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Date: July 28, 2023
To: Joe Shaw, Chair
Mike Pniewski, Vice Chair
Members of the Transportation Council
From: David Gedeon, Vice President of Transportation
Subject: **TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPORT – AUGUST 2, 2023 MEETING**

This report is an update of staff activity and background on selected agenda items for our next Transportation Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. The agenda and meeting materials are available at <https://tmacog.org/councils-committees/transportation-council>. If you would like a hard copy or have any problems accessing any of the information, please contact Jodi Cole (ext. 1120). If you have any questions or concerns on any agenda items, please contact me (ext. 1125).

TMACOG Roundabouts Report (Agenda III – for information) – Lisa Householder will update on the recently completed TMACOG Roundabouts Report. The report looks at the total crashes three years before and three years after roundabout construction at 51 locations in the TMACOG region. The metrics focused on in the report are crash frequency, crash severity, injury percentage, and the cost of crashes.

FY 2023 TIP True-Up and FY 2024-2028 Estimates (Agenda IV – for information) – Lance Dasher will report on the TIP true-up figures and estimates for fiscal years 2024-2028. The true-up calculations incorporate the 2020 Census populations (Ohio increased by 239,505 while the Toledo urbanized area decreased by 11,261), a lower obligation limit, and a lower August redistribution in FY2022 that is applied to FY2023. Overall, TMACOG will see a decrease in available locally managed TIP resources through the true-up. This will impact the amounts awarded during this TIP round.

FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment #1 (Agenda V – For Approval) – TIP amendment #1 adds one project to the FY 2024-2027 TIP (PID 116382 – WOO TR 110 5.4 – Glenwood at SR65 Roundabout). This project was previously programmed in the FY 2021-2024 TIP, but the project scope has changed to a roundabout and there is a timing issue with the potential addition of a new roadway connection from NSG. The project utilizes TMACOG managed funds.

Public Comment Period (Agenda VI) – Comments from the public.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Agenda VII) – From Committee chairs

Vice President's Report (Agenda VIII – for discussion) – In addition to the above agenda topics and information covered in the Committee Reports, the following are other items members of Transportation Council should be aware of.

- Staff has been informed by FHWA that our next federal certification review will be coming up this year in late fall/early winter. MPO's are required to be recertified every four years by FHWA and FTA, with involvement from the state DOT district office. The review has tentatively been set for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 with the public meeting planned for Wednesday, December 13th coordinated with the TMACOG Board of Trustees meeting.
- TMACOG has begun conducting meetings to discuss BIL funding opportunities. Stakeholders convened on July 12th for the first such meeting with the intent of facilitating coordination amongst communities on upcoming grants. Meetings will be held quarterly going forward and the next meeting will be in mid-October.
- The next TMACOG Tech session will focus on Electric Vehicles. The two-part session will take place on [Wednesday, September 13th](#) and [Thursday, September 14th](#), from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. both days. The session will focus on topics including zoning ordinances, codes, parking regulations, accessibility considerations, funding sources, upcoming studies, and more, will be discussed. The session will be virtual using Microsoft Teams.
- The Midwest Rail Conference will be held from August 14-16th at the University of Toledo Student Union. Federal Railroad Administrator Amit Bose will be the keynote speaker and the event will also include a variety of educational sessions, tours and special events (including a golf outing and a Mud Hens game). Registration is still open and the link is <https://rail.mtu.edu/mrc2023/register>
- The OKI Conference on Freight will be held from September 5th – 7th in Cincinnati. Featured 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/>
- TMACOG staff tested gas caps at 4 locations for the 2023 Gas Cap Testing and Replacement Program. The oldest gas cap tested was from a 1950's Willys Jeep (only the gas cap was brought in) and the oldest vehicle on site was a 1992 Chrysler LeBaron. Both passed. Newest car was a 2021 Mazda CX-5, it also passed.
 - July 19: Bowling Green State University (Lot 13, Wooster Street and Alumni Drive, near Doyt Perry Stadium) - 21 vehicles tested, 1 failure
 - July 20: Westgate Village (3450 Central Ave., Toledo) – 112 vehicles tested, 11 failures
 - July 26: Perrysburg Junior High (550 E. South Boundary St., back parking lot) – 33 vehicles tested, 0 failures
 - July 27: Monroe Community College (Whitman Center, 7777 Lewis Ave., Temperance, MI) – 35 vehicles tested, 4 failures

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Update – The table below identifies the current BIL solicitations amount available and the due dates. This information is regularly updated and can be found here: www.transportation.ohio.gov/BIL

Program & NOFO Link	Amount Available	Applications Due
Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program	\$3,400,000	8/14/2023
Protect	\$848,000,000	8/18/2023
RURAL	\$675,000,000	8/21/2023
INFRA	\$3,100,000,000	8/21/2023
MEGA	\$1,800,000,000	8/21/2023
Clean School Bus	\$400,000,000	8/22/2023
Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems (ADCMS)	\$34,000,000	8/28/2023
Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program	\$88,290,000	9/6/2023
Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) Program	\$3,155,000,000	9/28/2023
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	\$198,000,000	9/28/2023