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Date: December 1, 2023

To: Joe Shaw, Chair
Mike Pniewski, Vice Chair
Members of the Transportation Council

From: David Gedeon, Transportation Director

Subject: **TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPORT – DECEMBER 6, 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, December 6, 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).

Transportation Program Restructuring (Agenda III – For Information) – David Gedeon will discuss TMACOG bylaw changes that have been approved by the Board of Trustees and will be going to the TMACOG General Assembly in January. These bylaw changes will impact the structure of the Council and subcommittees once approved.

Safety Performance Targets for Ohio and Michigan (Agenda IV – For Approval) – Under federal law, MPO's are required to annually review safety performance targets for their planning area. MPO's can either adopt targets set by the respective states or approve targets that are consistent with state targets. The CY 2024 Michigan safety targets were reviewed by the System Performance and Monitoring Committee and it was decided that TMACOG should adopt state targets. The targets are now brought before the Transportation Council for approval.

Google Maps Content Partnership (Agenda V – For Information) – Raj Nagisetty will discuss TMACOG's partnership with Google to facilitate updates to Google Maps. Google works with a variety of partners, including Metropolitan Planning Organizations, to submit changes to their map platform. We are still working out some of the bugs with Google but once we are set, we would like to facilitate requests for changes from partners to improve regional map data accuracy.

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

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

Director'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 the Transportation Council should be aware of.

- Every four years, MPO's must undertake a Federal Certification Review with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with participation from the state Department of Transportation. TMACOG's Certification review will be December 12th and 13th. A public meeting will be held the evening of December 12th from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm in the Martin Luther King Jr Grand Lobby and another during the Board of Trustees meeting on December 13th.

- The Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Siting Plan kicked off with a meeting of the study's Steering Committee on November 7th. Staff is working with the consulting firm Burgess & Niple and the study will include Lucas, Wood, Ottawa, Sandusky and Monroe Counties. The plan will inventory existing conditions, assess needs, and identify preferred sites for EV infrastructure. The next meeting will be with the newly formed Stakeholder Advisory Group and take place on December 14th at TMACOG.
- The next TMACOG BIL transportation funding discussion will be held on January 10th at 1:00 pm in the TMACOG Boardroom. If you are not receiving meeting notifications and would like to, please let me know. It's a great chance to find out who in the region may also be thinking about a grant that you are.
- TMACOG staff has begun planning for the 2024 Transportation Summit. We anticipate that the event will be held in April and focus on Advanced Air Mobility. Members of staff have been participating on the Northwest Ohio Advanced Air Mobility Task Force and the technology is evolving rapidly. The event will also include an update on upcoming construction projects, which is always well received.
- The TMACOG General Assembly will be held on Friday, January 19th from 7:45 am – 1:30 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg. Registration is now open. <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/351205>
- 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
Rail Vehicle Replacement Program	\$196,906.663	12/18/2023
Saving Lives with Connectivity: Accelerating V2X Deployment	\$40,000,000	1/17/2024
Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration FY23	\$10,000,000	1/23/2024
All Stations Accessibility Program	\$343,000,000	1/30/2024
ATTAIN	\$120,000,000	2/2/2024
Accelerating Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems	\$5,093,000	2/12/2024
Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program	\$4,701,218	2/13/2024
RAISE	\$1,500,000,000	2/28/2024
Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration FY24	\$12,500,000	5/28/2024
Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE)	\$73,500,000	6/30/2024
Bridge Investment Program Large Bridge Grants (2025 funding)	\$2,432,295,000	8/1/2024