



## **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

*Submitted for approval on May 6, 2026*

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**Members Present:** Josh Bender, Jon Eckel, Matt Griggs, Tim Grosjean, Mike Hampton, Mike Hill, Kevin Laughlin, Allyson Murray, Mick Murray, Rob Nash, Doug Parrish, Joe Shaw, Paul Roman, Matt Sommerfeld, Brian Thomas, Tom Uhler; **Members Excused:** Janeen Abar, Rick Bailey, Josh Belnap, Joe Cappel, Jon Gochenour, Jason Sisco, Chris Smalley; **Other interested Parties:** Tom Kovacik, TAGNO; **Staff Present:** Dave Gedeon, Lisa Householder, Sean Sammon, Jennifer Allen

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**Call to Order** – The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 10 a.m. in the Lake Erie West Regional Council Boardroom. Joe Shaw called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made by everyone present.

**Approval of Minutes** – A *motion* was made by Tom Uhler and *seconded* by Matt Griggs to approve minutes from the February 4, 2026, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**FY 2026-2029 TIP Modifications and Amendments** – There were no modifications or amendments to the FY 2026-2029 TIP that required action by the committee.

**TIP Administrative Modifications Summary** – Lisa Householder, program manager at Lake Erie West, presented a summary of administrative modifications that were completed by staff during the month of February, a copy of which was included in the agenda packet. The list of projects presented did not require TAC review and approval. A spreadsheet with details about the staff modifications will be emailed to the TAC along with minutes from today's meeting.

**Operating Procedures** – Mrs. Householder presented proposed updates to the TAC operating procedures. A redline version of the operating procedures highlighting the proposed changes was included in the agenda packet. A *motion* was made by Kevin Laughlin and *seconded* by Paul Roman to accept the proposed changes as submitted and to recommend them for approval by the MPO Policy Board. The motion passed unanimously.

**FY 2027 Transportation Annual Work Program** – David Gedeon, Lake Erie West's director of transportation, presented the FY 2027 Transportation Annual Work Program (AWP) highlights of the major deliverables, a copy of which was included in the agenda packet. A *motion* was made by Paul Roman and *seconded* by Matt Griggs to accept the AWP deliverables as submitted and to recommend them for approval by the MPO Policy Board. The motion passed unanimously.

**2020 Functional Classification Update** – Mrs. Householder reviewed maps showing the functional classification network. Every 10 years, the network undergoes a major update and aids in classifying roadways eligible to receive federal funding throughout the state. The map showed roads that are eligible for federal aid and those that weren't previously but are now eligible. During the update, projects could be added/removed or upgraded/downgraded. It is anticipated that the statewide network of eligible roads will be approved by FHWA in June 2026 and the network will be on TIMS.

**2026 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Solicitation** – Mrs. Householder gave an update on the 2026 STBG application and scoring/ranking process. An ad hoc committee was previously appointed by the MPO Policy Board to review and ensure that the process is equitable. The committee held four meetings between March 2025 and February 2026. She discussed highlights from those meetings and proposed changes to the STBG process. The application includes four application factors: Economic Development, Livability and Interconnectivity, Project Readiness & Funding, and System Use and Performance. There are questions and a maximum number of earned points associated with each factor. There will be a total of 100 possible points, and an additional 20 bonus points for each project sponsor to apply as they wish to each application, with a possible grand total of 120 points. A copy of the application questions was included in the agenda packet.

In addition to changes to the application, Mrs. Householder discussed the proposed changes to the scoring process. The ad hoc committee proposed: 1) increasing the set aside for small projects from \$4 million to \$5 million (per 2-year solicitation round), and increasing individual small projects from a cap of \$500,000 to 625,000; and 2) Incentivizing programming of projects in Quarter 1 of SFY (July-September) equal to 5% of eligible project costs, up to a maximum of \$30,000 per project; cap the overall award at \$100,000 annually on a first come-first serve basis; and covered with Toll Revenue Credits (TRC). Mrs. Householder displayed the 2024 original STBG round score list, the 2024 re-score list using the proposed scoring criteria, and the difference between the original STBG round score versus the re-score lists.

The deadline to submit comments to staff is March 11. The MPO Policy Board will vote on the proposed changes at their March 18 meeting. The next STBG solicitation round will be announced in May and applications will be due in August. STBG project recommendations will be presented to the TAC on September 2, and to the MPO Policy Board on September 16.

**Transportation Department Update** – Mr. Gedeon gave an update on the U.S. 23/I-71 Connector Study. The goal is to move traffic off U.S. 23 and over to I-71 north of Delaware County. ODOT narrowed in on five conceptual alternative routes, all of which run north of Ashley and through Marion, Morrow, and Delaware counties. Public meetings are scheduled to take place on March 6 in Delaware County, March 10 in Marengo, and March 12 in Marion County. No funding has been allotted for this project yet.

TAC Committee members were invited to attend the annual Transportation Summit on Friday, March 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Premier Banquet Hall. The deadline to register is March 23. He also announced that Lake Erie West will be transitioning to new email domain extensions. The new extension is LakeErieWest.org. Lastly, the next TIP Monitoring meeting will be by invitation on May 7 between 9 a.m. and noon.

**Roundtable** – Matt Sommerfeld reported that ODOT District 2 is working on annual work program and pavement budget relating to the next STBG round/cycle for resurfacing costs. Brian Thomas thanked Dave Gedeon and Sandy Spang for visiting the City of Perrysburg and providing an update on Lake Erie West initiatives.

**Public Comment** – There were no representatives from the public present for comments.

**Adjournment/Next Meeting** – The next TAC meeting is scheduled to take place on May 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. A **motion** was made by Mick Murray and **seconded** by Tom Uhler at 11:09 a.m. to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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Joseph Shaw, Chair  
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