TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

Members and Alternates Present: Joe Shaw, Mike Pniewski, Edgar Avila, Joe Cappel, Kris Cousino, John Crandall, Chris Delaney, Kim Dunham, Ken Fallows, Tom Gibbons, Janet Goldner, Mike Gramza, Ray Huber, Tom Kovacik, Andy Langenderfer, Sam Meldon (A), Neil Munger, Ed Nagle, Ed O'Reilly, Tim Porter, Angie Ruiz (VA), Oliver Turner (A), Kacey Young

Other Interested Parties Present: Frank Burkett, Anthony Hill

TMACOG Staff Present: Tim Brown, Dave Gedeon, Jodi Cole, Marissa Bechstein, Lance Dasher, Gilda Mitchell, Roger Streiffert, Lisa Householder

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Call to Order – Chair Joe Shaw brought the meeting to order and a roll call attendance was taken.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Angie Ruiz to approve the minutes as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

TMACOG Complete Streets Policy – Lance Dasher gave a brief presentation on the update of the policy. The Complete Streets Policy is a tool to plan, construct, and operate streets in a manner that ensures a comprehensive transportation system. It applies to all projects, including the new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, or planning of roadways, trails and other transportation facilities that will use federal Surface Transportation Program funds allocated through TMACOG. This policy also encourages local and state jurisdictions/organizations to review and revise their local ordinances and policies to reflect complete street design guidelines and to apply these guidelines to local projects as appropriate. Ed O'Reilly asked that a timeline be added as to when sponsors submit plans to the Ped/Bike Committee. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Tom Gibbons to approve the policy with the added timeline for date submittals to TMACOG; the motion passed unanimously.

The Future of TARTA – Kim Dunham gave a presentation regarding the future of TARTA. She also shared a video that can be viewed by clicking this link. http://tarta.com/future/

Access Ohio 2045 – Anthony Hill gave a presentation on the statewide transportation plan. This is currently in draft form and is available for review and public comment until August 31, 2020. A public survey is available for comments. PublicInput.com/AccessOhio2045

2021-2022 Transportation Legislative Agenda – Marissa Bechstein commented that she is seeking input on the legislative agenda for the remainder of August as well as September. She intends to produce a final document for approval by the TMACOG board in December which would allow TMACOG to present it at the GA held in January.

Public Comment Period – No comments at this time.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:

TIP – Ed reported that TIP modification #1 involves project (PID 108465), a safety project in the City of Toledo at the intersection of Airport Hwy and Byrne Rd to construct double turn lanes on Byrne Road for WB traffic on Airport and also on Airport for NB traffic on Byrne. It would also allow for exclusive right

turn drop lanes on Airport, in both directions and SB to WB. The amendment adds additional safety funds to the project in place of local funding. This project includes TMACOG managed CMAQ funds.

A motion was made by Mike Pniewski and seconded by Tom Gibbons to approve the modification as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Ed reported that amendment #1 modifies two projects and adds two projects to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. PID 108465 (LUC-2-13.77 Airport Hwy and Byrne Rd intersection) is modified to add additional safety funds to the project in FY 2023 and PID 111207 (LUC CR 1572 8.28 Main St) is modified to move the project from FY 2034 to FY 2024. The modifications are at the request of the City of Toledo and the City of Sylvania, respectively. PID 105889 (LUC US 23 11.75 Interchange) and PID 112768 (US 23 Corridor Study) are being added to the TIP at the request of the City of Sylvania and TMACOG. All projects being modified or added include TMACOG managed funds.

A motion was made by Mike Pniewski and seconded by Tom Gibbons to approve the modification as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly mentioned that the committee has met to discuss the legislative agenda.

Freight – Ray Huber mentioned that the committee met in July and discussed the COVID-19 effect on freight and economy, the legislative agenda, the new CSX facility in North Baltimore, and the 2020 highway projects affecting freight.

Planning – Ron Myers was unable to attend. Kris Cousino mentioned that the next meeting for the committee will be August 18 and they will mainly discuss the legislative agenda.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer reported that their next meeting was scheduled on August 18.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse was unable to attend the meeting. Marissa Bechstein reported that the committee met in May where they discussed the locally coordinated human service transportation plan update in conjunction with TARTA. The committee will meet again at the end of August and will discuss the legislative agenda

Passenger Rail – Tim Porter reported that the committee has not met recently but their next meeting will be later this month on August 20.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Kacey Young reported that the construction of roundabouts on 20A have begun.

Dorr St. interchange/475 widening is progressing well and is on schedule to be fully operational next summer.

Waterville Bridge is in the last stage of demolition and will be complete in the fall.

I-75 in Lucas Co. is going well and on schedule.

AWT/City Park and Emerald Avenue is now open.

Traffic volume is still down 14%.

OTEC will be held virtually this year and registration should be open soon. It will begin on October 20 with a duration of 2 weeks with 4 sessions daily of which you can choose 2.

TRAC presentations will be held virtually on September 9.

Autonomous Vehicle Steering Committee – Edgar Avila commented that the committee has not met but the next meeting is scheduled for August 27. A topic on the agenda will be the renaming of the committee to encompass all smart mobility technology.

Vice President's Report – Dave reported on a few additional items.

Dave reported that in mid-July, TMACOG went online with a redesigned website: www.tmacog.org. In addition to the new look and performance, the website features a map portal that was developed by TMACOG staff and a document portal to better organize and make available the wide range of TMACOG publications.

Dave also mentioned that in July, Ohio EPA released applications for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. The funding is a result of a settlement against Volkswagen for violations of the Clean Air Act by installing defeat devices in diesel vehicles from 2009-2016. There are 26 counties in Ohio eligible to receive these funds including Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky and Erie counties. A total of $115,000 has been set aside for each eligible county for sponsors to apply for Level 2 charging stations. Additional information is available on the Ohio EPA website at https://www.epa.ohio.gov/oee/#1844010701-dmtf-2020-request-for-applications-for-level-2-electric-vehicle-charging-stations. Applications are due on September 30, 2020.

Dave reported that ODOT has made the decision to end 100% safety funding for the fall round of applications and for any new abbreviated safety applications. Applications funded in the future will be at the traditional 90% federal, 10% local match

Roundtable – Nothing to discuss.

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next meeting will be September 2, 2020.