



TMACOG Freight Advisory Committee Agenda & Notes – September 2018

Wednesday, October 24, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

Welcome and introductions – Ray Huber, Committee Chair

1. Transportation Legislative Agenda Update – *Review and revise the current freight-related pages* – Roger Streiffert - TMACOG

The Transportation Legislative Agenda is used to inform legislators and decision-makers on what are the most important transportation issues facing the region. Final recommendations for the document update will be provided to Austin Mack, TMACOG staff member working on the update, later this year. The committee provided input for the documents pages covering logistics transportation, air transportation, freight rail, marine transportation, and streets, highways, and bridges. Below are some key topics from the meeting discussion that should be included. More detailed notes on changes and additions will be provided to Austin.

- Support development at Overland Park, Express Industrial Park, CSX Northwest Ohio Terminal, former Southwyck site, and at the Port of Toledo.
- Need for efficient truck connector in Wood County from I-75 to Fostoria, and in Monroe County from US 23 to I-75.
- Key rails crossings for possible grade separations: Matzinger at CSX/Ann Arbor, Manhattan at CSX/Ann Arbor, Summit at CSX, SR18 at CSX in Hoytville, second grade separation in North Baltimore.
- Provide funding to build a second Poe-sized lock at the Soo Locks.
- Stress the importance of providing adequate truck parking facilities.
- Include the importance of pipelines and leveraging the availability of natural gas for development of new industries.
- Continue to improve the US 20A connection between Toledo Express and I-475.
- Insure that existing Maumee River rail bridges are maintained to keep rail and marine freight flowing smoothly.
- Provide affordable wetland mitigation banking for public projects.
- Pages will be reorganized and made more consistent with general information at the top and more details below.

Updates to statistics, policies, and projects for the air and marine pages of the document will be provided by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority. Staff will seek further information on rail freight from the ORDC and possibly from the railroads. A full list of updates will be sent to all committee members for final input next month.



2. Other Announcements or Discussion Topics – All Attendees

At our November committee meeting, we will discuss some of the difficulties that area jurisdictions, utilities, and ODOT face when working with railroads on various projects. Stay tuned for further information on this agenda topic.

Dates to remember:

Technology Takes the Wheel – November 2, 2018 at the University of Toledo. For more info: <http://www.utoledo.edu/engineering/techtakesthewheel.html>

Meeting Adjourned

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

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