



TMACOG Transportation Planning Committee

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 – 1:30 p.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom

NOTES

1. Convene meeting / introductions / review February notes and Agenda --Ron Myers, Chair

Introductions were made and agenda accepted. There were no February notes, to be provided for next meeting.

2. The Ohio TRAC -- Brian Davis, Williams County Commissioner and TRAC member

Mr. Davis, Williams County Commissioner, was appointed to the Transportation Review Advisory Council in November 2012. The nine-member TRAC is a selects large projects for state funding.

Mr. Davis noted they are excited about the new Turnpike-related funds they will be awarding to projects in northern Ohio. The application process is on the website. Applications are due May 3. Already 100 have applied.

Discussion:

Q: Must all applications go through ODOT District 2? A: Anyone can submit directly. Projects must be \$12 million at minimum.

Q: Are there scoring changes? A: Yes, scoring system changes were recently finalized.

Web address? <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/trac>

3. Major Project Updates --Mike Stormer, ODOT; Warren Henry; others

Current project progress; future projects.

TRAC will meet at ODOT District 2, Bowling Green, on May 3.

Mike Stormer, ODOT, provided updates on these projects:

- I-75 widening, Perrysburg to Findlay: will do in four segments. Seeking 2014 TRAC funding
- I-75 widening, Phillips to I-280: seeking 2015 TRAC funding
- Phase 2, I-75/I-475 interchange (central Toledo): seeking TRAC funding for “the big bridge” in 2015
- I-75 from Dorr to I-475: major rehab, 2014 (not TRAC funds), replace pavement
- I-75, Dorr to South Ave.: 2016-2017, under design. Using Major Rehab and Major Bridge funds
- I-75 South Ave to Glenwood: 2016-2017 major rehab—have the funds and Major Bridge funds
- Future projects:
- Elimination of weave at 475/75 at Perrysburg: will do pavement rehab 2014-2016. Will maintain traffic on I-75 during construction.
- Central Ave & I-475: asking for 2015 construction funds from TRAC for single point interchange; part of overall goal of widening I-475. May 15 public meeting at Sylvania Township. A project in 2014 will eliminate a good deal of weaving on SB IR-475 north of Central Avenue using ODOT Safety Funds.
- Gaps, from Central Ave to US 24: fill in gaps for widening of I-475 (so widening several bridges in 2014) – seeking TRAC funding.
- Lots of construction planned for 2014-2016.
- Interstate projects: provide benefits to region—improve safety; more free-flowing traffic.

Q: 2 lanes addition from 475 to 75 at Perrysburg? A: no, traffic doesn't require

Q Public meeting? A: Yes, met with Perrysburg.

Q: High Level Bridge? Project “sold” – E.S. Wagner to do

Don O'Connor reported on City of Toledo plans and projects:

- Working on pavement management
- Now know lane miles by functional class: 755 miles of federal aid, 1,680 not federal aid (Safety and OPC-eligible); 2,400 total lane miles. 105 miles of Interstate highway.

4. Starting the 2045 Transportation Plan process *--Diane Reamer-Evans; committee*

It's approaching time (after July 1) to rethink our region's priorities for 2015-2045.

Discussion: your priorities for this new plan.

Don O'Connor:

- Capacity was 20th century
- Doesn't see capacity /growth as much – shift from capacity to SAFETY and MAINTENANCE.

Ron Myers: when solicit input for 2045 Plan, need ground rules. Examples: "focus is safety." Where is congestion? Where are maintenance needs? Where are transit needs? Economic development needs?

Bob Seyfang: Need to look more at interconnectivity

Rich Martinko: deconstruct previous projects

Raymond Luk: didn't seem that clear regarding the criteria: too broad

Don O'Connor: goal of "32% to road projects"? Anyone heard that?

- Long-term: what will population need (based on population demographic changes)
- Changing technology: like self-driving cars

Ken Fallows: not more; instead, different

Christine: may need to look at different scenarios, for example: high tech vs not; population growth vs no growth

Data availability: need to analyze options, example, what is shortest route, fastest, safest?

Warren: in previous plan, focus was on freeways. Looking forward: population flat, traffic not increasing at same rate.

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

- a. Balanced Growth workshop: summary; next at TLC Plan Commission May 2, 10 am.
At workshop in Perrysburg, interesting to hear about state resources available to communities interested in balanced growth. Technical assistance available for such things as review of current regulations. See <http://balancedgrowth.ohio.gov/> for details.
- b. Future Land Use map: to be reviewed at steering meeting, May 7, 1:30 pm

6. Upcoming Events and Other Business *--Staff and Committee*

- a. **TIP Public Meeting:** Wed, April 17, 3-6 p.m., TMACOG. Comment on draft TIP. (Posted at http://tmacog.org/Transportation/TIP/TIP_Draft.pdf)
- b. **Transportation Alternatives:** applications under review
- c. **National Train Day Toledo**, Sat, May 4, 9:30-4: volunteers needed. Preview event, Fri, May 3, 5:30-7:30pm (tickets at <http://ntdtoledopreview.eventbrite.com>).
- d. **Bike Month**, May 2013: <http://www.tmacog.org/bikemonth.htm>

7. Member Roundtable *--Committee*

City of Toledo: "Thousand Islands" intersection of Cherry, Collingwood & Detroit Ave: met with TetraTech. Scheduling public meeting in May. One possible application (to TRAC). Anthony Wayne Trail: another possible TRAC application. Secor Road under construction. Collinwood reconstruction still on hold, might happen this fiscal year.

Warren Henry, TMACOG: Noted the Access Ohio major highway corridors map (handout). International crossing (Detroit-Canada bridge): presidential permit has been issued. MAP-21: ODOT is encouraging five rural planning agencies to take on transportation planning – all have been selected for funding to help them do so. TMACOG will get \$250,000 over two years to mentor Maumee Valley Regional Plan Commission; we will need to hire someone new. Plans are underway to expand an existing distribution center in this region.

8. 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