



TMACOG Smart Transportation & Innovative Mobility Agenda & Notes

Thursday, February 13, 2025, 10:00 PM, in-person and via video conference

Attendees: Bhuiyan Alam, Andrew Bremer, Joe Cappel, L. Travis Chapin, Eddie Chou, Brian Dicken, Alan Gallant, Mike Gramza, Kim Hill, Bob Kazmierczak, Royce Maniko, Santos Ramos, Hans Rosebrock, Austin Serna, Gary Stookey, David Zava, Marissa Bechstein (TMACOG), David Gedeon (TMACOG), Raj Nagisetty, Roger Streiffert (TMACOG)

Welcome and introductions – Roger Streiffert, TMACOG

1. City of Toledo's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant; update on the TMACOG 2055 Plan – Marissa Bechstein, TMACOG

Northwest Ohio was awarded a grant of \$14.1 million from the Federal Highway Administration to fund the installation of up to 68 electric vehicle charging stations across Lucas, Wood, Ottawa, and Sandusky counties. TMACOG worked with the Lucas County Engineer's Office and the City of Toledo to seek funding through the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program, part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The future of the grant is clouded by a freeze on federal grant dollars. We will follow up at a future meeting.

The 2055 Plan is moving toward completion in June of 2025. Lists of committed projects, priority projects, system preservation projects, and initiatives are completed. Still to come is the fiscal constraint of the project's list, public meetings, and public comments on the final plan. Many smart transportation related projects are included in the plan.

2. Resilience Improvement Plan (RIP) vulnerability assessment: what, why, and how? – Raj Nagisetty, TMACOG

Raj Nagisetty and his colleagues are working on TMACOG's first regional resiliency plan. The goal of the plan is to identify vulnerable infrastructure such as roads, bridges, etc., as well as natural features such as prime farmland. The group is looking at weather-related events such as flooding, wind, snow, and freeze-thaw cycles. They are also asking for the submission of resiliency-related projects from regional districts and other entities.

3. FAA Center for Advanced Aviation Technologies (CAAT) Request for Information – Roger Streiffert, TMACOG

Staff talked about the Request for Information (RFI) issued by the FAA seeking interest and capabilities for establishing a Center for Advanced Aviation and Technology (CAAT). The CAAT will include an airspace laboratory as well as demonstration zones and corridors for the development of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and other new aviation technologies. The State of Ohio has answered the RFI and has proposed establishing the CAAT at the National Advanced Air Mobility Center of Excellence (NAAMCE) in Springfield. DriveOhio has also

identified four demonstration zones across the state. Ohio has been a leader in aviation technology and is leveraging that expertise to attract the CAAT to Ohio.

4. Miscellaneous topics for discussion/member announcements – All Attendees

Related to EV funding, Ohio has put on hold on the state's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program for now.

Meeting Adjourned

2025 STIM Advisory Group meetings

Thursday, February 13, 2025, 10:00 AM

Thursday, May 8, 2025, 10:00 AM

Thursday, August 14, 2025, 10:00 AM

Thursday, November 13, 2025, 10:00 AM

Meetings will be held in the TMACOG boardroom with a video conference option.