



TMACOG Transportation Planning Committee

Tuesday March 19, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

TMACOG Boardroom

Minutes

Individuals Present:

Ron Myers	Kris Cousino	Edgar Avila
Nada Elkhechen	Ken Fallows	Allen Gallant
Doug Parrish	Tim Schneider	Joe Shaw
Ryan Simmons	Sean Smith	Gary Stookey
Mike Stormer		

TMACOG Staff Present:

Lance Dasher	Dana Doubler	Dave Gedeon
Lisa Householder		

1. Convene meeting/introductions/approval of February Task Force Minutes

Ron Myers convened the meeting and the February meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Edgar Avila to recommend accepting the minutes and Gary Stookey seconded and the motion passed. Note that the committee did not have quorum.

2. 2045 On the Move 2020 Update

- a. **Plan Process Schedule Update** – Dana Doubler went over the updates to the Task Force Schedule since the February meeting. Updates included the ongoing public meetings and public input from surveys. Seven public meetings have been completed and there are 4 remaining. Attendance has been hit or miss, and the number of survey respondents as of the morning of March 19th was 230. Dana informed the Task Force that she has started working on the Local Government and Local Business surveys as well, and to be on the lookout for those.
- b. **Transportation Needs Breakout Session** – The committee was broken up into three groups, one for environmental sustainability, one for infrastructure, and one for travel time reliability. The groups then discussed and brainstormed what the needs are for the region. The group for environmental sustainability emphasized the need for public transit, roundabouts, transportation demand management strategies, bicycle facilities, walkability, complete streets, carpooling, zipcars, and scooters (along with scooter parking), AV/CV, low emission vehicles (along with a network of charging stations), green infrastructure, and permeable pavements. The infrastructure group emphasized AV/CV and making sure infrastructure is compatible, maintaining current infrastructure, grade separation, alternative modes and connectivity (especially for commuting), and weather impacts were noted as important. Lastly, the travel time reliability group noted US 23 as an unreliable route. They also noted that the system is fairly reliable, but improvements can be made in terms of signage and wayfinding, ITS and technology updates more efficiently, and accident recovery zones.

- c. **Fiscal Constraint** – Dave Gedeon explained the methodology behind the funding estimates used in the last plan. He provided the Fiscal Constraint chapter from the 2015-2045 Plan for the Task Force to review. He also explained that funding estimates for the Plan Update are dependent on whether or not the gas tax passes in either Ohio or Michigan, and what the terms of the tax would be.

3. Next Steps

At the next Task Force meeting, Dana Doubler will present on the results from the Public Meetings. Work will begin on the Fiscal Analysis and the Local Business and Government Surveys. Lisa Householder gave everyone an update on the status of the System Preservation lists.

4. Major Project Updates

a. ODOT Updates

Mike Stormer informed the Task Force that construction season has started, and I-75 construction has begun which involved ramp closures. Next month, the Waterville bridge and the roundabouts in Bowling Green will begin construction, along with repaving projects.

b. TMACOG Updates

Dave Gedeon informed everyone about the upcoming Transportation Summit and gave an update on CMAQ, STP, and TAP funding opportunities. He also told everyone about upcoming TMACOG events. Dana Doubler gave an update on the Access Ohio 2045 Plan.

c. Additional Updates

Edgar Avila informed everyone about the upcoming Technology Takes the Wheel Seminar on April 17th.

5. Committee Roundtable

N/A

6. Events:

TMACOG Transportation Summit Friday, March 29, 2019, 8:00am-2:00pm, Premier Banquet Hall, 4480 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo

Sunshine Laws Certification Training Friday, April 5, 2019, 8:45 am – 12:15 pm, Owens Community College, Veterans Hall, Perrysburg

TMACOG Bike Month Various Events, May 2019

7. Adjourn

Kris Cousino made a motion to adjourn.

8. Next meeting:

April 30, 2019 at 1pm in the TMACOG Boardroom.