



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 2026

Submitted for approval on September 2, 2026

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

Call to Order – The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on August 5, 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 Chris Smalley and ***seconded*** by Allyson Murray to approve minutes from the June 3, 2026, meeting as submitted. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

FY2026-2029 TIP Modifications and Amendments – Lisa Householder, Lake Erie West's TIP program manager, presented the following TIP amendment, TIP modification, and TIP Administrative Modification Summary, copies of which were included in the agenda packet.

TIP Amendment #8: This amendment impacts two TARTA projects in the FY 2026-2029. **PID 118584, Bus Facility Equipment project**, addresses three transit subawards for FY 2027. TARTA is adjusting its federal funding approach to utilize broader eligibility categories, improving flexibility, and simplifying grant management for ongoing work. It was previously included in TIP Modification #4. However, the project estimate increased by 65% and it is required to be processed via amendment instead. This project does not utilize TMACOG-managed funds. **PID 126712, ODOT FFT CAP ONLY**, adds a transit project to the TIP for ODOT-administered federal flex funds for capital projects within the current STIP period (FY 2026-2029). It does not utilize TMACOG-managed funds. A ***motion*** was made by Rick Bailey and ***seconded*** by Matt Griggs to approve TIP Amendment #8 as presented. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

TIP Modification #5 – This modification impacts the following projects in the FY2026-2029 TIP at the request of the project sponsors. One of the projects does utilize TMACOG-managed funds. A ***motion*** was made by Tom Uhler and ***seconded*** by Paul Roman to approve TIP Modification #5. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

1. **City of Rossford (PID 117233):** This modification moves the fiscal year Detailed Design portion of the Lime City Road project from FY 2026 to FY 2027. The cost estimates for this phase and the overall project will remain unchanged. This project does utilize TMACOG-managed funds. The overall project estimate will remain unchanged.

2. **ODOT District 2 (PID 117677):** This modification moves the fiscal year for the detailed Design portion of the I-475 Interchange at Airport Highway project from FY 2026 to FY 2027. The cost estimates for the Detailed Design phase and the overall project will remain unchanged.

TIP Administrative Modifications Summary – This summary included a list of the administrative modifications completed by staff during the months of June and July. The list presented consisted of 9 projects that did not require TAC review and approval. None of them involves Lake Erie West funding. The spreadsheet containing details about the staff modifications will be emailed to the TAC members.

Updated TIP Financial Spreadsheet – Mrs. Householder presented an updated TIP financial spreadsheet. She noted that the current Surface Transportation Authorization Bill expires on September 30th. BUILD America 250 Act was introduced by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in May. The proposed bill authorizes federal surface transportation programs and activities through FY 2031. The bill is now scheduled to be considered by the full House and Senate. It is unknown if the bill will be passed before the midterm elections or if there will be a Continuing Resolution. Furthermore, the status for the CRP for FY 2027 is unknown as well as whether or not there will be changes to the annual allocations for the remaining programs (STBG, TAP, and CMAQ), any new programs established in the new bill, or any changes to match requirements.

It is anticipated that the Carbon Reduction Program that was established under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) will be eliminated by the BUILD America 250 Act. If the bill passes, CRP funding may not be available moving forward. This would affect 10 CRP-obligated projects programmed between FY 2027 and FY 2030. Mrs. Householder presented three scenarios detailing how to move forward with the 10 projects utilizing CMAQ, STBG, or TAP funding. A copy of the presentation showing the scenarios was included in the agenda packet.

Transportation Department Update – Lisa Householder stated that applications for the STBG and CMAQ program are due August 7th. TAC members were encouraged to complete the Building Access: Aligning Transportation, Housing, and Workforce Study. The survey will be available on the Lake Erie West website through the end of summer. Sean Sammon gave an update on the Regional Trails Maintenance Study. Verdantas is conducting a comprehensive assessment of the trails through the end of summer.

Roundtable – There weren't any roundtable discussion items.

Public Comment Period – Tom Kovacik from TAGNO extended an invitation for the Ohio Contractors Association and TAGNO transportation luncheon. The luncheon will take place on September 10th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Perrysburg. Dave Gedeon will forward everyone the email invitation following the meeting.

Adjournment/Next Meeting – The next TAC meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, September 2nd at 10 a.m. A ***motion*** was made by Chris Smalley and ***seconded*** by Rick Bailey to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Joseph Shaw, Chair
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