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Date: October 30, 2023

To: Joe Shaw, Chair
Mike Pniewski, Vice Chair
Members of the Transportation Council

From: David Gedeon, Transportation Director

Subject: **TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPORT – November 1, 2023 MEETING**

This report is an update of staff activity and background on selected agenda items for our next Transportation Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. The agenda and meeting materials are available at <https://tmacog.org/councils-committees/transportation-council>. If you would like a hard copy or have any problems accessing any of the information, please contact Jodi Cole (ext. 1120). If you have any questions or concerns on any agenda items, please contact me (ext. 1125).

FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment #2 (Agenda III – for information) – TIP amendment #2 adds twelve projects and modifies one project at the request of TARTA on the FY 2024-2027 TIP. The amendment was approved at the October TIP Committee meeting.

TAP/CRP Scoring and Ranking (Agenda IV – for information) – The TIP Committee recently held a solicitation for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding. The TIP Scoring Committee met to review and score the submitted applications and forwarded a funding recommendation to the TIP Committee. The TIP Committee reviewed and approved the funding recommendation at their October meeting for advancement to the Transportation Council.

Moving Forward 2055 Regional Transportation Plan Update (Agenda V – For Information) – Marissa Bechstein will give an update on the development of the new 2055 Transportation Plan, including ongoing efforts for public involvement through public meetings and the public survey, upcoming surveys of business and governments and the timeline for plan completion.

Public Comment Period (Agenda VI) – Comments from the public.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Agenda VII) – From Committee chairs

Director's Report (Agenda VIII – for discussion) – In addition to the above agenda topics and information covered in the Committee Reports, the following are other items members of the Transportation Council should be aware of.

- Every four years, MPO's must undertake a Federal Certification Review with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with participation from the state Department of Transportation. TMACOG's Certification review will be December 12th and 13th. A public meeting will be held the evening of December 12th from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm in the Martin Luther King Jr Grand Lobby and another during the Board of Trustees meeting on December 13th.
- TMACOG staff is working with the consulting firm Burgess & Niple and will soon be kicking off the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Siting Plan. The initial meeting of the plan's Steering Committee will take place on November 7th. We are expecting the study to take roughly nine months and it will include Lucas, Wood, Ottawa, Sandusky and Monroe Counties. The plan will inventory existing conditions, assess needs, and identify preferred sites for EV infrastructure.
- TMACOG staff met with consultants from Burton Planning Services to discuss the detailed scope of work and timelines for a TMACOG Regional Freight Plan and a TMACOG Transportation Asset Management Plan. Once the scopes have been approved, the timelines will be established, and kickoff dates will be determined. Both plans will be the initial plans of this type conducted for our planning area.
- Mary Ellen Poturalski announced at a previous meeting that she will be stepping down from the Transportation Council. She has been involved with TMACOG for decades, going back to the Citizen's Committee, and she has been a dedicated citizen's representative on the Transportation Council ever since. We sincerely appreciate all the time, participation, feedback and passion she has given to TMACOG's planning efforts. Thank you Mary Ellen!

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Update – The table below identifies the current BIL solicitations amount available and the due dates. This information is regularly updated and can be found here: www.transportation.ohio.gov/BIL

Program & NOFO Link	Amount Available	Applications Due
Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program	\$88,290,000	11/6/2023
Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator	\$100,000,000	11/13/2023
Thriving Communities-Technical Assistance Received	\$0	11/15/2023
Highway Use Tax Evasion	\$5,940,000	11/17/2023
Bridge Investment Program Large Bridge Grants (2023 and 2024 funding)	\$4,732,510,000	11/27/2023
Thriving Communities Capacity Builders	\$22,000,000	11/28/2023
Rail Vehicle Replacement Program	\$196,906.663	12/18/2023
Saving Lives with Connectivity: Accelerating V2X Deployment	\$40,000,000	1/17/2024
Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration FY23	\$10,000,000	1/23/2024
Accelerating Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems Program	\$5,093,000	2/12/2024
Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration FY24	\$12,500,000	5/28/2024
Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE)	\$73,500,000	6/30/2024
Bridge Investment Program Large Bridge Grants (2025 funding)	\$2,432,295,000	8/1/2024
Bridge Investment Program Large Bridge Grants (2026 funding)	\$2,455,295,000	8/1/2025