Lake Erie West
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Submitted for approval on November 4, 2026

Members Present: Janeen Abar, Rick Bailey, Josh Belnap, 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, Jason Sisco, Chris Smalley, Matt Sommerfeld, Brian Thomas, Tom Uhler; **Members Excused:** Joe Cappel, Jon Gochenour; **Other interested Parties:** Tom Kovacik, TAGNO; **Staff Present**: Dave Gedeon, Lisa Householder, Sean Sammon, Marissa Bechstein, Laura Schau, Sandy Spang, Brooks Sutherland, Jennifer Allen

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions – The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on September 2, 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 Jason Sisco and ***seconded*** by Chris Smalley to approve minutes from the August 5, 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.

A. **TIP Modification #6** – This modification addresses three projects in the FY2026-2029 TIP at the request of the project sponsors: City of Toledo (PID 117683), ODOT District 2 (PID 121430), and City of Toledo (PID 124900). A ***motion*** was made and ***seconded*** to approve TIP Modification #5. ***The motion passed unanimously***.

B. **TIP Amendment #9:** This amendment will address four projects in the FY2026-2029 TIP at the request of the project sponsors: ODOT District 2 (PID 117040), TARTA (PID 118584), Wood County Park District (PID 120672), and City of Toledo (PID 124898). A ***motion*** was made by Paul Roman and ***seconded*** by Tom Uhler to approve TIP Amendment #9 as presented. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

C. **TIP Administrative Modifications Summary** – This summary included a list of the administrative modifications completed by staff during the month of August, a copy of which was included in the agenda packet. None of them involves Lake Erie West funding and none required TAC review and approval. A spreadsheet containing details about the staff modifications will be emailed to the TAC members.

D. **Lake Erie West CMAQ Planning Funds** – Staff requested additional funds in the TIP to hire a full-time employee to work on the air quality and ride share programs; 75% of the employee's work will be CMAQ activities. A ***motion*** was made by Joe Shaw and ***seconded*** by Tom Uhler to 1) increase the allotted funds for the air quality program funding from $112,800 to $130,000; 2) increase the rideshare funding from $85,000 to $105,000; and 3) request a 5% annual increase for both programs. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

STBG/CMAQ Applications Scoring and Ranking – The ad hoc committee met on August 27th. The committee scored and ranked 30 projects for STBG funding and 8 for CMAQ funding. STBG has $24,000,000 in available funding, and CMAQ has $10,000,000 in available funding. Projects will be programmed primarily in state fiscal years 2030 and 2031 and include 2032 as a reserve year. Lisa Householder noted that Toll Revenue Credits (TRC) that were set aside for programming small projects in the first quarter of a state fiscal year will no longer be available starting in FY2029.

A. **Ranked Project List** – Mrs. Householder explained that during the ad committee's session, there was question pertaining to Project History and whether an application should lose points if the sponsor delayed or removed a programmed project since the last solicitation round. The application itself does not explicitly state that the project delay/cancellation has to occur within the same funding program. The committee applied negative points to the STBG applications for the cities of Northwood, Rossford, and Toledo, who all had CMAQ-funded projects delayed or canceled since the last CMAQ solicitation round. Upon further review of a written procedure in the MPO's FY 2026-2029 TIP document, a penalty would only apply to the funding round of the same funding source of the project that was not delivered on the agreed upon schedule. Based on this policy, staff updated the STBG scores and removed the negative points that had been applied to the projects for Northwood, Rossford, and Toledo, thereby impacting the project list and the funding recommendations that had been approved by the ad hoc committee. The updated scores and ranking list are reflected in the table, which was included in the agenda packet. A ***motion*** was made by Jon Eckel and ***seconded*** by Mike Hill to accept the ranked project list and to recommend them for approval by the MPO Policy Board. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

B. **STBG/CMAQ Scoring and Ranking Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes** – A ***motion*** was made by Jason Sisco and ***seconded*** by Rick Bailey to approve minutes from the August 27, 2026, STBG/CMAQ Scoring and Ranking Ad Hoc Committee meeting. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

C. **Recommendation to disband the STBG/CMAQ Ad Hoc Scoring & Ranking Committee** – A ***motion*** was made by Tim Grosjean and ***seconded*** by Doug Parrish to recommend the MPO Policy Board disband the STBG/CMAQ Ad Hoc Scoring & Ranking Committee. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

FY 2026 Annual Work Program Completion Report – Dave Gedeon gave a high-level overview of the FY 2026 Annual Work Program of Transportation Planning Activities that were completed from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The MPO Policy Board will be asked to approve the report for submission to ODOT at their September 23rd meeting.

FY 2026 TIP Obligated Funds Report – Mrs. Householder announced that Lake Erie West would be publishing list of federal funds that are obligated in the FY 2026 TIP for transportation projects in Lucas and Wood counties. Approximately $68 million was obligated for 118 projects. A final list of projects will be published by the end of September.

Regional Trail Maintenance Study – Sean Sammon gave an update on the regional trails assessment study. A video inventory is being developed and pavement conditions and amenities are being captured. Drone footage is expected to be available by the end of this month to share with TAC members.

Transportation Department Update – Sean Sammon reported on the RailNation Conference that is scheduled to take place at the train station October 2-4. Marissa Bechstein encouraged TAC members to complete the Building Access: Aligning Transportation, Housing, and Workforce Study survey. The survey will be available on the Lake Erie West website.

Roundtable – Matt Sommerfeld announced that paving program funding is available for 2030 and 2031. Rick Bailey announced that an Electric Vehicle Innovation Summit is taking place at the Glass City Center in Toledo November 3-5.

Public Comment Period –Tom Kovacik complimented Lake Erie West on the PurpleAir monitor that have been installed through the region and work on the US23 bypass. It was also announced that the Ohio Contractors Association Toledo Chapter is hosting a Transportation Luncheon on September 10th at the Hilton Garden Inn Perrysburg.

Adjournment/Next Meeting – The next TAC meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 4th at 10 a.m. A ***motion*** was made by Chris Smalley and ***seconded*** by Josh Bender to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

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