



TMACOG Transportation Planning Committee

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 – 1:30 p.m.

TMACOG Boardroom

NOTES

- 1. Convene meeting / introductions / review Agenda and August notes** *--Ron Myers, Chair*
Ken Fallows moved to approve the agenda and August notes. Bob Seyfang seconded; motion passed.
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- 2. 2045 Transportation Plan goals** *--Steering Committee*
For review and approval (*see proposed goals at end of these meeting notes*)

Ron Myers presented the goals recommended by the 2045 Plan steering committee (Ron, Don O'Connor, Pat Etchie, John Musteric). The committee discussed and made suggestions. Approval was postponed till next meeting.

Q: can needs of neighborhood residents be considered? A: yes, since "all modes" in Goal 1. (Safety) includes biking and walking and transit; and the Personal Mobility goal also speaks to all travel modes.

Q: why doesn't Goal 3, Congestion Reduction, include local roads? A: because TMACOG-managed federal funds can't be used for local roads (vs major roads like collectors, arterials, interstates); so therefore we can't affect and measure impacts on the local roads.

Q: what does "System reliability" mean (Goal 4.)? A: Consistency in performance, perhaps. Awaiting federal definition/measures.

Comment: Personal Mobility (Goal 8) is powerful.

- 3. 2045 Plan: Understanding our current transportation system** *--Staff & steering committee*

- a. Overview: Functional classification map.

Lisa Householder, TMACOG, noted this map will be updated in the next few months. Mike Stormer explained we have a limited number of miles that can be included as major road categories (collectors, arterials, etc.) that are eligible for federal aid. In deciding on updates, look at traffic flows, land use, etc., also changes in the urban boundary that can shift a road from rural to urban.

- b. Safety: crash data – top intersections and segments; crash tables by mode; total crashes.

Marc VonDeylen: Maps and data are based on police crash reports, and are taken from the TMACOG safety report.

Q: do we have details about specific reasons for crashes? A: Yes, including all the crash-related factors such as weather condition.

Q: how do we factor in legislative changes, such as if they outlaw red light cameras? A: Mike Stormer, ODOT, said red light cameras may not decrease the number of crashes. Noted the TMACOG maps/data are for non-state roads, and ODOT has another list for state routes of high safety concern.

- c. Infrastructure condition: pavement condition; change in condition

Lisa Householder noted bridge condition maps are forthcoming. Also, new PCR data will come from ODOT by year's end. Change in condition map: note that 92% of roads did not decline significantly.

Q: have we set mileage goals for Pavement Condition Rating (PCR)? Need to set a reasonable curve. A: Not yet

- d. Congestion reduction: 2010 congestion locations, segments and intersections

Lisa: The congestion locations are from the TMACOG traffic forecasting model. They are numbered for identification, not ranking order. Locations highlighted in green on the list are where recent upgrades have not yet been reflected in the forecasting model.

- e. Freight movement: truck traffic; heavy haul routes; railroads; intermodal facilities; distribution centers. Roger Streiffert:
Truck volumes: ODOT truck traffic data is updated frequently—will have new data soon. Map is a work in progress; will likely use line widths rather than colors to show range of traffic volume. Change in volumes between Michigan and Ohio reflect that counts were taken in different years.
 Comment: do two maps, one with volumes, another with percent of truck traffic?
Heavy Haul routes: shown by jurisdiction; possibly will add PCR. These routes are permitted only in counties contiguous to Michigan, per Federal Highway Administration. Will add info on load limits.
 Comment: City of Toledo has their heavy load info on the Web.
Rail: rail volumes (trains per day) is approximate and due to be updated (by calling the railroads). Could show the volumes graphically with differing line widths.
Intermodal facilities: defined as anything multiple modes of transport (truck-rail, water-truck-rail, etc.)
Distribution Centers: map shows we are already a freight hub, with many distribution centers within a 100-mile radius. Discussion: Add a 50-mile radius? Or show a 50-mile radius only? New distribution facilities in northern Wood County represent private investment. (Rich Martinko can provide dollars invested in creating hub facilities.)

4. Project and Planning Updates --Mike Stormer, ODOT; Warren Henry; others

- a. TRAC/Turnpike funding: (handout was provided) Mike Stormer reported which projects were selected for funding with Ohio Turnpike-leveraged (OTIC) funds. A total of \$930 million was available for projects with a nexus to the Turnpike; our region was awarded nearly half or \$422 million. The projects are on area interstates and are expected to be initiated in 2014 and 2015. One that was turned down was McCord Road railroad grade separation, but the remaining funds needed for that project will be sought via “normal” TRA (major project) funding.
 The TRAC project list was also provided.
- b. Major project progress: I 74/475 interchange to be done in a month or so. Talmadge & Cory ramp extensions done soon. Wales Road grade separation probably will be end of calendar 2014. High Level bridge: full closure in spring 2014; partial closure now.
- c. Other

5. Member Roundtable

Lucas County Engineer: noted a roundabout is done on the old Jeep site (being redeveloped as a business/industrial park), and the County Engineer’s fourth roundabout will be built at Sylvania & Mitchaw.

Pemberville: Pemberville Road is closed while a new bridge is added. New Home Depot facility is under construction, 30 acres.

City of Toledo: noted the Secor Road Party this Saturday, Oct 19, to celebrate project completion.

Suggestion: put all the 2045 Plan-related maps and info into a 3-ring binder for future reference.

6. Upcoming Events and Other Business

--Staff and Committee

- a. Wednesday, October 16, 2013 2:30-4 p.m., TMACOG Tech: Regional Collaboration Shared Services ,
- b. Friday Oct 25th: Northwest Ohio Planning one-day planning & zoning conference, Owens Community College (contact Patrick Etchie, petchie@manksmithgroup.com)

- c. Thurs, Oct 29th, 9:00-1:30: Smart Growth for the 21st Century, Home Builders Assoc., 1911 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee; Register through Toledo Board of Realtors, www.toledorealtors.com, 419-535-3222
- d. Other

7. Adjourn

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS: Please mark your calendar

Planning Committee— 3rd Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

2013: February 19, April 16, June 18, August 20, October 15, **December 17**

Agenda Item 2. **2045 Plan goals** *(with suggested changes)*

1. The steering committee drafted the following **regional goals**, working from the national goals:
2. **Safety:** Reduce traffic-*related* fatalities and serious injuries across all modes. *[This change suggested in order to emphasize that fatalities include pedestrians]*
3. **Infrastructure condition:** Maintain and improve the transportation system to a state of good repair.
4. **Congestion reduction:** Reduce congestion on the National Highway System (NHS) and MAP-21 principal arterials *[Per committee discussion, look at rewording this to clarify and simplify; for example “federal aid roads” or “roads under TMACOG governance”]*
5. **System reliability:** Improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system *[No change, but measures need to be defined to differentiate this goal from #2 and #3. Awaiting measures from national and state.]*
6. **Freight movement:** Strengthen freight access to national and international trade markets to support economic development
7. **Environmental sustainability:** Protect and enhance the community and natural environments.
8. **Project delivery:** Expedite project delivery to maximize effective use of public funds.
9. **Personal mobility:** Improve the quality, accessibility, and efficiency of the multimodal personal transportation system.