

TMACOG Transportation Planning Committee

Tuesday, August 21, 2012 – 1:30 p.m.
TMACOG Boardroom

NOTES

1. Convene meeting / introductions / review June notes and agenda --*Ed Ciecka, Chair*

Meeting notes were accepted.

2. Introducing new TMACOG staff: Eric Kellstadt --*staff*

We are pleased that Eric has joined our staff. He has a wealth of experience in transportation planning in the Joplin, MO region (yes, where the big tornado hit).

Eric introduced himself and described his experience working for MODOT and doing regional/local planning for Joplin pre and post-tornado.

3. Regional Transportation Planning --*staff*

a. MAP-21 new federal law: what does it mean for TMACOG transportation planning?

Diane Reamer-Evans gave a slide presentation summarizing major changes to regional transportation planning requirements under the newly enacted law. Biggest change is emphasis on a performance-based process. Christine Drennen provided a more detailed MAP-21 summary handout. She noted there are new freight transportation provisions, including funds with increased federal share. Overall, the funding for transportation via this bill will remain about the same; however, since our region is currently meeting air quality standards, we may lose Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funding (unless possible new AQ standards bump us back into nonattainment).

There is a new program to plan for denser development along major rail transit corridors. Bob Seyfang noted we should be looking development along our transit routes.

b. Understanding our region: draft analysis maps (Environmental Justice and list of proposed maps)
Diane presented and the committee commented on a list of proposed analysis maps that TMACOG will be developing to better understand the region.

The committee reviewed draft EJ maps for 2000 and 2010 that show an increase in a concentration of low income and minority population in the region, especially in the central part of Toledo/Lucas County. This is in keeping with Brookings Institution findings that Toledo area has one of the highest concentrations of poverty in the U.S. This may be related to the de-population of our central older neighborhoods as people leave to look for employment elsewhere.

4. Linking transportation planning to land use in TMACOG Region --*staff; discussion*

Review and approve outline for this initiative.

Diane presented and the committee had no objections to the land use initiative outline for 2012-2013. A work group will be formed to guide the process, including Planning Committee and city and county planning staff. Suggested additional source of information: aerial maps over the past years.

5. Major Projects and Legislative Update -- *Warren Henry; others*

a. TRAC status – McCord Road funding: The TRAC has moved funding up from 2023 to 2014, largely because the project estimate was dropped from \$41 million to \$28 million. We will see if that actually works out.

b. Turnpike study – Upcoming meetings; website www.ohturnpikeanalysis.com/. Christine said the study is ongoing; some condition information has been released. Some surprises: some state roads are in better shape than the Turnpike. TMACOG looks forward to getting data when releases. Two area meetings are being help: one hosted by Lucas County Commissioner Gerken on August 27, one by TAGNO (Transportation Advocacy Group of NW Ohio) on September 20.

c. Airline Yard groundbreaking, Aug 29, 10:30 a.m. Scott Park Campus UT. This project has increased intermodal capacity at the NS intermodal yard – a big deal; lots of ARRA (stimulus) money went into it.

d. Major project updates: US 24 ribbon cutting, Aug 28, 11 a.m., US 24 near Dutch Rd. Other project updates:

- Brian Craft, city of Bowling Green: Main St (SR 25) project has moved rapidly because of good weather; should finalize in spring.
- Warren: SR 18 relocation, North Baltimore area, also moving ahead of schedule
- Ed Ciecka: Cincinnati article encourages “outside of box” thinking – like lease or sale of Turnpike – to fund a needed interchange project. This would mean northern Ohio funding projects in southern Ohio. (Patrick Etchie: could there be naming rights for bridges, etc., to raise funds?)
- Warren: I-75 rehab in downtown Toledo area (Anthony Wayne Trail to Glennwood area) has been funded with ODOT interstate fund, as has replacement (not widening) of the DiSalle I-75 Maumee River Bridge. Christine raised the question of whether the DiSalle bridge project would be eligible for any of the new freight funds in MAP-21.
- Don O’Connor, City of Toledo: Douglas-Laskey-Tremainsville intersection is under study; have narrowed to three alternatives, but two are r-o-w-heavy; have not yet engaged owners in discussion. Most of city’s major construction projects are done or finishing. Work on Douglas and Monroe almost done. In 2013 will rehab Secor from Central to Monroe. Anthony Wayne Gateway Study: have engaged downtown stakeholders, and will hold meeting in September. Complete streets policy helps with funding sources; have at least 7 projects for next couple of years (bike lanes and paths; working with Metroparks near park areas); includes Westwood where the two existing 15-foot lanes are being reconfigured to add bike lanes and UT is adding colored crosswalks.

6. Upcoming Events and Other Business

- a. 2012 [Ohio Conference on Freight](#)**, September 13 & 14, Kalahari Conference Center, Sandusky OH
- b. Passenger Rail Forum**, Monday, Oct 22, 11 a.m., Toledo Club, with Amtrak Board Chairman Tom Carper. (Flier)
- c. New AASHTO Bike Facilities Guide:** TMACOG now has a copy which members can view on request. It is the guide that the state of Ohio uses. It can be purchased from AASHTO hard copy or electronically.
- d. Member roundtable:** what are your current transportation issues and projects?

7. Adjourn Kevin Allen, City of Sylvania: next year bridge replacement that will shut Erie Street

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS: Planning Committee— 3rd Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

2012: February 21, ~~April 17~~, June 19, August 21, **October 16**, December 18