



## **MPO Policy Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

*Submitted for approval on June 17, 2026*

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**Members Present:** Steve Fine, Kevin Fuller, Jim Jacobs, John Jennewine, Nick Komives, Royce Maniko, Pat McColley, John Musteric, Tim Pedro, Mike Pniewski, Matt Snow, Chelsea Ziss;  
**Members Excused:** Mike Aspacher, Neil MacKinnon, Mike Melnyk, Steven Salander, Mary Westphal, Bob Mack, Laura Koprowski; **Staff Present:** Dave Gedeon, Lisa Householder, Yaw Kwarteng, Sean Sammon, Iryna Snahoshchenko, Jennifer Allen

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**Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions** – The MPO Policy Board met on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 11 a.m. in the Lake Erie West Boardroom. Chair Mike Pniewski called the meeting to order, noting a quorum was present. Introductions were made by everyone present.

**Approval of Minutes** – A *motion* was made by Tim Pedro and **seconded** by John Musteric to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2025, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Scoring Review (Resolution No. 2026-07)** – Mrs. Householder gave a presentation on proposed changes to the STBG application and scoring criteria. Copies of the proposed application questions and scoring criteria were included in the agenda packet. The TAC accepted the proposed changes at their March 4 meeting with a recommendation that they be approved by the MPO Policy Board. Included in the agenda packet for board approval was Resolution No. 2026-07, Updating the Surface Transportation Block Grant Scoring Criteria. However, some comments have been submitted to Lake Erie West. Mr. Pniewski recommended giving staff 2 weeks to address those comments and holding a special meeting of the MPO Policy Board on April 8 at 2:30 p.m. to vote on the proposed application and scoring criteria. A *motion* was made by Nick Komives and **seconded** by Royce Maniko to table Resolution No. 2026-07 until the April 8 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**Amendments to the FY 2026 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – Lisa Householder presented the following amendments and modifications, copies of which were included in the agenda packet.

**TIP Amendment #5 (Resolution No. 2026-02)** – This amendment adds two projects and modifies three projects at the request of the project sponsors.

1. **City of Toledo:** Modifies the project scope of PID 117683 (Emerald Ave Shared Use Path) by removing the mention of roadway reconstruction. This project does utilize TMACOG-managed funds.
2. **TARTA:** Modifies PID 120281 (2027 TARTA CMAQ Projects) to transfer a portion of the scope (operating assistance) to a new PID (125527), as well as move the bus purchase into FY2026. This project does utilize TMACOG-managed funds.
3. **TARTA:** Adds PID 125527 (TARTA CMAQ Operating 2026-2029) by transferring a portion of the project scope (operating assistance) from PID 120281 to

become its own project scheduled for FY27. This project does utilize TMACOG-managed funds.

4. **Village of Whitehouse:** Modifies the scope in PID 122749 (Finzel Road Resurfacing) by removing the mention of a roundabout at Finzel and Dutch. This description was added in error when the project was originally programmed. This project does utilize TMACOG-managed funds.
5. **TARTA:** Adds PID 125145 (TARTA Westwinds Operating) to the FY 2026 project list. This project does not utilize TMACOG-managed funds.

**TIP Amendment #6 (Resolution No. 2026-03)** – This amendment modifies the project scope for one project in the FY 2026-2029 TIP at the request of the project sponsor and adds the following 10 projects to the FY 2026-2029 TIP. They are all from the last CMAQ/TAP/CRP solicitation held in the summer of 2025, and they utilize TMACOG-managed funds.

1. **City of Toledo:** PID 122726 is an existing project; the addition of TAP dollars is being added to the project for the shared use path on Lawrence between Monroe and Bancroft.
2. **Toledo Area Metroparks:** Adds PID 124901 (University/Parks Trail Bridge over Ten Mile Creek)
3. **Village of Walbridge:** Adds PID 124988 (Union St. Sidewalk)
4. **Village of North Baltimore:** Adds **PID 124989** (SR 18 Shared Use Path & Poe Rd Walk)
5. **Lucas County Engineers:** Adds PID 124990 (Angola West Roundabout at Crissey)
6. **City of Sylvania:** Adds PID 124991 (Harroun & Holland-Sylvania Roundabout)
7. **Village of Whitehouse:** Adds PID 125004 (Weckerly Rd. Shared Use Path)
8. **City of Rossford:** Adds PID 125183 (Crossroads & Deimling Roundabout)
9. **City of Rossford:** Adds PID 125190 (Crossroads & Bass Pro Roundabout)
10. **TARTA:** Adds PID 125533 (Bus Vehicle Replacements: Diesel)
11. **TARTA:** Adds PID 125541 (Bus Vehicle Replacements: Electric Vehicle)

A *motion* was made by Tim Pedro and **seconded** by Jim Jacobs to approve Resolution No. 2026-02 and Resolution No. 2026-03 as submitted; the motion passed unanimously.

**Certifying the Urban Transportation Planning Process (Resolution No. 2026-04)** – Dave Gedeon presented Resolution No. 2025-04, Certifying the Urban Transportation Planning Process, a copy of which was included in the agenda packets. Self-certification is required annually by 23 CFR 450 (MPO Planning regulations). The resolution acknowledges that the Urban Transportation Planning Process is in accordance with appropriate federal laws and regulations. A *motion* was made by Chelsea Ziss and **seconded** by John Musteric to accept Resolution No. 2026-04 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**MPO Technical Advisory Committee Operating Procedures Updates (Resolution No. 2026-05) & MPO Policy Board Operating Procedures Updates (Resolution No. 2026-06)** – Dave Gedeon presented the above resolution, copies of which were included in the agenda packet. The TAC Operating Procedures were updated to include changing TMACOG to Lake Erie West throughout the document and updates to Article III. Duties and Responsibilities and Article V. Members Term of Office. The MPO Policy Board Operating Procedures were updated to change TMACOG to Lake Erie West throughout the document. A *motion* was made by Chelsea Ziss and **seconded** by John Musteric to approve the above resolutions as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Dave Gedeon announced that Mike Hampton, will be retiring from Springfield Township on April 30 and begin working for Monclova Township on May 1. Mr. Hampton currently serves on the TAC, representing Lucas County. No formal action was required by board.

**MPO Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Work Program** – Dave Gedeon presented Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Work Program (AWP) Transportation Department Highlights of Major Deliverables, a copy of which was included in the agenda packet. The FY will be effective from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. A **motion** was made by Royce Maniko and **seconded** by John Musteric to approve the AWP deliverables as submitted; the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment** – There were no representatives from the public present for comments.

**Lake Erie West Update** – Dave Gedeon asked board members to review Lake Erie West's Code of Ethics and to sign and return the acknowledgement form before leaving the meeting. Mr. Gedeon reminded everyone of the upcoming Transportation Summit, scheduled on Friday, March 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Premier Banquet Hall. Featured session will include construction, technology, and passenger rail updates. The keynote will feature a panel discussion on housing, workforce and transportation. Registration is open. Anyone interested in attending the Summit was asked to contact Mr. Gedeon.

**Roundtable** – Tim Pedro announced the Northwest Ohio Mayors and Managers Association Annual Dinner/Meeting is scheduled on March 24 at 5:30 American Legion Freedom Post #183 (Riverview Banquet Centre) in Pemberville. Sandy Spang and Marissa Bechstein from Lake Erie West will discuss key grant opportunities available to municipalities.

Royce Maniko announced that Waymo plans to expand its autonomous vehicles testing in Detroit suburbs in 2027.

Jim Jacobs reported that Monroe County had received \$2 million in federal funds for bridge repair and maintenance for all but one township in the county.

**Next Meeting** – A special meeting of the MPO Policy Board will take place on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the Lake Erie West Boardroom. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will take place on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the Lake Erie West Boardroom.

**Adjournment** – A **motion** was made by Tim Pedro and **seconded** by Chelsea Ziss at 12:17 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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Michael P. Pniewski, Chair, MPO Policy Board  
Lake Erie West Regional Council

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David G. Gedeon, Director of Transportation  
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