

Resolution certifying the urban transportation planning process – STAFF REPORT

LAKE ERIE WEST REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MPO POLICY BOARD  
March 18, 2026

This resolution certifies that Lake Erie West Regional Council, formerly known as Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG), is conducting the Urban Transportation Planning Process in accordance with appropriate federal laws and regulations. Specific laws include: The Federal Transit Act; the Clean Air Act; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Older Americans Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

This annual self-certification is required by 23 CFR 450 (MPO Planning regulations) to acknowledge, that to the best of our knowledge and ability, Lake Erie West is following all applicable laws and regulations.

**A RESOLUTION  
CERTIFYING THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS  
IN THE LAKE ERIE WEST AREA IN CONFORMANCE WITH FEDERAL  
REQUIREMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake Erie West Regional Council, formerly known as the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is a voluntary association of local governments 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 Lake Erie West Regional Council 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 federal regulations pertaining to Urban Transportation Planning, published as 23 CFR 450, require the State and the MPO to annually certify that the cooperative metropolitan transportation planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- a) 23 U.S.C. Section 134 (Metropolitan Planning), 49 U.S.C. Section 5303 (Public Transportation), and federal regulations at 23 C.F.R. Part 450 (Planning Assistance and Standards);
- b) Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. Sections 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR Part 93;
- c) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d-1) and 49 CFR Part 21;
- d) 49 U.S.C Section 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- e) Section 1101(b) of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged or minority business enterprises in DOT funded projects;
- f) 23 CFR Part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- g) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38;

- h) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. Section 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- i) Section 324 of Title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- j) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794) and 49 CFR Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

**WHEREAS**, the federal regulations published as 23 CFR 450 require that the urban transportation planning process shall include activities to support the development and implementation of a Regional Transportation Plan and a Transportation Improvement Program and subsequent project development activities to the degree appropriate for the area; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Lake Erie West Regional Council, as a Transportation Management Area, is carrying out its planning responsibilities under the applicable provisions of Federal law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lake Erie West Regional Council MPO Policy Board:

THAT it certifies, in consideration of the requirements listed herein and to the degree appropriate for the size of the area and the complexity of its transportation problems, that the Urban Transportation Planning Process is being carried out in conformance with all applicable federal requirements.

Adopted by the MPO Policy Board on March 18, 2026.

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_, Nays \_\_\_\_\_, Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mike Pniewski, Chair  
MPO Policy Board, Lake Erie West Regional Council

Attest:

I, Jennifer Allen, Lake Erie West Regional Council Executive Assistant, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution No. 2026-04, adopted on \_\_\_\_\_

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Jennifer Allen, Executive Assistant