



TMACOG Transportation Planning Committee

Thursday, December 17, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

TMACOG Boardroom

1. Convene meeting/introductions/review August notes

Ron Myers convened the meeting. The August notes were reviewed. Kris asked for clarification of the section of the notes that indicated a conversation about the impact of red light cameras on intersection safety, including Dave Gedeon asking if it was possible to determine when the red light cameras were installed, with Kris responding that yes, it was possible. Rebekka said that according to her notes, that conversation was accurate. A motion to accept the notes by Ken Fallows, seconded by Kris Cousino.

2. Ohio Joint Legislative Task Force on Department of Transportation Issues

Rebekka and Dave explained the Ohio Joint Legislative Task Force and highlighted 2015's issues explored. They explained the new issue for 2016 that the Task Force will analyze, noting the desire to formalize this Committee's position on transportation funding sources. Dave talked about the OARC inquiring about agency positions on the 2015 issues, but the agencies didn't have any official positions. TMACOG would like to establish a position for the 2016 issue ahead of time this year. This will likely be done in conjunction with the Legislative Agenda update in 2016-2017.

Ken Fallows said that he thinks the best time to raise the fuel tax as a way to fund transportation projects is right now, while the cost of gas is so low.

3. Annual Work Program Ideas

TMACOG staff informed the Committee of the collaboration of the 2017 AWP and presented the Committee with a draft of the page of the AWP for long range planning, for which this Committee falls under. Staff asked the Committee to review the draft and make comments or suggestions.

Suggestions included reviewing performance measures and statistics, a meta-summary of facts and policies, and a report on how the new FAST Act fits and can be best utilized in the Toledo region. Performance measures suggestion was added to the draft AWP page.

4. Middle Grounds District Plan Update

Bob Seyfang of the Toledo Design Center gave a presentation on the final plan for the Middle Grounds District. It is to go for a vote at the next Council meeting. Ken Fallows noted that this plan gives the district a real opportunity for improvement.

It was mentioned that with the new FAST Act's focus on increased freight planning, perhaps there is an opportunity to gain more money for this area using those provisions. Ken suggested using the Legislative Agenda to pursue a clean-up of the Norfolk Southern yard down the street. It was generally noted that the railroad are known to be "hard to work with."



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5. Major Project Updates

- a. Mike Stormer presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the major construction projects in the area, giving out updates and timelines for phases and completion. Highlights included the progress along I-75 and the bridge slides that took place successfully.
- b. Updates to projects in Monroe, Michigan were also given, specifically noting that they will maintain two lanes of travel nearly the entire project.

6. Planning Update

- a. TMACOG staff updated the Committee on what is known about the new FAST Act. Staff said that it is too early to tell exactly what kind of funding will be headed our way, but recommended the <http://fast.transportation.org/> website as an excellent resource.
- b. Lisa Householder told the Committee about the updates to the region's ITS Architecture, explaining the concept and saying that they have signed the contract with the company to do the updates. She also showed the group the website with all of the relevant information.
- c. TMACOG staff also updated the Committee on the status of the 2045 Plan, saying that it was in the hands of Jodi Cole for formatting and proofing and should be done any day now.

7. Events

- a. General Assembly, Monday, January 25, 2016, Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg
- b. Transportation Summit, March 18, 2016, Parkway Place, Maumee; Christine Connell touched on some of the topics that are to be covered
- c. Train Day, May 7, 2016
- d. FHWA Certification Review, January 20-21, 2016; Dave Gedeon said an email invite will be sent out prior

8. Committee Roundtable and Other Business

No other business discussed.

9. Next meetings/adjourn