



## **TMACOG Freight Advisory Committee Agenda & Notes – September 2018**

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

### **Welcome and introductions – Ray Huber, Committee Chair**

#### **1. TMACOG Transportation Legislative Agenda – 2019 document update and plan for committee input – Austin Mack - TMACOG**

The Transportation Legislative Agenda is used to inform legislators and decision-makers on what are the most important transportation issues facing the region. TMACOG staff member Austin Mack talked about the process and schedule for updating the 2017-18 Agenda and encouraged input from the committee on what needs to be included for the efficient movement of freight. Staff will send a follow-up email to committee members with a plan for providing input.

Ray Huber recommended holding an extra committee meeting in October to review and revise the current information and add any additions as needed. Look for a meeting announcement coming soon. Final recommendations for the document update will be provided to Austin later this year.

#### **2. TMACOG 2045 Plan 2020 Update Process – Long range plan update schedule and committee input – Roger Streiffert, TMACOG**

The committee will also be providing input for the 2020 update to the 2045 long range transportation plan. Updating the plan is a two-year process beginning this year and will be completed in the summer of 2020. The committee will review the previous list of freight-related projects and policies and will revise as needed. An overall plan update schedule was provided along with a list and map of the previous freight-related projects. This information will be provided to all members through email and staff will create a time-line for committee input.

#### **3. Operating Procedures Update – Action Item – Document updated with new quorum language – Roger Streiffert/Ray Huber**

The definition of a quorum needed to pass resolutions was recently changed for TMACOG's Transportation Council and will also apply to the various sub-committees including Freight Advisory. The updated language will need to be included in the committee operating procedures. Instead of a simple majority of members present at a meeting, a quorum will be defined as a majority of total members of the committee. With a total membership of 28, 15 would need to be present at a freight committee meeting to hold a vote. Because we have many members who do not physically attend meetings, adhering to this new quorum definition will be difficult.

From our meeting discussion, the plan is to divide the committee into voting members (those who regularly attend meetings), and non-voting members. A quorum will then be met with a majority of voting members present. Brian Zienta suggested we approve the change in operating procedures effective January 1, 2019, as this would allow time to revise the committee structure into voting and non-voting members. The committee followed Brian's suggestion and voted to accept the operating procedure changes effective January 1.

**4. Information from Regional Stakeholders – Getting transportation input through listening sessions – Jim Jacobs, Vice Chair**

Vice Chair Jim Jacobs introduced a plan to hold listening sessions to gather information from freight stakeholders regarding their needs for transportation and infrastructure improvements as well as their concerns regarding workforce, regulations, legislation, or anything else that may affect their business. This information will be vital to identifying where improvements are needed and what issues affect our regional businesses and industry. This information will also be a source for projects and policies to be included in the legislative agenda and long-range transportation plan.

Jim suggested three committee members maximum for a facility visit and if possible, have the visit organized through a local economic development office. Having a list of pre-determined questions will help keep the discussion on track. Information on transportation issues well beyond the facility location is just as important as local issues. More details on informational facility visits coming soon.

**5. Tracy Road Corridor – What improvements are needed for future development? – Jim Jacobs/All Attendees**

With the expansion of First Solar to a new facility on SR 795, the Tracy Road corridor is more vital than ever to freight transportation. There are many issues that need to be addressed to increase the efficiency of freight movement for current facilities and future development, such as weight restrictions, narrow pavement, tight turning radius at some intersections, and a needed traffic light at US 20. From our discussion it was suggested that sub-committee be formed to take a closer look at Tracy and develop some possible solutions to these issues. More to come on the Tracy sub-committee.

**6. Other Announcements or Discussion Topics – All Attendees**

Dates to remember:

TMACOG Tech: Tools and Rules for Managing Meetings:

[http://www.tmacog.org/TMACOG\\_TECH/2018/TMACOGTech\\_RobertsRules.pdf](http://www.tmacog.org/TMACOG_TECH/2018/TMACOGTech_RobertsRules.pdf)



Toledo Passenger Rail Forum – October 15, 2018 at MLK Plaza. For more info:  
[http://www.tmacog.org/EMailBlasts/2018/2018\\_PassengerRailForum\\_eblast\\_01.htm](http://www.tmacog.org/EMailBlasts/2018/2018_PassengerRailForum_eblast_01.htm)

Technology Takes the Wheel – November 2, 2018 at the University of Toledo. For  
more info: <http://www.utoledo.edu/engineering/techtakesthewheel.html>  
Next session's title still to be announced.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

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

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