



TMACOG Freight Advisory Committee Agenda & Notes – May 2018

Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

Welcome and introductions – Ray Huber, Committee Chair

1. **Regional Highway Projects – 2018 and Beyond** – *Major highway projects affecting freight movement* – Roger Streiffert - TMACOG

TMACOG staff presented a map and list of major highway projects coming this year (and the next few years) that are located on the TMACOG highway freight network or other truck traffic routes in the region. Below are some of the larger projects:

- I-75 pavement patching – entire length in Monroe Co. (2018).
- I-75 widening, reconstruction, and interchange improvements – Detroit Ave to Lagrange (ongoing project continues through 2018).
- Roundabout construction: I-75 at Willys Pkwy (Overland entrance); Berdan at Jeep Pkwy; Berdan at Haverhill; Phillips at Manhattan (2018). All are a part of the I-75 improvement project listed above.
- North and South Expressway Drive reconstruction – Lagrange to Stickney (2018).
- Front St and Millard Ave resurfacing – I-280 to Tiffin Ave; includes roundabouts at Front/Millard and at Millard/Tiffin (2018 - 2019).
- I-75 pavement reconstruction/bridge rehabilitation – South Ave to Dorr St; includes Anthony Wayne Trail and Collingwood Ave interchange improvements (late 2018 - 2022).
- US 20 resurfacing – E. Boundary St in Perrysburg to Lime City Rd; and left turn lane addition at SR 163 (2018).
- I-75 pavement reconstruction/bridge rehabilitation – Glenwood Rd to South Ave; includes replacement of the Disalle Bridge over the Maumee River and interchange improvements at Front St and at Miami St (2019 – 2022).
- I-75 full pavement reconstruction – Ohio state line to Erie Rd in Monroe Co. (2020 – 2022).
- I-475 widening to 6 lanes – US 24 interchange to Dorr St overpass (future project).
- New I-475 interchanges at Dorr St and at US 20A (future projects).
- I-75 full pavement reconstruction – Erie Rd to Otter Creek Rd in Monroe Co. (future project after completion of state line to Erie Rd section).

A map and a detailed list of all major projects in the region for 2018 and beyond will be available on the TMACOG website in early June.

2. **ORDC Update to the Ohio Statewide Rail Plan** – *TMACOG projects, initiatives and policies for inclusion in the 2018 update to the state rail plan* – Roger Streiffert/All Attendees



Matt Dietrich, executive director of the ORDC, along with others met at TMACOG a few weeks ago to announce plans to update the Ohio Rail Plan, originally completed in 2010. The ORDC will be looking for input for the plan from various stakeholders including members of TMACOG's Freight Advisory and Passenger Rail Committees.

For the May 23 meeting, TMACOG staff supplied the committee with a link to the 2010 rail plan, the Freight Rail Policy Brief from the current TMACOG Legislative Agenda, and freight transportation information, policies, and projects from the TMACOG 2045 Plan, which include rail projects. The plan is for staff to condense this information into a list of projects, policies and other information to be submitted to the ORDC. Staff will then ask for additions and revisions from the committee before submitting.

Look for further information coming on the Ohio Rail Plan update, and please have some possible projects in mind that we can add to the list. Your input is very valuable and greatly appreciated.

3. Identifying Freight Bottlenecks in the Region – *Including at-grade rail crossings; turn lane and ramp constrictions; inefficient signal timing; others.* – Roger Streiffert/All Attendees

As a part of TMACOG's 2018 Annual Work Program (AWP), staff will identify freight bottlenecks in the region that impedes efficient truck flow. Below are some of the issues we are looking for:

- At-grade rail crossings that have a train volume high enough to cause delays and do not have an easy alternate route.
- Insufficient road width or travel lanes, poor ramp design, short merging distance.
- Intersection or turn lane constrictions, tight turning radius problems.
- Inefficient signal timing or lack of ITS.
- Truck routes through neighborhoods with multiple signals, low speed limits.

Staff will ask for your help in identifying all bottlenecks in the region. Please look for an upcoming email with further details. In the meantime, please think about some freight bottlenecks you are familiar with and we'll put together a list and a map.

This information will also feed into our 2045 Plan update beginning soon and into the information we are gathering for the ORDC.

4. Other Announcements or Discussion Topics – All Attendees

Michael Springer has resigned from the Freight Advisory Committee due to starting a new job that will take much of his time. We thank Mike for his contributions to TMACOG and wish him well.



Tony Reams, past president of TMACOG, has been appointed to the Ohio Rail Development Commission as a Commissioner representing northwest Ohio. Tony will also be a member of the Freight Advisory and the Passenger Rail Committees. We welcome Tony to the committee.

Dates to remember:

- Autonomous vehicles seminar #3 – Public Transportation and Autonomous Vehicles – Thursday, June 21, 2018, 9 a.m. at UT’s Nitschke Auditorium (register at <http://www.utoledo.edu/engineering/webforms/TTTWJune.html>).
- Ohio Conference on Freight – August 15-17, 2018 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherlands Plaza in Cincinnati, Ohio (register at www.ohiofreight.org).

Meeting Adjourned

Schedule of 2018 Freight Advisory Committee Meetings:
(schedule may change as necessary)

Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 28, 2018, 11:30 a.m.