

TMACOG Transportation Planning Committee

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 – 1:30 p.m.
TMACOG Boardroom

NOTES

- 1. Convene meeting / introductions / review December notes and Agenda** --Ed Ciecka, Chair
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- 2. Election of Officers** --Ed Ciecka and Committee

Election of Planning Committee chair and vice chair. Current officers are Ed Ciecka, chair, and Ron Myers, vice chair.

For 2013: Ron Myers was elected chair, Ed Ciecka was elected vice chair.

- 3. Ohio Turnpike Proposal** (*See informational handout.*) --Warren Henry

For discussion: developing a response to proposed legislation to use turnpike funds.

The state's proposal is based on projections of future toll revenue. The Turnpike Commission would be restructured to add a seat for the ODOT director. They would sell bonds, first \$1 billion, then later another \$0.5 billion. Proposed projects would go to the revised commission for approval. A Transportation Council subcommittee is reviewing the legislation (HB 51).

Discussion: what about maintenance funds for the Turnpike?

"Follow the money": 1% interest is \$10 million: who gets that money? Are there campaign contribution limits?

Warren: \$70 million of the top for Turnpike maintenance.

Concern it will impact locals: will all funding go to interstate projects, not local roads?

Projects must be related to the Turnpike, but not clear what that means. Doesn't appear Tpk commission will be interested in funding parallel roads, more likely to fund feeder roads.

What are revenues? A: Projected 1% growth/year on revenues. High bond rating expected. Revenues should be sufficient to cover bond issues, if not, then tolls forced to go up.

Biggest concern is shell game: will there be a standing oversight committee to guard proper use of funds?

Success depends on transparency, including tracking what funds *would* have gone to the north part of the state.

- 3. Land Use Initiative** --Ed Ciecka, staff, and Land Use Steering members

- a.** New demographics maps: non-car households, minorities, employment: Ed Ciecka noted the Land Use subcommittee has continued to look at the region's demographics. Eric Kellstadt presented the newest maps. Ed noted there are no surprises, but important to review in deciding where transportation improvements of all types are needed.

- b. How much does development cost? (See *research summary* and excerpt from Waterville report)
 Dave Gedeon reviewed the info sheet on costs of different development densities. Costs increase as density decreases. He noted the quote from one source that “*dispersed rural residential development costs county governments and schools \$1.65 in service expenditures for every dollar of tax revenue generated.*” He asked if, in the committee’s experience, this research makes sense.
 Ed Ciecka noted that Waterville’s research confirms the higher cost to local governments from lower density development. However in his recent meeting with Homebuilders Assoc reps, they said they would like to see higher densities but the local market dictates otherwise. Therefore, what can we do regarding educating both public officials and general public on benefits of higher density?
 Ken Fallows; great institute is Center for Neighborhood Technology. Beta website ABOGO.CNT.org Calculates monthly transportation costs. Check it out.
 Don O’Connor: intriguing issue – what people want vs what is good for them.
 Ron Myers: homebuilders are limited by zoning. Small business people want to make money. But pitchforks from citizens when greater density is proposed.
 Ed: the issue is schools, schools, and schools.
 Bob Krompak: UT Urban Affairs study: transfer of tax dollars
 Kristin: Where does the rest of the money come from? A: Operating more efficiently.

- c. Engaging the developers and other interesting possibilities

5. Major Project Updates

--Mike Stormer, ODOT

Project progress; new Ohio TRAC list

Mike Stormer reviewed progress on major projects, including:

I75/475: finish fall 2013

Freeway Management System—done mid-2014. Dynamic Message Signs starting up this summer. Will be 100% camera coverage on interstates around Toledo area and SR 795.

Wales Road grade separation: 2 bridges (NS, CSX), possibly done end of 2013

Hallett (Swanton) and Jones Rd. (Fostoria) grade separations: done.

TRAC: program for 2014-2017 program posted on website. Includes McCord Rod grade separation—Tier I (funded for construction). Tier II projects (under development, funded for preliminary engineering and detailed design): I-475/US 20 interchange (Central Ave); I-75 from Phillips to I-280; I-75 bridges from Perrysburg to Findlay (doing in anticipation of road widening).

Tier III: I-75 piece of the 75/475 systems interchange project.

I-75 Maumee River Bridge: 2016-2017, replace bridge. Will include correcting the Miami and South Ave. ramp deficiencies.

-Major rehab in downtown area, 2016-2017.

Waterville Bridge, SR 64: have selected Mannik & Smith as consultant. Probably 2015 or 2016 start of construction.

Discussed old US 24, now that the new 24 is open. Adding bike lines in certain places.

Ron Myers noted his office (Lucas County Engineers) has traffic count data they will be willing to share. Interested in bike traffic.

High Level Bridge (Anthony Wayne Bridge): closure planned, possibly march 2014, for 19 months. Bob Krompak noted a lot of concerns in East Toledo. Also paring down Main Street to two lanes. Mike Stormer explained the High Level must close because they are taking out pier sections.

Safety project: Corey Road I-475 ramp. Will add traffic signal, and add lanes. Done by Thanksgiving. Also lengthening Talmadge exit ramp.

6. Federal and State Developments

--Warren Henry

What's happening in Washington; new approach to CMAQ funding in Ohio

Within next 45 days, several major federal bills to be considered:

- 1) Sequestration
- 2) Transportation funding – expects a continuing resolution
- 3) debt ceiling

Ohio: Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) federal funding. TMACOG gets \$4 million/year. Plus \$7 -8 million federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and \$800,000 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). We use our CMAQ funds on a timely basis, but most MPOs don't. ODOT has directed MPOs to come up with a system to insure the state's \$60 million /year gets spent; carryover of no more that \$6 million will be allowed. New system must be in place by end of 2013 calendar year.

7. Upcoming Events and Other Business

--Staff and Committee

- a. Transportation Summit**, Friday, March 22 (8am-2 pm), Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg: workshops and speakers
 - b. Transportation Alternatives:** funding round announced
 - c. National Train Day Toledo**, Saturday, May 4: volunteers and sponsors needed
 - d. Next meeting:** regional complete streets policy; 2045 Plan process
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8. Member Roundtable: plans, projects, issues

--Committee

Ray Huber, Wood County: four roads closed this summer, Pemberville, Sterns, Bates, Merriville. Most because of bridges. Goal is to bid and complete prior to school starting.

Bob Seyfang, Design Center (volunteer group under the Downtown Development Corp) : just completed new master plan for Warehouse District; urban overlay district to follow. UpTowne also has an overlay district. Anthony Wayne Trail to Erie Street gateway project: URS is designing. Promenade Park: in redesign. Waiting for new federal courthouse to be funded. Working on a regional bike connectivity plan.

Don O'Connor, city of Toledo: --Anthony Wayne gateways project—negotiating with URS

--possible redesign of wayfinding signage

--Miami resurfacing, trying to get done pre-AW bridge project

--E. Broadway, Woodville to 6th, reconstruction this calendar year.

--Main St, redesign

--Secor from Central to Monroe: reconstructing

--Collingwood Blvd: controversial, but moving forward

--Toledo get national award for recycling, full-depth reclamation (during road reconstruction)

Eric Kellstadt: TMACOG planning for May Bike Month, let him know of any events. Metroparks has hired consultants for bike network planning; TMACOG working with Metroparks and others on a connectivity plan.

Joe Shaw, Sylvania: Erie Street (Centennial to Monroe)—July closure planned to replace bridge.

Warren Henry: Westside Corridor has a new name, Chessie Circle Trail.

Ken Fallows: Toledo-Lucas County Sustainability Commission is letting a contract with a consultant for a sustainability plan. Others can buy in. Draft by end of November.

Dave Gedeon: currently drafting the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Two public meetings are scheduled for April.

Ron Myers: Lucas County Engineer is moving to McCord Road across from the Holland Library, adjacent to Sanitary Engineer for synergies. Projects: resurfacing Univ/Parks Trail; building bike path connector from Wabash Cannonball Trail to Fallen Timbers Mall; Wabash rehab; 15 roundabout projects in next few years.

9. 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