



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 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 June 1, 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 June 30, 2016. The financial report showed 100% of the budget has been completed with 89.89% expended. 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 #12** – Lance Dasher explained that 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. A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Jim Gee to approve the amendments as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**2016 STP Application Round Summary** – Lance Dasher noted that 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. A motion was made by Ray Huber and seconded by Doug Stephens to approve the operating procedures as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**TIP Committee Operating Procedures** – Lance Dasher reported that 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 that 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. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the modified operating procedures as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**HB528 Permissive License Plate Fees** – Keith Earley presented information on HB528 and would like an endorsement by Council. 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). A motion was made by Tom Gibbons and seconded by Ray Huber to approve presenting a resolution to the Executive Committee later in August; the motion passed unanimously.

**NPRM MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform** – Dave Gedeon discussed that 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. A request was made in opposition of the proposed rule by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Doug Stephens; the motion passed unanimously. Dave will draft comments and post them to the docket.

**2012-2014 Safety Locations Report** – Marc VonDeylen presented on the 2012-2014 Safety Locations Report. 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.

### **Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

#### **Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:**

Freight – Ray Huber reported that the Committee reviewed the highway freight network between FHWA and TMACOG networks. The NHS connector system was discussed. The next meeting will be in September.

Planning – Ron Myers discussed that the last meeting was June 21, 2016. The report on the 2045 plan is normally printed, however due to cost it is now online and on USB drives. We are discussing how to do performance measures. The next meeting is August 16, 2016.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly was unable to attend. Lance Dasher reported that the committee met on July 19, 2016 and they discussed HB154, the three foot passing law. If Senate Bill 192 is not voted on it will die in committee. There is a TAP solicitation open and applications are due by August 12, 2016.

TIP – Lance Dasher reported the last meeting was on June 25, 2016. There was a review of the complete streets checklist that is posted online. Also discussed was the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) ranking.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend. Lisa Householder reported that the last meeting was on August 1, 2016. Crash Diagrams were created and reviewed projects before and after 2008-20110 & 2013-2015 on Secor Road (between Alexis and the Michigan state line). Numbers are down. The next meeting will be in November.

Public Transit – Rebekka Aparadian reported that the Public Transit Forum is scheduled for October 21, 2016. Chuck Dyer will be the keynote speaker. 5310 applications closed last week. Five applications were received.

Passenger Rail – Patrick Miller unable to attend. There is nothing new to report.

#### **Major Project Updates/Other Committees:**

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that the I-75 widening in Wood County will be three lanes by Thanksgiving. It will not be completed, but will be open to traffic. The I-75/I-280 project is back on schedule and set to be done by December 15<sup>th</sup>, but pushing to be done by Thanksgiving. The overpass in Perrysburg is set to open on September 20, 2016. The Central Avenue bridge will open by the end of the year.

**Vice President's Report** – Dave reported that 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).

## **Transportation Council Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2016**

Dave also mentioned that TMACOG is collaborating with Transportation for America, Greater 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.

Dave also discussed 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.

Dave also mentioned 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.

Upcoming events:

**2016 Ohio Conference on Freight**, August 22-24, 2016, Hilton Cleveland Downtown

**Roundtable** – No action items to report.

**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.