

**TMACOG**  
**Transportation Planning Committee / 2035 Plan-Update 2011 Task Force**

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.

**NOTES**

**1. Convene meeting / introductions**

*--Jeff Ballmer, Chair*

**2. 2035 Plan–Update 2011 Progress**

*--Jeff Ballmer, Diane Reamer-Evans, David Gedeon*

- a. TMACOG and FHWA approval status— approved by TMACOG Transportation Council and Board of Trustees; submitted to ODOT and Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration; approval expected by June 30.
- b. Next steps: plan roll-out — Once approved, will print copies of plan report for committee, local governments and authorities, and libraries (see attached table). Per committee suggestion, will also alert media.

**3. Member Roundtable: Plan Implementation**

What is one 2035 Plan item you are (or will be) helping to implement? Report on a project, initiative or policy.

Bob Seyfang, Toledo Design Center— work related to Project 11, improvements to MLK station area in support of high speed rail implementation. Toledo Design Center is pulling concepts together including access to station, possible roundabout, parking facilities, streetscaping. In related efforts, updating the downtown master plan. [Will bring visuals to a future meeting](#) (“fly over” view of potential downtown redevelopment and master plan update; station area concepts).

Bob Krompak, Neighborhood Housing Services—also interested in high speed rail, Project 11. [Will attend Public Transit & Passenger Rail](#) Committee meeting and report back to Planning Committee.

Ray Huber, Wood Co. Engineer—Project C-2, North Baltimore area road improvements, CSX to I-75: Liberty Hi overpass opens soon; moved fast with private dollars involved. Ray is concerned that funds to upgrade county and township roads will be needed between the overpass and the I-75 interchange at Cygnet, a route truckers are likely to use.

Don O’Connor, City of Toledo—Project C-6: ODOT safety funding was approved earlier this year. In process of selecting a consultant for detailed design. Construction set for 2014. This first phase is for Byrne-Secor-Douglas area; also have TIP funding for Douglas Rd. intersection improvements. Roundabouts further east would be in a later phase.

Ken Fallows, Environmental Council—Project C-6, several bike projects, and Policy 18 (and other policies) promote “complete streets.” People are moving back to the city, and the strength of our neighborhoods is important. Need to make them bike and walk-friendly. The Summit speaker had great ideas. Bike lanes, bike-friendly roundabouts, and bike arterials should be implemented. (Don O’Connor noted that his department head has implemented a complete streets checklist to be used for each street project; also that TIP projects get more points if they accommodate peds / bikes.)

Gordon Bowman, Village of Pemberville—Project 18, Add turn lanes on US 20, Perrysburg to SR 420: this is a “left turn road” and he wants to see this project implemented.

Kathy Broka, Fair Housing Center—Policy 3, improve safety at railroad crossings: she will work on this with the guidance of a woman she knows who is championing improvements at the McCord Rd/NS crossing in Holland where a student was killed. (Ray Huber noted Project 22 also involves a problematic rail crossing on Tracy Rd. – wants to see this project go forward for sake of both the industries and the residents.)

Evelyn Feiger, representing seniors—Policy 22, enhance transportation for seniors and those with disabilities: automakers should make cars that those with physical challenges can get into more easily.

Transit buses need low-floor entrances and interior floors designed to reduce tripping. (Bob Krompak noted curb and sidewalk condition is a big issue for those who are temporarily as well as permanently disabled. [Maybe CDCs could help – work with City of Toledo to identify problems in area with lots of senior citizens](#)).

#### 4. Updates

a. Ohio Turnpike; multimodal analysis --*Christine Drennen*.

Turnpike lease issue: TMACOG has completed a [briefing paper](#) on the issues our region feels should be considered; the TMACOG Freight Committee provided additions, and the paper was reviewed by various TMACOG councils and committee. Ray Huber noted the County Engineers association will similarly express their concerns. Status of state action: there was the governor's version of how this was to proceed; the legislature proposed their version in the budget bill (they added a legislative oversight requirement). Now the budget bill is in a reconciliation committee. Have to wait and see what emerges. Hard to know what would happen re I-75 widening or any other use of funds from a lease, or whether there would be reversionary clauses.

Modal analysis: Christine is writing a modal analysis report that documents where there are gaps between our various transportation modes. This will be brought to the committee in future.

b. SR 18, North Baltimore. See update, from [ODOT District 2 website](#). A preferred route for shifting SR 18 has been selected.

c. Other

#### 5. Upcoming Events and Other Business

a. Ohio Conference on Freight, September 20-21, 2011, Toledo Hilton & Dana Conference Center, [tmacog.org/OCF\\_11/OCF\\_home\\_11.htm](http://tmacog.org/OCF_11/OCF_home_11.htm)

b. Other business: Jeff Ballmer is retiring from City of Sylvania. Jeff noted he has been through multiple rounds of transportation plan updates. The committee thanked him for his years of leadership with a round of applause. (A new chairman will need to be selected at an upcoming meeting.)

#### 6. Adjourn

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS: *meeting time is 1:00 p.m.*

Planning Committee— 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays:

2011: January 18, February 15, April 19, June 21, **August 16**, October 18, December 20

**Note:** Mike Ligibel's retirement reception is this afternoon until 4 p.m. at ODOT District 2.