NOTES

I. Welcome, review agenda and October notes

All committee members were in attendance. October notes approved (motion by Jon Zvanovec, second by Rodney Shultz).

II. Safe Routes to School Update

Diane reviewed a memo from ODOT SRTS coordinator Julie Walcoff. (See memo text below.) She states projects submitted to the state for funding would first need MPO approval. This would mean the staff and Enhancement/Alternatives Committee would review and recommend approval to the TMACOG Board, similar to the current “A-95” review process. Julie notes their next funding round is in January, guidance available soon.

We will encourage potential applicants to apply for the state funding. TMACOG staff will find out whether we have flexibility to NOT fund SRTS and other Transportation Alternatives project categories. (We previously chose not to fund sidewalks under SAFETEA-LU.)

III. Request for Westside Corridor funding

Dave Gedeon reviewed slides presented previously to TMACOG staff by Rich Martinko, UT, making the case for TE/TA funding for the first section of the Westside Corridor trail. Proposed is to build the south Toledo segment owned by Metroparks in conjunction with Maumee River bridge demolition. There is $2 million left in the federal earmark with would cover bridge demo; if paired with trail construction, the combined project would need about $600,000 more (“scenario 3” – demo of superstructure only and construction of trail).

Ron Myers reported a possibility that part of the Wabash and University/Parks Trail rehab project (Univ/Parks Trail from Holland-Sylvania to Secor Rd) could be delayed, awaiting a future water line project. If the water line installation proceeds in the next 3-5 years as planned, the City of Toledo would replace the trail in the process. This could save the TE/TA fund $500-600,000 and free up money for other projects.

MOTION: The TE/TA Committee supports splitting the Rail-Trail Preservation Project (currently funded for the current FY 2013) into phase 1 and 2, if determined that the project partners want to do so, in order to allow for flexibility in the project schedule. Ron Myers moved, Steve Day seconded, motion passed.

Back to Westside funding: after extensive discussion about the importance of the project to the region, and TMACOG’s history of keeping the pipeline full and moving projects up when needed:

MOTION: The committee recommends advertising for TA applications for one year into the TIP pipeline (=785,000 under the new MAP 21 law). Ron Myers moved, Steve Day seconded. The motion passed, with one abstention (Andrew Sager, who was not comfortable moving the pipeline so far into the future).

It was noted that if excellent projects are submitted, the committee does have the flexibility to fund more than one year’s worth.
Ed outlined the target timing:
- December 20: TIP committee vote on allowing a new TA funding round
- Following Dec 20: staff sends alert re upcoming round
- January 15, 2013: TE/TA Committee meeting (10 a.m.–2 p.m.) to finalize the new application and scoring system.
- February 1: issue call for applications
- April 1: deadline for submissions
- April 19: TE/TA committee review and ranking
- April 22: submit recommended project to TIP Committee
- May 1 & 15: TIP amendment to Transportation Council and TMACOG Board/Executive Committee (fall-back is June for these approvals).

IV. Other Business; Announcements

- ODNR Recreational Trails funding status

Ed noted that Ohio Department of Natural Resources has not announced which projects from the previous Clean Ohio Trails round are to be funded. February 1, 2013 is the deadline for the next round (Clean Ohio Trails plus Recreational Trails).

V. Adjourn

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: January 15, 2013

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AGENDA ITEM II. – Memo from ODOT re Safe Routes to School

From: Walcoff, Julie [mailto:Julie.Walcoff@dot.state.oh.us]
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 10:46 AM
To: Cc: Lane, Randy; Gawell, Shyna; McDonald, Tim
Subject: SRTS Funding

Many of you had questions about how ODOT was going to handle SRTS as it relates to MAP-21.

I plan on attending the next OARC meeting to describe in more detail but I thought I would give you a heads up in the meantime.

- ODOT will have approximately 4 Million available per year for SRTS projects. We will award these projects to communities anywhere in Ohio. If a community is within an MPO area we will ask the applicant to get approval from the MPO.

- An MPO will be able to fund SRTS projects with their TA funds if they so desire. What I expect to happen is, if I get an application that is reasonable and scores highly, but we do not have enough funds to cover, I may ask for assistance from the MPO, and I expect if an MPO gets an application for a SRTS project they cannot fund completely they will ask me for participation, and we will work together in that manner.
• ODOT does have state funds available for some of the required 20% match (ODOT funded countermeasures).

• We are going to open up our next funding round in January and I have started posting information about it on the SRTS website: www.dot.state.oh.us/saferoutes

• Requirements from the ODOT standpoint will remain similar but we will obviously need to adjust our scoring criteria. We are currently working on application guidance and that scoring criteria, we expect to have it available by mid-December.

Please let me know if you have other questions.

Please forward this information to others who may be interested.

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