



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020**

Members and Alternates Present: Joe Shaw, Edgar Avila, Ted Bowlus, Joe Cappel, John Crandall, Kim Dunham, Mike Gramza, Ray Huber, Tom Kovacik, Neil Munger, Ron Myers, Ed Nagle, Ed O'Reilly, Shelley Papenfuse, Angie Ruiz, Keith Webb, Kacie Young

Other Interested Parties Present: Anthony Hill

TMACOG Staff Present: Jodi Cole, Dave Gedeon, Lisa Householder, Gilda Mitchell, Roger Streiffert

Call to Order – Chair Joe Shaw brought the meeting to order and a roll call attendance was taken.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Angie Ruiz to approve the minutes from November 4, 2020 as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2021 – Dave Gedeon announced to the council that Joe Shaw and Mike Pniewski had both self-nominated to continue with their respective council leadership roles in 2021. Dave then opened up for any additional nominations from the council for either position and after hearing none it was closed for any further nominations and the chair and vice chair are set for 2021.

FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #3 – Ed O'Reilly explained that the amendment would add local funding of approximately \$1,115,000 to the City of Bowling Green WOO SR 64 0.87 Roundabout (PID 108441), reduce the scope of PID 108456 (WOO SR 65 and Indiana Intersection Improvements) to remove the widening of Indiana Ave. from Mulberry to Findlay St. at the request of the City of Perrysburg, delete PID 104498 (LUC Bancroft and McCord (the project was funded with ODOT safety dollars)) at the request of Lucas County, and add TMACOG local STBG funds to PID 106875 to update the regional ITS Architecture at the request of TMACOG. A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Mike Gramza to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

FY 2021-2024 TIP Modification #3 – Ed O'Reilly explained that the modification would combine PID 111371 (LUC CR 71 3.42 King Rd.) with PID 111374 (Stickney Ave.) and the projects would be sold together at the request of Lucas County. ODOT is also requesting that PID 99371 (LUC IR 475 1.85 @20A Interchange) and PID 107405 (WOO Roche De Boeuf Interurban) both be moved from FY 2022 to FY 2023. A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Angie Ruiz to approve the modification as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment Period – No comments at this time.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:

TIP – Ed O'Reilly had nothing new to report at this time.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly had nothing new to report at this time.

Freight – Ray Huber had nothing new to report at this time.

Planning – Ron Myers had nothing new to report at this time.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend the meeting. Lisa Householder had nothing new to report at this time.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse said the committee met on November 18 but she was unable to attend the meeting. Dave Gedeon reported that they discussed the locally coordinated human services transportation plan that is now in final draft form and the public comment period will begin in January.

Passenger Rail – Tim Porter was unable to attend the meeting. Roger Streiffert reported that the committee met on November 19 and they discussed MORPC's rapid speed transportation initiative.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Kacey Young reported that current projects are proceeding as planning there is nothing new happening at this time of the year. The current traffic configurations will be set for the winter months.

Smart Transportation & Innovative Mobility Committee – Edgar Avila reported that the committee met on November 19. At that meeting there was a presentation by Christopher Hermann from MKSK on what communities should be thinking about going forward in regard to autonomous vehicle technology.

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

Dave mentioned that the consultant selection announcement for the Great Lakes Mid Atlantic Corridor Study (US 23 Study – PID 112768) was made on Friday, November 6th and the study was awarded to ms consultants inc. A scoping meeting was held in November and project kickoff is anticipated for February of 2021.

Dave also mentioned that TMACOG was approached by Caliper and they expressed their willingness to develop a demonstration implementation of ActivitySim and TransModeler for the TMACOG area. TransModeler is a traffic simulation package that can model and visualize the behavior of complex traffic systems in a 2- or 3-dimensional GIS environment to illustrate and evaluate traffic flow dynamics, traffic signal and ITS operations, and overall network performance. TransModeler is multimodal and simulates passenger cars, heavy vehicles, buses, trains, bicycles, motorcycles, and pedestrian impacts. Ultimately, this is a tool that TMACOG staff would use alongside our existing traffic model to analyze projects.

Dave also mentioned that planning for the 2021 Transportation Summit has started. The event will be held virtually in March with a date yet to be determined. The event will focus on the transportation impacts of COVID-19. We will begin reaching out to potential speakers shortly

Lastly, Dave mentioned the upcoming TMACOG General Assembly. The event will be held virtually across four days, January 19 – 22. You can find more information and a registration link by visiting the TMACOG website.

Roundtable – Nothing to discuss.

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next meeting will be February 3, 2021.