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Date: September 5, 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 SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 MEETING**

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, September 7, 2016. The agenda and meeting materials are available at www.tmacog.org/Transportation/trancom.htm. If you would like a hard copy or have any problems accessing any of the information, please contact Nikee Burton (ext. 129). 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 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 is submitted for approval. With 8% of the fiscal year completed, the program is on budget. Now that TMACOG has the final FY2017 budget figures from ODOT, a budget amendment will be presented to the Council at the October meeting and new figures will be reflected on future financial reports.

FY2016-2019 TIP Amendment #13 & #14 (Agenda IV – for approval) – TIP Amendments #13 and #14 are being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. Amendment #13 adds two projects at the request of ODOT (I-75 from Glenwood Rd to Segur Rd/South Ave & I-475). The I-75 project is requesting detailed design and right-of-way in FY2017 and the I-475 project requests preliminary engineering and detailed design in FY2017 and construction in FY2019. TIP amendment #14 would add a project for demolition of buildings as a new PID (103990) in conjunction with the existing Waterville Bridge/SR 64 construction project (PID 92088).

Resolution Supporting Safe Bicycle Passing Law and Allowing Non-Detected Bicycles to Proceed at Intersections (Agenda V – for approval) - The resolution supports passage of HB154 by the Ohio Senate. The bill was approved by the Ohio House of Representatives on May 24, 2016. The bill provides that when a motor vehicle overtakes and passes a bicycle, the safe passing distance to the left is not less than three feet and requires a vehicle operator at an intersection where the traffic control signal is malfunctioning, including when there is a failure of the vehicle detector to detect the vehicle, to follow the same procedures that apply when a traffic control signal fails to indicate the assignment of the right-of-way.

ITS Architecture Presentation (Agenda VI – for approval) – Bruce Eisenhart from ConSysTec will present the updated ITS architecture. The ITS architecture was originally developed in 2005 and updated in 2010. The horizon year of the updated architecture is 2030. Also, included in the update are additional service packages that were not a part of the previous updates.

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

Vice President's Report (Agenda VIII – 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. The 2016 Ohio Conference of Freight was held in Cleveland from August 22-24. There were 301 registrants for the multi-day event. Activities included a tour of the Giant Eagle Distribution Facility and a boat tour aboard the Nautica Queen hosted by the Port of Cleveland. The event featured 12 workshop sessions and multiple keynote presentations. The Wednesday luncheon keynote was delivered by Greg Nadeau, Administrator, FHWA. The 2017 Conference will be held in Columbus.
- B. TMACOG submitted comments to the docket on the NPRM for MPO Coordination and Planning Area reform. In total there were 514 comments submitted to the docket. TMACOG comments focused on the cost and difficulty of implementation and the complications created with air quality conformity.
- C. The ODOT Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) will hold a single public hearing on **Thursday, October 13, 2016, at ODOT's Central office**. ODOT District 2 submitted two applications for funding: Reconstruction and widening of structures over I-475 Hill Ave and Dorr St (\$14.3M), Reconstruction and widening of I-475 from .7 miles south of Hill Ave to .5 miles south of US20/Central Ave (\$24.6M). Overall, 19 projects were submitted requesting over \$405M in TRAC funding.
- D. Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Transportation announced the release of the 2016 Request for Proposals to the Diesel Emission Reduction Grant (DERG) program. They are soliciting proposals from all public sector and private sector (with a public sponsor) diesel fleets that will undertake vehicle/equipment replacement, repower, and retrofit projects in [eligible Ohio counties](#) for the purpose of emissions reduction. Fleets may also apply for idle reduction equipment and infrastructure. They expect to award \$12 million this cycle, with approximately \$4 million allocated for transit projects, and \$4 million allocated for school bus replacement and retrofit projects, in keeping with ODOT and Ohio EPA priorities. The deadline to submit applications is **5:00 p.m. on Friday October 7th, 2016**.
- E. Upcoming events:
 - **Public Transit Forum**, October 21, Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center
 - **Passenger Rail Forum**, October 24, Toledo Club
 - **APA NW Ohio Planning & Zoning Workshop**, November 18, Hensville Roost