



TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

Members and Alternates Present: Laurie Adams, Bob Kazmierczak (VA); Ken Fallows, Tom Gibbons, Janet Goldner, Cassidy Turner (VA), Hans Rosebrock, Susan Gettum (VA), Tom Kovacik, Tom Uhler (VA), Shelley Papenfuse, Doug Parrish, Mary Ellen Poturalski, Tim Porter, Tom Galloway, Joe Shaw, Mike Stormer, Kacey Young

Other Interested Parties or Virtual Participants Present:

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

Call to Order – Chair Joe Shaw brought the meeting to order with introductions around the room.

Minutes from March 1, 2023 and April 5, 2023 – Due to a lack of quorum there were two sets of minutes to approve. A motion was made by Janet Goldner and seconded by Tim Porter to approve the minutes from March 1, 2023 as presented; the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Tim Porter and seconded by Janet Goldner to approve the minutes from April 5, 2023, as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Congestion Mitigation Process (CMP) Report – Lance Dasher gave a presentation on the CMP. Lance explained that the Congestion Management Process is intended to provide decision-makers with the following: a status on the transportation system congestion; an understanding of existing and anticipated system performances; information on congestion management strategies; specific performance measures; and recommended next steps for implementation. The Congestion Management Process (CMP) Report was brought before the Transportation Council for approval. A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Doug Parrish to approve the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Report as presented; the motion passed; however, Tim Porter abstained.

Multimodal Needs Assessment Report – Marissa Bechstein gave an overview of the Multimodal Needs Assessment. This report identifies gaps and needs in the regional transportation system and is used as an information resource in the long-range transportation plan process. This report is being brought before the council for approval. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Tom Gibbons to approve the Multimodal Needs Assessment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

HB 64 Opposition – Dave Gedeon explained that HB 64 as proposed would make significant changes to eminent domain laws and proceeded to explain in detail some of the changes. A resolution in opposition to HB 64 was brought before the Transportation Council for approval. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Tim Porter to approve the resolution as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment Period – No Comments were presented.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:

TIP – Mike Stormer reported that there will be a solicitation for CMAQ, TA, and CRP funding with applications due on August 4th.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – No report at this time.

Freight – Hans Rosebrock reported that the committee met on May 24 and discussed truck parking, electrification of trucking, and the freight transportation plan that is being conducted with the help of an ODOT consultant.

Planning – Doug Parrish reported that the committee met on May 16 and had a presentation from Lance Dasher on the congestion management process. The committee also discussed the upcoming 2055 long range planning process.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend the meeting. Lisa Householder reported that the committee met on April 17 and had a presentation from Lance Dasher on the congestion management process. They also discussed roundabouts, work zone awareness week, and crash data. Their next meeting will be in September.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse reported that the committee met on May 24 and had a presentation from United Way regarding 211 and the service that provides. They also discussed mobility updates.

Passenger Rail – Tim Porter reported that the committee met on May 18. They discussed corridor identification, had an update on safety legislation, and discussed the long-range plan. Tim also mentioned that Train Day took place on May 13.

Smart Transportation & Innovative Mobility Committee – No report at this time. The next meeting will be in August.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Kacey Young reported that the I-75 N project is on track, and they are current painting the bridge. I-75 S is on to the “last” steps and will see final configuration traffic alignment in mid-August with a completion date of mid-September.

I-475/20 A interchange will see a deck pour after July 4 and 20 A will close for a period of four months starting July 4.

I-475 will be switching in the fall to new pavement. I-475 NB to WB 24 will be closing for two months.

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

TMACOG will host DriveOhio on Thursday, June 22nd at 11:00 am in the Grand Lobby to hear about progress made thus far and offer feedback on candidate charging locations and other plan updates. The meeting is open to the public. Following the session, a vehicle showcase will begin in the TMACOG parking lot at noon.

ODOT has informed MPO’s statewide that the process to review Urban Area Boundaries will begin during the first week of September of 2023. It is ODOT’s goal to have the urban boundary adjustments completed and approved by FHWA by June 30, 2024. Following FHWA approval, the process to update the Ohio Highway Functional Classification system will begin.

The OKI Conference on Freight will be held from September 5th – 7th in Cincinnati. Keynote speakers include Jack Marchbanks, Director, Ohio Department of Transportation, and Jim Gray, Secretary, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. More information on the program, events and registration can be found here - <https://ohioconferenceonfreight.com/>

Staff has set dates and locations for the 2023 Gas Cap Testing and Replacement Program. Each event will take place from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. The events are as follows; July 19: Bowling Green State; July 20: Westgate Village; July 26: Perrysburg Junior High; and July 27: Monroe Community College.

TMACOG welcomed back Saiful Alam as our summer intern for another season. He will be collecting traffic counts throughout the summer.

Roundtable – None.

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next meeting will be August 2, 2023. A motion was made by Tim Porter and seconded by Laurie Adams to adjourn the meeting; the motion passed unanimously.

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