



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018**

**Members and Alternates Present:** Edgar Avila, Joe Cappel, Keith Earley, Ken Fallows, Jim Gee, Mike Gramza, Jim Jacobs, Tom Kovacik, Neil Munger, Ron Myers, Shelley Papenfuse, Tim Porter, Mary Ellen Poturalski, Joe Shaw

**Other Interested Parties Present:** Mike Pniewski

**TMACOG Staff Present:** Jodi Cole, Lance Dasher, Dana Doubler, David Gedeon, Lisa Householder, Austin Mack, Gilda Mitchell, Roger Streiffert

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**Call to Order** – Chair Keith Earley brought the meeting to order with introductions around the room.

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the November 7, 2018 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial (Expense) Report** – Dave Gedeon presented the expense reports for, July 1, 2018 through October 20, 2018. The financial report showed 30.65% of the budget has been completed with 25.58% expended. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Tim Porter to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**5310 Specialized Transportation Award Recommendations** – Shelley Papenfuse explained that applications were released on September 11<sup>th</sup> for 5310 funding with the application deadline of November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The FY 2019 funding round has \$209,728 available for vehicles and \$4,671 available for preventative maintenance. Two applications were received requesting a total of \$188,604. The 5310 Scoring Committee met in November to score and rank the applications and make funding recommendations. The Transit Committee reviewed and approved a recommendation to fund the following agencies: Bittersweet Farms (1 vehicle-\$29,139 and preventative maintenance-\$4,671) and Anne Grady (3 vehicles-\$148,800). A motion was made by Jim Gee and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the award recommendations as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Council Chair and Vice Chair for 2019** – Dave Gedeon explained that the Transportation Council leadership is appointed annually by the TMACOG Chair. The Council nominates and votes on the Chair and Vice Chair positions at the December meeting. Nominations were opened and Keith Earley will stay on as Chair and Joe Shaw was nominated as Vice Chair. A motion was made by Ron Myers and seconded by Ken Fallows to approve the recommendations as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**TARTA Service Changes** – Jim Gee gave a presentation and discussed the service cuts currently being proposed by TARTA. The TARTA Board is set to act on December 6. The proposed changes would take effect on January 6, 2019. What has been proposed is to eliminate Sunday service, holiday service, Route 6, and some week day changes like reduced service hours, and some specialty services that TARTA offers to the local sporting teams. This package of cuts is about \$3 million in savings.

**Draft State of Ohio Rail Plan** – Roger Streiffert highlighted the draft Statewide Ohio Rail Plan that has been completed by the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC). Comments are being taken on the draft until December 14<sup>th</sup>. You can find the plan on the ORDC website.

**Public Comment Period** – No public comments at this time.

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## **Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

### **Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:**

TIP – Ed O’Reilly was unable to attend the meeting. Lance Dasher reported on the following modification and amendment.

Lance reported on the modification #6 that moves the project LUC Swan Creek Trail (PID 107469) from FY 2020 to FY 2021 and moves the project LUC Dorr & McCord Roundabout (PID 107483) from FY 2021 to FY 2020 and combines it with the Dorr St Interchange project (PID 88084). Both projects include TMACOG managed funds. A motion was made by Tim Porter and seconded by Edgar Avila to approve the modification as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Lance then reported on the amendment #11 that modifies two projects at the request of ODOT (WOO SR 582 6.48 Widen & LUC IR 475 Interchange and Widen Phase 3), modifies one project at the request of the City of Perrysburg (WOO Maumee River MUP PH 3 & 4) and removes one project at the request of the Toledo Metroparks (LUC Oak Openings Trail). The Toledo Metroparks and City of Perrysburg projects utilize TMACOG managed funds. A motion was made by Ron Myers and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O’Reilly was unable to attend. Lance Dasher reported that the committee met on November 13. The committee discussed the Legislative Agenda, the Long Range Plan update, the 2020 AWP, and they discussed changing the meeting schedule to monthly from bi-monthly. They will vote at their January meeting.

Freight – Ray Huber was unable to attend the meeting. Jim Jacobs reported that the committee discussed how to work with the railroads as it is becoming extremely more difficult. They also looked at the 2045 plan.

Planning – Ron Myers reported that the committee discussed FHWA scenario planning at the last meeting.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend the meeting. Lisa Householder had nothing new to report at this time and their next meeting is January 7.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse reported that the committee met November 28. They reviewed the 2020 AWP, discussed the 5310 recommendations, reviewed the Legislative Agenda, and had an update on the TARTA Strategic Plan by Jim Gee.

Passenger Rail – Tim Porter reported that the committee reviewed the Legislative Agenda, the Long Range Plan update, and Toledo-Detroit demographic data.

### **Major Project Updates/Other Committees:**

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that the projects are winding down for the year. I-75 and Anthony Wayne Trail are still ongoing.

**Vice President’s Report** – Dave reported on a few additional items.

In November, ODOT notified TMACOG and other MPO’s across Ohio that they expect TIP funds to be lower in FY 2021-FY2025. Based on current financial projections, TMACOG is expected to see reductions in ODOT discretionary funds beginning in FY 2021 for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds starting in FY 2022. These are the figures that will be programmed into the FY 2021-2025 TIP.

AAA, the University of Toledo, TMACOG and our Smart Partners submitted two projects to DriveOhio for partnership consideration. The projects are the I-475 Smart Transportation Corridor, Downtown Toledo Smart Mobility Project. If accepted, DriveOhio provides additional support for project implementation.

The US EPA has announced their FY 2019 round of Brownfield Cleanup Grants, Assessment Grants, and Multipurpose Grants. Last year, the EPA awarded \$54.3 million for brownfields assessment and cleanup of a total

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of 144 communities across the county. For FY 2019, a total of \$50 million is expected to be awarded to more than 100 recipients.

**Roundtable** – Nothing to add at this time.

Upcoming events:

- **2019 TMACOG General Assembly** – Monday, January 28, 2019, 8:00 am – 1:15 pm, Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg
- **TMACOG Transportation Summit** – Friday, March 29, 2019 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, The Premier

**Next Meeting/Adjournment** – The next meeting will be February 6, 2019. A motion for adjournment was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Tom Kovacik.