



MPO POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

Members: Mike Aspacher, Steve Fine, Kevin Fuller, Jim Jacobs, Laura Koprowski, Bob Mack, Pat McColley, Mike Melnyk, John Musteric, Tim Pedro, Mike Pniewski

Other Interested Parties:

TMACOG Staff Present: Dave Gedeon, Jodi Cole, Lisa Householder, Sean Sammon, Sandy Spang

Call to Order – Mike Pniewski brought the meeting to order.

Minutes from the September 3, 2025 Meeting – A motion was made by Mike Aspacher and seconded by John Musteric to approve the minutes as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of HB445 Regarding Ohio's COG's and MPO's – Sandy Spang talked to the board about current legislation that is expressing displeasure with COG's that are also MPO's.

Sandy also mentioned the reauthorization of the transportation funding bill, the IIJA. There was a handout of a letter from LOT Coalition (Local Officials in Transportation) that was sent to Washington DC in favor of the reauthorization. She asked the board to consider a letter of support for LOT Coalition at the next meeting. Tim Pedro asked for a form letter with talking points to be provided. Sandy indicated that it would be something that would happen in the new year, because the federal officials don't resume until February.

US 23 – I-71 Connector Plan – Interim Report (HB 96) – Pat McColley, District Deputy Director, ODOT District 2, gave a presentation on the connector plan and the studies that have gone into it. He indicated that the final study is expected to be released in September 2026.

Amendments to the FY 2026 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

TIP Amendment #3 (Resolution #2025-30) – Lisa Householder outlined the details of this amendment.

- Modifies the list type from grouped to individual project at the request of the project sponsor.
 - PID 117040 ODOT D2 Engineering – LUC SR 65 5.35 Craig Memorial Bridge. This project does not use TMACOG-managed funding
- Remove one project at the request of the project sponsor.
 - PID 117228 LUC CR 501 5.8 Secor Rd. Reconstruction. This project does utilize TMACOG-managed funds.
- Increase the phase estimate to one project at the request of the project sponsor.
 - PID 117678 ODOT D2 Engineering – WOO US 20 2.55 Interchange. This project does not use TMACOG-managed funds.
- Adding nine project events, modifying ten project events, and removing six project events to two projects at the request of the project sponsor.
 - The PID's are 118583 and 118584. Neither of these projects utilize TMACOG-managed funds.

TIP Amendment #4 (Resolution #2025-31) – Lisa Householder outlined the details of this amendment.

- Adds five projects to the 2026-2029 TIP at the request of the project sponsors.
 - PID 124897 City of Bowling Green – WOO SR 105 0.47 Dunbridge Roundabout.

A motion was made by Jim Jacobs and seconded by John Musteric to approve both amendments as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

2026 Safety Performance Targets – Lisa Householder outlined the details of the Ohio and Michigan safety performance measure targets. There are five safety targets for Ohio and Michigan. They are:

1. Number of fatalities
2. Rate of fatalities
3. Number of serious injuries
4. Rate of serious injuries
5. Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries.

It has been recommended that the region adopts the state safety targets stated above.

Ohio Safety Performance Targets (Resolution #2025-32)

Michigan Safety Performance Targets (Resolution #2025-33)

A motion was made by Laura Koprowski and seconded by John Musteric to approve the state safety targets as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026 – Dave Gedeon asked for a motion to open nominations. A motion was made by Jim Jacobs and seconded by Tim Pedro to open nominations; the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Fine and Mike Melnyk both nominated that Mike Pniewski and Tim Pedro stay on in their respective roles.

A motion was made by Steve Fine and seconded by Mike Melnyk to approve the nominations as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Technical Advisory Committee Roster for 2026 – Dave Gedeon presented the TAC roster for the 2026 term. Dave mentioned that the Monroe County Road Commission will be getting back to him regarding how to fill the seat. Dave also noted that there is still a Lucas County Village vacancy.

A motion was made by Mike Melnyk and seconded by John Musteric to approve the roster as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

2026 Calendar for TAC and MPO Policy Board – Dave Gedeon presented an updated calendar for meetings in 2026. After internal review, it was decided that it would be beneficial to swap the TAC and MPO meetings. TAC will move to the first Wednesday and MPO will move to the 3rd Wednesday. The MPO meeting time and frequency will stay the same in March, June, September, and December.

Public Comment – None.

TMACOG Update – Dave Gedeon mentioned several additional items:

- STBG Ad Hoc met on October 1 and a follow up meeting is to be scheduled in the near future.
- RTPO news: Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca are working to get signed MOU's
- Winter General Assembly will be at the end of January and it is the hope that the name change will be voted on and passed. The new name would Lake Erie West Regional Council

Roundtable – None

Adjournment

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