

Approval of the Completion Report for Transportation Planning FY 2023 – STAFF REPORT

TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

TMACOG is required to submit a Completion Report to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) documenting work accomplished in the previous year's Annual Work Program and is due in September of each year. As a condition for receiving federal transportation planning funds, ODOT further requires that the completion report be approved by the MPO Policy Board.

Highlights of our FY 2023 Work Program (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) activities include:

- Continued efforts in support of a free-flow connection to Columbus through the US 23 Connect study.
- Prepared and approved the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Updated and approved the 2023-2024 Transportation Legislative agenda,
- Updated the Multimodal Needs Assessment for the 2055 Long Range Plan process.
- Completed and approved an update to the Congestion Management Process (CMP)
- Updated the traffic demand model for the 2020 Base Year with updates to the highway network files.
- Reviewed and approved performance management targets for safety, pavement and bridge condition, travel time reliability and air quality.
- Conducted a study reviewing the safety of roundabouts in the TMACOG area as a before and after comparison.
- Participated in Safe Routes to School planning efforts with Toledo Public and Washington Local schools, distributed the Bike User Map, and promoted alternative transportation during Bike Month.
- Supported efforts of the ORDC and MORPC to establish or improve passenger rail connections between Cleveland-Toledo-Detroit and between Cleveland-Columbus-Dayton-Cincinnati.
- Reviewed and updated the Toledo Urbanized Area Coordinated Public and Human Services Transportation Plan with TARTA and committee partners.
- Provided data, maps and/or information to numerous members including the City of Toledo, City of Maumee, Lucas County, TARTA, ODOT, Jackson Twp, Regional Growth Partnership, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership, MVPO, DGL, Arcadis, Mannik and Smith, ProMedica and others.
- Performed traffic and pedestrian and bicycle counts throughout the planning area.
- Updated the map and data portal in ARC GIS Online to better disseminate information to members and project partners
- Three gas cap events were held in July of 2022. They were held in Toledo, Bowling Green, and Perrysburg. For all 3 events, a total of 258 cars were tested and 21 were found to be defective.
- TMACOG held the Transportation Summit on March 31, 2023 focused on transportation safety.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPROVING THE COMPLETION REPORT
FOR THE FY 2023 ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM OF
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is a voluntary association of local governments and non-governmental partners in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, organized on May 31, 1968, and established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Michigan Public Act No. 7 (EX-SESS), and has carried out comprehensive metropolitan and regional planning since that date; and

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor through the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with local elected officials and is authorized to carry out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process (Process) for the Toledo area that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports community development and social goals; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has been designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to direct, coordinate, and administer the Process in the Toledo area as mandated by the Congress in Titles 23 and 49 U.S.C.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (P.L. 114-94), TMACOG, as a Transportation Management Area, is carrying out its planning responsibilities under the applicable provisions of Federal law; and

WHEREAS, the federal regulations published as 23 CFR 450 require that the urban transportation planning process shall include activities to support the development and implementation of a Regional Transportation Plan and a Transportation Improvement Program and subsequent project development activities to the degree appropriate for the area; and

WHEREAS, approval of the Toledo Area Transportation Study's FY 2023 Work Program was granted by ODOT effective July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a cumulative progress report related to the Transportation Work Program is required to be submitted to ODOT in September 2023; and

WHEREAS, as a condition for receiving federal transportation planning funds, ODOT further requires that the September completion report be approved by the MPO Policy Board; and

WHEREAS, the TMACOG Transportation Council recommended approval of the Completion Report on September 6, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

THAT TMACOG hereby approves the Completion Report for the FY 2023 Annual Work Program of Transportation Planning Activities.

Adopted by the Executive Committee on September 20, 2023.

Yea _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

Michael A. Aspacher, Chair
Toledo Metropolitan Area
Council of Governments (TMACOG)

Sandy Spang, President
Toledo Metropolitan Area
Council of Governments (TMACOG)