

## **Resolution adopting the TMACOG Congestion Management Process – STAFF REPORT**

### **TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA JUNE 21, 2023**

This resolution adopts the 2023 Congestion Management Process (CMP) as the official process for mitigating congestion and related impacts in the TMACOG MPO area. The CMP is a federally required document according to 23 CFR 450.322, and the report was written in accordance with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, signed into law November 15, 2021; and will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration.

This report is intended to provide decision-makers with the following:

- 1) a status on the transportation system congestion
- 2) an understanding of existing and anticipated system performances
- 3) information on congestion management strategies

This report should support the planning process by providing regional stakeholders with a pool of information from which to draw as they address congestion within their jurisdictions. Additionally, the report provides a menu of strategies that should be considered in developing future long range transportation plans and/or transportation improvement programs. There is no single strategy that works for all situations and often a combination of measures will be needed to address congestion. Given the looming issue of transportation funding, implementing non-construction-based solutions will become more common.

In the near term, projects considered for TIP funding are recommended to include scoring for their impact on reducing existing and anticipated congestion. Scoring factors might include the project's contribution to achieving regional performance measures, magnitude of benefit-to-cost ratio, safety considerations, impact on freight mobility, regional and environmental impacts.

And last, input from this report will be included in the development of the next long-range transportation plan.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
CERTIFYING THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS  
IN THE TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA  
IN CONFORMANCE WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is a voluntary association of local governments and non-governmental partners in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, organized on May 31, 1968, and established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Michigan Public Act No. 7 (EX-SESS), and has carried out comprehensive metropolitan and regional planning since that date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor through the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with local elected officials and is authorized to carry out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process (Process) for the Toledo area that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports community development and social goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO has been designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to direct, coordinate, and administer the Process in the Toledo area as mandated by the Congress in Titles 23 and 49 U.S.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, the 23 CFR 450.322 that Transportation Management Areas adopt the Congestion Management Process (CMP); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, TMACOG has submitted the Congestion Management Process under the applicable provisions of Federal law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments that it adopts the Congestion Management Process (CMP) to guide future transportation planning efforts to minimize congestion and congestion related impacts in the TMACOG MPO area.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on June 21, 2023.

Yea\_\_\_\_\_, Nay \_\_\_\_\_, Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

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Toledo Metropolitan Area  
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