



Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments

Transportation Planning Committee

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 1:00 pm

TMACOG Boardroom

Minutes

Individuals Present:

Ron Myers	Kris Cousino	Edgar Avila
Stephanie Bartlett	Ben Cordes	Kenneth Fallows
Allen Gallant	Brandon Grieve	James Russell
Joe Shaw	Ryan Simmons	Sean Smith
Julie Thomas		

TMACOG Staff Present:

Marissa Bechstein	Lance Dasher	Dave Gedeon
Lisa Householder	Roger Streiffert	

I. Welcome, Introductions, Approval of October Task Force Minutes

Ron Meyers convened the meeting and the December meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Ken Fallows to accept the minutes and Edgar Avila seconded the motion. The motion passed.

II. 2045 On the Move 2020 Update

- a. **Plan Process Schedule Update** - Marissa Bechstein went over the updates to the task force schedule since the last meeting in December. For the most part the plan is complete. A few other tasks will be completed including the public comment period before the plan approval begins.
- b. **Review of Public Comments and Feedback** – Marissa Bechstein presented the comments received at the public meetings and on the public survey. The public meetings had attendance ranging from 3 people to 12 people. A few comments were received. Specifically, there was a question regarding what happened to the Super 2 project and the US20/23 widening project that was in the plan 25 years ago. 34 people took the online survey, overall more than 50% of people supported the plan initiatives and projects and felt they aligned with regional priorities. The open-ended comments were presented to the group to decide whether or not the plan needed any adjustment based on public comments received. There was no formal action taken to amend any of the plan projects or initiatives.
- c. **Review of Environmental Consultation**- Marissa Bechstein presented the responses received from environmental stakeholders. 2 responses were received from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Farmland Preservation. Recommendations included to be aware of endangered species in project locations and agriculture easements. Given the low number of responses TMACOG will be sure to include environmental maps and documentation in the plan, however, most projects will undergo a more thorough environmental analysis before construction will begin. Ben Cordes informed the group that ODOT has high standards regarding stormwater management and they take many steps to ensure there are minimal negative impacts. Ron Myers also said the County does environmental reviews on most of their projects. Additionally, he informed the group that one project that will be occurring this summer includes Ten Mile Creek and 2 stage ditches.
- d. **Fiscal Constraint – Update** – Marissa Bechstein updated the group on the status of the fiscal constraint for the plan. TMACOG staff decided to inflate the system preservation projects, recognizing that not all of the projects will be completed in the next 1-2 years. Additionally,

staff has been working to ensure the lists are cleaned up and there are no duplicates. Finally, the committed list has been finalized and no further changes will be made. All of these changes changed the numbers in the plan. No formal action was requested.

III. **Next Steps**

- a. **Completion of the Draft Plan-** The plan is in the final stages of development and staff will be working on finalizing everything before the public comment period.
- b. **Public Comment Period** – The public comment period for the draft plan will be from March 4, 2020 to April 17, 2020.

IV. **Major Project Updates**

- a. **ODOT Updates** – The Waterville Bridge is now open, and removal of the old bridge will be starting soon. The Dorr Street interchange is progressing rapidly and is on schedule. The I-75 corridor project is still under construction. They have been setting beams on Tuesdays and ODOT is offering opportunities for individuals to watch the beams being set. If anyone is interested, please let ODOT know. Finally, ODOT will be absorbing the 10% local match for safety projects. All project phases are eligible, and they are anticipating a high number of applications from local governments in the next round.
- b. **TMACOG Updates** – Dave Gedeon and Lance Dasher informed the committee that the 1st draft of the TIP has been submitted. The public involvement period will be from March 30, 2020 to April 10, 2020. The public meetings will be at ODOT on April 2, 2020 from 4-6pm and at TMACOG on April 7, 2020 from 4-6pm. USDOT and ODOT comments on the draft will be back in March. Dave Gedeon also informed the committee that registration for the Transportation Summit is not open. Finally, he informed the committee of the new transportation council members. Neocles Leontis, BG City Council is now a member and Janet Goldner and John Crandall have maintained their positions. The Transportation Council will be adding a permanent seat for the Wood County Port Authority.
- c. **Additional Updates-** Kris Cousino provided an update on the MLK bridge. The bridge will be undergoing concrete repair and LED Lighting. The Mayor would like the project complete before August of next year. Currently the city does not have money to complete the LED lighting project and it is estimated to cost \$3,000,000. The city is looking for potential private funding or donations. The Lucas County Engineers will be resurfacing Summit St from 129th to the State Line and they will be adding a bike lane. The Summit Shoreland roundabout will be completed in 2025. The Albon Salisbury roundabout will begin this summer as well as the Kilburn bike lanes.

- V. **Committee Roundtable** –A revision to the minutes from last meeting was requested. Instead of it reading projects sponsors should be informed, it was requested that project sponsors should initiate the projects. The project in discussion was the Lafayette pedestrian bridge over Summit Street. Some individuals from the City were unaware that this project was on the list and the estimated cost was too low. Dave Gedeon informed the group that the long range plan priority projects are not committed or planned for completion and can be added to the list through a number of avenues including stakeholder input and public input. Potential projects sponsors review the lists and provide feedback. Projects on the list represent what individuals feel are needs in region over the next 25 years.

The City of Toledo has concern with the Michigan trucks at the Cleveland Cliffs (Front Street over Norfolk Southern). The trucks that are using the bridge are excessively heavy and there are about 40-60 trucks per day. The current bridge deck will need to be replaced over the next 5 years in order to handle the heavy capacity. The estimated cost is about \$3 million, and the City currently does not have funding for the replacement. If they cannot find funding, they may have to close the bridge.

VI. **Events**

- a. **2020 Transportation Summit** – Friday, March 27th, The Premier, Toledo, 8:00 am – 2 pm

VII. **Adjourn** – Ken Fallows made a motion to adjourn

Mark your calendar for the next meetings:

Next Meetings: April 21, May 19 (tentative)

TMACOG Boardroom at 1:00pm