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**Date:** January 27, 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 - FEBRUARY 1, 2023 MEETING**

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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, February 1, 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).

Election of Leadership for CY 2023 (Agenda III – For Approval) – The Transportation Council leadership positions are appointed annually by the TMACOG Chair. The Council nominates and votes on the Chair and Vice Chair positions to serve for the full calendar year. Nominations will be opened for discussion and action at the meeting. Joe Shaw, City of Sylvania Deputy Public Service Director, and Mike Pniewski, Lucas County Engineer, have informed me of their willingness to continue in the positions of Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Michigan Safety Performance Targets (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 2023 Michigan safety targets were reviewed by the System Performance and Monitoring Committee and the Planning Committee, and it was decided that TMACOG should adopt state targets. The targets are now brought before the Transportation Council for approval.

Michigan Pavement/Bridge Condition (PM2) & Travel Time Reliability/CMAQ Emission Reduction (PM 3) Performance Targets (Agenda V – For Approval) – The Transportation Planning Committee reviewed the pavement and bridge condition targets and the Travel Time Reliability/CMAQ Emission Reduction targets established by MDOT. The committee decided to approve the sets of targets as established by MDOT as presented. The matter is now brought before the Transportation Council for approval.

Approval of TIP Committee Membership (Agenda VI - For Approval) – Per the TIP Committee Operating Procedures, the annual approval of the TIP membership is voted on by the Transportation Council. Changes to the roster included replacing Ed O'Reilly with Mike Stormer (Chair) from the Lucas County Engineers Office, and also replacing Ed O'Reilly with Ron Myers, representing the Ped & Bike Committee. There were no further changes to the roster. The 2023 roster has been approved by the TIP Committee and has been advanced to the Council for final approval.

FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #19 (Agenda VII – For Approval) – TIP amendment #19 adds one project at the request of ODOT (PID 117677 – LUC I-475 4.40 Interchange (Airport Hwy)). The

safety funded project would develop designs to convert the I-475 interchange at Airport Hwy from a cloverleaf to a diverging diamond interchange, widen the existing LUC 2-1026 bridge over I-475 to accommodate the necessary lanes associated with the DDI, and add a multiuse path through the interchange. The project does not utilize TMACOG managed funds.

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

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

Vice President's Report (Agenda X – 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.

- The TMACOG Transportation Summit will he held on Friday, March 31st at The Premier Banquet Hall from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. The event will feature a panel on regional safety efforts, another on regional construction updates, and a lunch speaker will discuss statewide safety initiatives. Registration will be $50 for TMACOG members and $80 for non-members. We are now accepting event partners and registration links will be available soon.

- The TMACOG General Assembly, held on January 20, featured lunch speakers from DriveOhio (Preeti Choudhary) and Jacob Schwemlein from Drive Electric Ohio talking about the present and future of electric vehicles, the NEVI charging station program, and future grant opportunities. The presentation for both speakers can be found at https://tmacog.org/members/2023-tmacog-general-assembly

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is currently accepting applications for the Municipal Bridge Program. The Municipal Bridge Program provides Federal funds to municipal corporations, metro parks, and Regional Transit Authorities (RTA) for roadway bridge replacement, bridge rehabilitation, or bridge demolition projects. A funding limit of $2 million per project has been established. Applications are accepted online through February 28, 2023. ODOT will provide up to 95% of eligible costs for construction only (including construction engineering, i.e., testing and inspection), up to the specified project funding limit. The local entity is responsible for the 5% non-federal share. The local match for construction is required to be cash.

- TMACOG staff is currently working on the FY 2024 Annual Work Program (AWP) and Budget. The draft of the AWP will be brought before the Transportation Council at the March meeting for approval in advance of submittal to ODOT. The primary focus of the upcoming work program will be the development of the 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan, a TMACOG Freight Plan and a TMACOG EV Charging Station Plan. For the freight and EV plans, we will be looking to utilize ODOT consultant services to complete those tasks.

- At the November meeting, we discussed changing the time of the meeting to 1:00 or another earlier time. Jodi sent out a survey asking for input on the meeting time and there was no ideal meeting time apparent from that information. As a result, we will keep the meetings at our typical 3:00 pm time.

- 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 |
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| Airport Improvement Program Supplemental Discretionary Grants | $268,728,965 | 1/31/2023 |
| National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program | $196,000,000 | 2/6/2023 |
| RAISE | $2,300,000,000 | 2/28/2023 |
| Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail | $2,283,150,000 | 3/7/2023 |
| Areas of Persistent Poverty Program | $20,041,870 | 3/10/2023 |
| Corridor Identification and Development Grant Program | $365,000,000 | 3/20/2023 |
| Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program | $469,445.424 | 4/13/2023 |
| Low or No Emission Grant Program | $1,221,350,117 | 4/13/2023 |
| Port Infrastructure Development Program | $662,203,512 | 4/28/2023 |