



TMACOG Transportation Planning Committee

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

TMACOG Boardroom

Draft Agenda

1. Convene meeting / introductions / review February notes *--Kris Cousino, V. Chair*

Kris convened the meeting. Noted the Transportation Summit was amazing. Robert Seyfang moved, John Musterick seconded, and February notes were approved.

2. 2045 Plan: Public Comment *--Diane Reamer-Evans, others*

- a. **Public meetings:** summary, observations – *Staff, committee members*
Kevin Aller: Spencer Township, the main topic was public transportation; downtown meeting didn't have a lot of comments. Thought the meetings were well managed. Ray Luk thought it was too bad more people didn't attend, and those who attended had a specific issue. This can skew perception of what the public is really concerned about. Another way to get input would be to set up at public events, which might get a broader base of responses. Ellen noted they had great input from surveys, including a scientifically valid survey that ODOT conducted. Diane noted the plan was based on heavy public comment at the beginning at the process.
- b. **Survey results.** Kristin reviewed the survey results and a summary of the Q. 10 comments. Noted most respondents agreed with the financial breakdown for the priority projects and how the plan addresses plan goals.
- c. **Discussion:** changes or other response to public comments
Additional projects suggested in the questionnaires:
-Vickers rail-rail separation in Northwood. Discussion: Wales Rd. overpass project precludes, and railroads not interested.
-Connection from I-475 to Turnpike: was studied, not feasible, and Turnpike likely wouldn't participate.
-NS line connection in Michigan: not in our plan area.
-Connecting freight rail from Defiance into Toledo: Mannik & Smith studied this issue; was discussion in study about connecting with Canadian National. The railroad involved may not have resources to pursue the connection at this time, and may have sufficient access to major railroads already.
- Other comments appear to be more policy-related.

Based on a comment/request from the Ability Center, Ken Fallows moved adding an initiative to study economic impacts of regional sales tax and regional transit, Rich Martinko seconded, the motion passed.

3. 2045 Plan: Next Steps *--Diane Reamer-Evans, other staff*

- a. **Environmental consultation and policies:** environmental maps with plan project overlaid are going to environmental agencies for review. Draft policies were handed out, and will be on April's agenda for approval. The committee is asked to review the policies pre-meeting.
- b. **Presentation to Transportation Council:** April 1 for information; May 6 (public meeting) for approval (3 p.m.)
- c. **Submittal to ODOT,** May
- d. **Present to TMACOG Board of Trustees** for approval: June 17 (1:30 p.m.)
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4. Major Project Updates *--Mike Stormer, ODOT, and committee members*

Mike Stormer: coming out of winter; resuming projects; kicking off I-475-75 phase two, with some ramps closings and crossovers to be built, also starting the I-75 widening from Phillips to I-280. Dorr Street

interchange public meeting was well attended; was a combined meeting regarding US 20A interchange as well. Kristin noted Miami Street bridge project will proceed after High Level bridge reopens. The painting of High Level will be in 2016. Where can public go to see project costs and sources? A: not one good place to find that information. People would be interested in knowing how Turnpike-related funds are being used. Mike Stormer will ask ODOT District 2's public information person about the possibility of generating easily accessed information.

5. Member Roundtable and Other Business

- a. **TMACOG:** new [Legislative Agenda](#) done; seeking staff -www.tmacog.org/info_employment.htm; Planner 1 and 2 positions have been posted. The Planner 2 will take on Diane's work when she retires end of April. Transportation Summit was a success.
- b. **Member news and issues:** Ken Fallows asked what process is used to create maintenance of traffic during projects. Mike Stormer: the goal is always to keep traffic flowing; plan for maintenance of traffic as part of the project planning process, work with local jurisdictions and consultants. Tradeoffs include complete closures which save cost and time vs minimizing disruption. Is there consideration of impact on businesses? Yes, engage the businesses and try to minimize impact, for example when doing Central Ave. SPU. Kristin noted incentive clauses were a good thing for the Secor Rd. project.

Joe Camp: River Road will be reopening following ice damages in Maumee (between I-4 75 and Jerome was most of damage). A difficulty will be getting rid of ice that's piled up at a time when fishermen are heading for the river. Huge chunks of ice took out 40% of trees. The dam broke loose at Grand Rapids – that was the biggest factor in the damage. See Toledo Aerial Media for video. There was also fish kill.

Ed Ciecka is retiring, and he looks forward to community involvement. UT's new president and BGSU's current president have a background in urban planning. Pat Etchie may ask the new UT president to present awards at the Ohio APA conference.

6. Upcoming Events

--Staff and committee

- a. **TMACOG TIP public meetings:** Thurs., Apr. 2, 3-6 p.m., ODOT District 2; Wed., Apr. 8, 3-6 p.m., TMACOG Boardroom
 - b. **TMACOG Tech: Ohio Sunshine Law Certification Training,** April 17, 8:45-12:15, Owens Community College, Audio/Visual Classroom Center, Perrysburg
 - c. **National Train Day Toledo:**
 - preview party Friday Night by the Tracks, May 1, 5-8 p.m., registration at tmacog.org
 - National Train Day Toledo, Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 - d. **2015 APA Ohio Statewide Planning Conference,** September 23-25 in Toledo, Ohio at the Grand Plaza Hotel and Convention Center. More info: www.ohioplanning.org/Conference (**Session proposals due April 10**). Pat Etchie noted the latest information is on the website, including the types of sessions being sought and availability of sponsorships.
 - e. **2015 Conference on Freight,** September 14-16, 2015, Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, see www.ohiofreight.org
 - f. Other
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7. Adjourn

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS: Please mark your calendar

Planning Committee— 3rd Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

2015: Jan 20, Feb 17, March 4~~7~~ 24, **April 21**, June 16, August 18, Oct 20, Dec 15