long Range Planning

- Completed and distributed the 2045 Plan Summary.
- Completed the 2017-2018 Toledo Region Transportation Legislative Agenda.
- Worked to refine MPO performance measures and targets in coordination with FHWA and ODOT in accordance with federal requirements.

Freight Planning

- The tenth annual Ohio Conference on Freight was held August 22-24, 2016 at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown in Cleveland, Ohio. The conference theme was *Steering Supply Chain Innovation in a Global Marketplace*. The conference included four keynote sessions, a dozen breakout sessions, and two tours of freight-related facilities in the Cleveland area.
- Staff completed a draft of the TMACOG Region Freight Facts Sheet.
- Updated the regional NHS intermodal connectors in coordination with ODOT's statewide NHS connector update project.

Passenger Rail

- Supported NOPRA with the Passenger Rail Forum in October, 2016 with keynote presenter Gene Skorokowski, who was instrumental in the development of Florida's new private-public partnership, the Brightline.
- Wrote and distributed letters encouraging continued funding for Amtrak, including long-distance routes, in the federal budget.
- Updated ridership statistics, performance data, financial information, and maps on the TMACOG website.

Public Transit

- Established the Public Transit Committee midway through the fiscal year.
- Scored and ranked 5310 Specialized Transportation projects with three applicants being awarded vehicles.
- Held a Public Transit Forum on October 21, 2016 with over 100 attendees and featuring panels on current transit operation and transit needs and a keynote presentation from Chuck Dyer, ODOT Office of Transit.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Planning

- May Bike Month events were coordinated and included Bike to School Day, Bike Day at the Farmer's Market, and two Ride of Silence events to honor those cyclists who have been injured or killed on the roadway.
- Collection user data from the public to assist in creation of a *Toledo Region Bikeways Guide Map*. The user data will be utilized along with infrastructure data and the map will be finished in FY2018.

Transportation Service

- Provided data, maps and/or information to the Regional Growth Partnership, Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, Cities of Toledo and Fostoria, the American Rail Center, the Toledo Design Center, Counties of Monroe and Sandusky, the University of Toledo, and Mannik and Smith among others.
- Produced the 2017 Regional Highway Projects map.
- Expanded the use of online mapping for projects including the TIP and input for the Bikeway User Map.

Safety/Modeling/Data Collection and Management

- Provided crash diagrams to Toledo, Lucas County and Oregon and came up with low and high cost improvements.
- Updated population forecasts by traffic analysis zone (TAZ) within the TMACOG model boundary.
- Collected traffic counts within the planning area and uploaded counts obtained by Lucas County, Toledo and Oregon.
- Completed eight requests for traffic projections from three TMACOG members.

Air Quality

- Completed the 2016 Gas Cap Replacement Program with events at 27 locations in Lucas and Wood counties in Ohio and in Monroe County, Michigan. Overall, 486 gas caps were tested and 57 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 sponsorship of Air Quality Night at a Toledo Mud Hens game along with advertising on a field sign throughout the season.

Transportation Program Reporting

- Hosted 23rd Transportation Summit held on March 31, 2017 had approximately 180 attendees. Presentations included a review of major transportation projects in progress and upcoming in Ohio and Michigan, connected and autonomous vehicles, and transportation innovation.
- Staff updated the TMACOG MPO Prospectus in January, 2017

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