



TMACOG Transportation Planning Committee

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 – 1:30 p.m.

TMACOG Boardroom

NOTES

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

Fourteen members and three staff attended. April meeting notes were approved on motion by Ken Fallows.

2. 2035 Plan Projects and Initiatives: What have we accomplished? -- Staff & committee members

Review year-end status of projects and initiatives. *For approval:* status table.

Mike Stormer reviewed ODOT committed projects. C-10: ITS cameras and message boards currently going up. C-6: In City of Toledo, Dorr Street is full ahead, shooting to sell in 2014. C-12: As part of urban paving program, City of Toledo shifted Summit Street to provide room for a bike path to get rid of a choke point. Ron Myers reported on Lucas County Engineers projects: involved in 15 roundabouts (example, C-14); resurfacing University/Parks Trail and extending trail. ___?___ Sylvania opened today! Wood County projects: C-2 --SR 18 / ODOT. – done. C-8, “Upgrade Buck Live City Rd. intersection area”: submitting third request for certification of traffic; scheduled meeting with stakeholders to discuss consultant’s recommendations and ramifications.

Transit projects: C-11 –automatic vehicle location project is being tested. Tarta.otvia.com shows real time location of buses. Will also have mobile aps. All should be in place by end of 2013.

Part of C-5--City of Toledo submitted federal TIGER application for “thousand islands” project (Cherry/Phillips area) to improve local arterials, which now has URS study behind it.

Ron Myers noted that for Project 28, I-475 at Corey, looked at various short and long term options. Proceeding with short-term project that will improve situation at low cost. Construction July-Nov Also Talmadge Rd. ramp lengthening same time period.

Don: project 17 and 25-27 bike projects: City of Toledo is moving forward on several of the bike projects – looking for opportunities to improve bike transportation. For example, looking at roundabouts in thousand island area. Would allow room for bike path. Project 23: City of Bowling Green working with ODOT on adding ped facilities on Wooster crossing of I-75. Ray Huber: Project 22-- from Ayers to Walbridge Rd. lots of student housing added over last few years. and residential subdivision. Pedestrian was killed walking up Tracy to Owens. Feels should add sidewalks to Tracy Rd. project. Ed Ciecka– have talked with the Rossford Transportation Improvement District (TID) re finding funding.

Warren: CSX wants to add 2 more cranes; want to see more traffic through the gate. In Williams County, Menards is expanding.

Initiative 2: City of Toledo is continuing on its pavement management system . Concerned that pavement condition rating (PCR) conducted by ODOT on federal aid roads may be ceasing. Don O’Connor will check and let us know.

Ray moved, Don O’Connor seconded, to approve the progress tables. Motion passed.

Warren noted TMACOG Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) now includes funding for Safe Routes to School (SRTS). Ray: proud that Wood County and Rossford are collaborating in funding a ped bridge for City of Rossford. Hope to construct spring 2014.

3. Land Use Initiative

--Ed Ciecka

For discussion: draft Land Use map; proposed information/education strategy

Land Use steering group met in May – discussed view of how land use patterns would change in future. Diane noted May's suggested revisions to the conceptual future land use map are not yet incorporated into the draft map. Don and Ray commented.

4. Starting the 2045 Transportation Plan process

--Diane Reamer-Evans; committee

For discussion: Developing the plan process and public involvement plan—who, how

A plan steering committee is needed. Don O'Connor, Ron Myers, Pat Etchie, and John Musterick volunteered. Diane will be in touch to set up a first meeting.

5. Project and Planning Updates

--Mike Stormer, ODOT; Warren Henry; others

- a. **Transportation Alternatives:** Ron noted the TAP committee reviewed several great projects and recommended two for funding: Safe Routes to School planning for City of Toledo/Toledo Public Schools, and Chessie Circle Trail phase one in South Toledo. Only one year of funding was awarded this time. The Committee is leaving all the applications open for a year to see if any additional funding becomes available.
- b. **TRAC/Turnpike funding process; major project progress**
Our region applied for several projects for TRAC; under review. Projects for this round need to be within 75 miles of Turnpike. After TRAC reviews, will need to go to Turnpike Commission, probably August/September time frame. "Nexus" – in order to get this funding, have to have a nexus to the Turnpike. Have to meet TRAC requirements for new capacity or provide for economic development. Projects in our region that are being pursued or are already funded cover almost all of our area's interstate system. Warren noted that the recent presentation to TRAC urging them to fund our region's projects was done well, but the Turnpike Commission may be very critical of whether projects serve the purpose. Rural areas are also interested in these funds. \$1 billion first round, another \$500 million upcoming.
- c. **Access Ohio:** new statewide plan poised to make investment recommendations- Warren noted the regional steering meeting will be here at TMACOG on July 30. Encourage attendance. Plan to be done end of 2013.
- d. **ODOT Transportation Information Mapping System (TIMS):** new online access to data & analysis— Diane reported the website is now available (<http://tims.dot.state.oh.us/tims>) and TMACOG staff will be attending training.

6. Member Roundtable

Ed Ciecka: Rossford, July 9-13 Ohio Chautauqua –Oh Humanities Council – educational / family friendly event. Will include costumed characters

Don: Collingwood has begun. Secor: built in an award for fast construction, and Nov 1 completion is now looking like July completion.

Warren: Joint TMACOG-SEMOG meeting will cover update on Freight Study and Access Ohio. TMACOG provided three letters of support for TIGER grants. Eric Kellstadt has resigned. Looking for two staff: one senior level planner to assist with rural planning; also looking for an engineer. Spread the word.

Ray: ODOT has committed to fund roundabout to Berdan.

Kris: Need to plan well for the future. Gave two examples of what some would define as poor planning. One example: TPS schools that have been designed for future decline in enrollment and cannot adequately house current needs. The other example was Perrysburg-Holland bridge. Built with 7 lanes when 5 would have been more than sufficient. The additional lanes have had a largely negative impact on the adjacent residential area. Miami St and Maumee Ave over NSRR bridge projects have been able to progress due to coordinated effort by COT and ODOT and NS. Looking at cleaning up abandoned overpasses. Will take out Curtice Rd. over NS near Libbey HS. Collingwood over Swan Creek bridge and River Road over Delaware Creek will be constructed in 2014.

Ray/Gordon/Warren: Pemberville bridge project proceeding – Bates Rd bridge coming out Monday. Noted other bridge projects upcoming. Has had bridges go on critical list recently due to deterioration. Noted a TIGER application has been submitted to bring rail right into Toledo to help out with freight shipping -- Lenaway County (Ottawa Lake to Riga, Michigan). Will create more traffic through city of Sylvania and parallel to University/Parks Trail. City of Sylvania and UT have concerns. Consistent with long range plan.

Diane: TMACOG has received a small planning grant to engage senior citizens and people with disabilities in planning for better public transit (Toledo Area Partnership Project, TAPP).

Ron: noted the size of the new Perrysburg-Holland bridge was based on a traffic study. Hopefully capacity will be needed in future. It removed a bottleneck for peds and bikes. Don noted nearby intersection improvements are being considered.

7. Upcoming Events and Other Business

--Staff and Committee

- a. TMACOG Transportation Council/SEMCOG Joint Meeting, Wed,, June 26, 1-3:30 p.m., Cabela's, Dundee, MI
- b. [APA Ohio Statewide Planning Conference](#), Sept 25-27, Cleveland
- c. Other: Friday Oct 25th one-day local conference, per Pat Etchie

8. Adjourn