AGENDA

I. Welcome, Review Agenda and July Notes

II. TIP Status
   - New TIP to be prepared
   - What we know (and don’t know) about funding levels for STP, CMAQ, and Transportation Alternatives in new TIP
   - Initial TIP Committee discussion re how to handle changes in funding

   In process of developing a new Transportation Improvement Program; awaiting ODOT financial constraint numbers (ODOT Planning office is promising estimates). Hope STP (Surface Transportation Program), the bulk of the funds, will be about $7 million as usual. CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality funds) are solid for FY 13 and 14. Beyond FY 14, Toledo area won’t qualify because have met AQ regs; we will lose $4 million/year. Transportation Alternatives/TA (formerly Trans. Enhancements) fund likely to decrease 30%, probably starting in FY 14 (July 1, 2013). In summary, doing our TIP more difficult than in the past.

   Staff is proposing reranking of TIP projects rather than soliciting new. Diane noted TA funds are separate; any reranking would need to come back to the TE/TA committee. Ed noted staff has had flexibility all along to put projects into appropriate year to get them funded. Warren said not suggesting re-ordering or rescoring. There are new criteria to be considered under MAP 21 federal transportation act (performance measures, for example); however, the US Transportation Secretary and ODOT together may take 3 to 3.5 years to do performance measures. Ed suggests not using the words “rescoring / reranking” — instead “rescheduling” is more accurate. Dave doesn’t expect much change in the TIP for 2012 and 2015.

   Steve Day noted federal law provisions could change in 2 years. Dave added that if AQ requirements chang, TMACOG could re-qualify for CMAQ.

III. Updates on Existing Projects
   - Perrysburg request for more funds for cracked bike path: Ed reported that Perrysburg built their Enhancement-funded path near the cemetery and Fort Meigs last fall. This year they experienced lard cracks in the asphalt through no one’s fault. City engineer Doug Dariano requested $14,000 (80% of repair costs). The TIP Committee approved the money.

   - Summit Street: The TIP Committee also approved the Enhancement Committee’s recommendation to give extra funds to City of Toledo for the historic overlook in the Summit Street path project.
Meeting re Toledo Harbor Lighthouse, Sept 28: they have $500,000 in Enhancement funding to stabilize windows and doors in 2019. The Lighthouse preservation group wants to move forward sooner with this. They met with TMACOG staff. One idea they brought up was whether they could do the stabilization sooner with other funds and redefine the work to be done with TE funds. Discussion: would want to see they had the 20% cash first before we would consider change in scope. Noted there have been previous modifications of scope for other projects. However, the scope is what is considered in doing the project ranking. This project had some political sensitivity – a member of Congress targeted the lighthouse as an unworthy project.

Consensus: committee asked staff to follow up with Lighthouse group by sending a letter requesting clarification on project details including a timeline: when they will be on the same page with the County Commissioners regarding having the local project administrator in place; when they anticipate having design work completed; if they are interested in a change in scope, what would that be. We need them to focus on the details of implementing the project and get on record regarding these issues.

It was noted that it may be necessary to get state/federal interpretation of project eligibility under MAP 21. However, the only thing that goes away under the new law is funding for transportation museums; historic preservation and rehab of transportation structures is still eligible.

Westside Corridor: with $2 million left from the original federal earmark, the plan is to use $1.5 million to take out the old Maumee River bridge, not including the piers. Wood County Port Authority voted to include the piers, which would mean $2.5 million and more regulations to deal with. WCPA is going to reconsider the issue. Jon said they should bid the demo project with as many alternatives as possible, since the world of demo is volatile and some can do it very cheaply.

The UT Board has approved proceeding with the UT section, the whole thing including a ped overpass at Savage Hall. Warren wants Rich Martinko, UT, to do a presentation to the Westside Corridor committee in November. Ed noted he is concerned about removal of the grade separated crossings.

Jon Z noted the Metroparks will be working on implementing their section of the Westside corridor in South Toledo.

Other updates: Springfield path is gone off the TIP at their request. Kilburn Road bike lanes are on the TIP for 2019.

IV. MAP-21 “Transportation Alternatives”:
Safe Routes to School: what role for MPOs vs role for state?

Diane noted that Recreational Trails projects will be eligible for funding both at the state level and metro area levels. Julie Walcoff, in charge of Ohio’s SRTS program, says this may be the case for Safe Routes to School projects also.

At present, Ohio sends task order consultants (engineering firms) to communities to complete the required school travel plans, and ODOT is able to fund most of the resulting projects. Under MAP 21, the state’s SRTS funds will drop from $7 million down to $4 million (and don’t know yet whether the funding will be 100% or 80% of project cost), so will not be able to fund
everything as they have in the past. She wonders if there could be partnering between the state and the MPOs to fund a SRTS project.

Discussion: Jon wishes the state would just give us our chunk of the state’s SRTS funds. Warren noted it is problematic for regions where the state is an applicant for local funds. A concern about trying to co-fund a SRTS project with both state and metro area funds: our local TIP process is much more structured than ODOT’s, making it hard for us to just drop a new project into our TIP. Much cleaner if we keep the state and MPO (TMACOG) funding separate. Committee consensus: keep funding separate (state and TMACOG).

V. Other Business; Announcements

-ODNR Clean Ohio Trails Fund status: Ed is on the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) 9-member COTF board. Staff scores applications and asks board for approval. Based on a 200-point scale; biased toward land acquisition, linear trails, connectivity of existing trails, and connecting population centers. Also favors EJ (low income/minority areas). Originally a bond program ($6 million); funding now $3 million/year. Of 60 project applications, recommendation is to fund 8 projects; this went to the director, but so far no announcement (supposed to be in October).

2013 funding round: applications due Feb 1, 2013. Awards capped at $500,000/project unless special need. Westside Corridor should apply – should score well (see above criteria) Probably would not select two projects at once from same corridor. 75-25 funding (not sure if construction only or if it includes engineering).

VI Adjourn

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: January 15, 2013

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