

FY 2027 Annual Work Program (AWP) Development

Lake Erie West Transportation Department Highlights of Major Deliverables

➤ **Bikeway/Pedestrian Planning**

- Conduct a Regional Trail Maintenance Study to assess current conditions and plan for future investments.
- Aid TARTA with their Bus Rapid Transit Study, which will have a first and last mile study incorporated.
- Continue and improve the bicycle traffic counting program and review data.
- Create a Maintenance and Sustainability Plan for the Wabash Cannonball Trail.
- Support Safe Routes to School planning efforts throughout the region.
- Coordinate and promote Bike Month.

➤ **Data Collection and Management**

- Update the regional ITS Architecture with current projects and initiatives.
- Collect traffic counts and update traffic count database.
- Maintain GIS and socioeconomic data on the TMACOG website map and data portal.
- Maintain and update network data files including newly constructed project information.

➤ **Freight Planning**

- Supplement the Lake Erie West Regional Freight Plan with commodity flow data to help guide current and future transportation planning.
- Complete an inventory and assess the needs of the region's NHS intermodal connector routes by conducting stakeholder interviews, particularly those that serve maritime ports.
- Work with our member jurisdictions to find solutions to at-grade rail crossing problems including blockages, delays, or safety issues.
- Monitor any changes in commercial traffic volumes or patterns resulting from the opening of the Gordie Howe International Bridge.

➤ **Highway Project Planning**

- Support implementation of the US 23 Corridor Study and the ODOT US23-I-71 Connector Study
- Provide support and assistance for proposed and funded ODOT TRAC funded projects and others in the Long Range Transportation Plan.

➤ **Long Range Planning**

- Develop a Housing, Economic Development, and Transportation Study.
- Develop, distribute and promote the 2027-2028 Legislative Agenda.
- Begin preliminary planning for development of a Long Range Transportation Plan for the proposed RTPPO which includes Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca Counties.
- Implement the 2055 Transportation Plan.
- Develop and update the System Performance Report used for tracking and reporting. progress on targets and project implementation.

➤ **Modeling & Forecasting**

- Continue to update the pavement management process with 2025 ODOT pavement condition rating (PCR) data.
- Provide traffic projections to members as needed.
- Continue to refine and improve the capabilities of the traffic model, as well as perform updates to the highway network and other model input files as needed.

➤ **Public Transportation Planning**

- Support TARTA's study of bus rapid transit along corridors in TARTA service area.
- Assist in the annual update of the Locally Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan.
- Monitor the performance of GoBus's rural intercity bus service to and from Toledo and Bowling Green.

➤ **Regional Passenger Rail Study**

- Work with interstate partners to promote efforts to improve efficiency and reliability and address infrastructure needs along Amtrak's east-west corridor from Chicago to Toledo to Cleveland and eastbound.
- Coordinate efforts with the ORDC, MDOT, SEMCOG, Amtrak, All Aboard Ohio, and other stakeholders to move plans forward for the Cleveland-Toledo-Detroit Corridor ID initiative.
- Support and promote regional and interstate passenger rail expansion including a connection from Toledo to Columbus, the 3C plus D corridor.
- Support passenger rail initiatives in Michigan including connections from Detroit to Windsor and Ann Arbor to northern Michigan.

➤ **Safety Studies**

- Complete a comprehensive roundabout report for the Lake Erie West planning region, incorporating all newly constructed roundabouts since the previous report.
- Under an SS4A grant, develop Safety Location Reports for Ottawa and Sandusky Counties to identify locations eligible for safety funding and identify locations for future road safety audits.
- Work with the System Performance and Monitoring Committee to continue to identify high crash locations and suggest low- to high-cost improvements, to review crash data before and after safety-related construction projects, and to develop Highway Safety Manual reports for all reviewed locations.
- Provide informational resources to local jurisdictions and to assist their efforts to obtain safety funding through ODOT.
- Provide crash diagrams and supplemental information to members at their request.

➤ **Smart Transportation & Innovative Mobility**

- Conduct a study assessing emerging aerospace opportunities in the region. This study would tie into activities of the Northwest Ohio Advanced Air Mobility Task Force.
- Support implementation of innovation projects included in the 2055 Transportation Plan.
- Serve on the Northwest Ohio Advanced Air Mobility Task Force and support planning activities.

➤ **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

- Develop the FY 2028–2031 TIP.
- Finalize programming of STBG projects through FY 2031 and a reservoir of FY 2032 projects.
- Complete SFY 2027 lockdown with the ODOT District 2 office staff.
- Participate in the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee (OSUCC).
- Work with project sponsors and ODOT District 2 to schedule project sales with quarterly goals of 20%, 30%, 30%, and 20% of projects sold in the respective quarters of the fiscal year.

➤ **Transportation Policy Board Reporting**

- Hold a Transportation Summit in 2027.
- Update the TMACOG Title VI Plan, the Public Involvement Policy, and the Prospectus.
- Produce the Annual Work Program and Annual Work Program Completion Report.