

ODOT Category 610 – Long Range Planning

Element Number 61100 Long Range Planning

Goal: To maintain, promote, and monitor implementation of the regional transportation plan.

Objectives:

- Stay in compliance with federal law by maintaining a 20-year horizon regional transportation plan for the Toledo metropolitan area.
- Build on regional strengths, address regional needs, and achieve overarching plan goals.

Methodology:

The key responsibility is to maintain the region’s comprehensive transportation plan, which is prepared and updated in cooperation with a broad range of public and private sector stakeholders, environmental agencies, and the general public. TMACOG completed the most recent plan, “On the Move: 2015-2045 Transportation Plan,” in 2015. The plan is for Lucas and Wood counties in Ohio, and for Erie, Bedford, and Whiteford townships and the City of Luna Pier in Monroe County, Michigan.

Staff has begun working with the Transportation Planning Committee and regional partners to prepare the next area transportation plan, the 2045 Plan – Update 2020, which must be approved and take effect by July 1, 2020. The new plan will need to be developed in accordance with the current federal surface transportation legislation, the FAST Act. Requirements include that the plan be performance-driven and outcome-based; that is, the selected projects and strategies must help the region achieve specific objectives (performance targets) that reflect federal, state, and public transit goals and targets. The plan will incorporate information and recommendations from a variety of planning efforts such as the analysis of land use and growth patterns in the region, safety planning, and congestion management planning. Work on the regional transportation plan began in FY 2019 and will be completed in FY 2020.

In support of transportation plan implementation, TMACOG worked with area stakeholders two fiscal years ago to develop the *2019-2020 Transportation Legislative Agenda* as an informational resource. The Legislative Agenda encourages cooperation and coordination among regional partners. Additionally, the focus will be on 2045 Plan implementation. This includes activities to increase awareness and generate action in support of the plan’s goals, projects, and policies. Other efforts will include work on priority initiatives identified in the plan and achieving plan targets.

Products:

1. Prepare the 2045 Update 2020 Transportation Plan by completing the following products:
 - a. Complete the Fiscal Analysis of the Plan October 2019
 - b. Develop project lists using targets, measures, and public input December 2019
 - c. Air Quality Conformity Analysis January 2020

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| d. Completion of the Plan | June 2020 |
| 2. Provide information and assistance in support of the current 2045 Plan, including presentations, distribution of plan documents, and input to state planning processes. | Ongoing |
| 3. Refine targets (and related measures of success) to be achieved through implementation of the regional transportation plan and Transportation Improvement Program; develop templates for tracking and reporting progress on targets and project implementation. | Ongoing |
| 4. Assist as requested in area community comprehensive plan updates and major development efforts. | Ongoing |
| 5. Hold at least four meetings of the Transportation Planning Committee. Include informational presentations on planning issues at one or more of the meetings. | June 2020 |