



TMACOG Freight Advisory Committee Agenda & Notes – September 2019

Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 11:30 a.m.

Welcome and introductions – Ray Huber, Committee Chair

1. Final 2045 Plan 2020 Update Freight Projects – *Quick review of the final projects/initiatives/policies* – Roger Streiffert, TMACOG

The committee reviewed the final list of freight-related projects and initiatives for the 2045 Plan update. There are 28 projects and 6 initiatives to be submitted for consideration. From the discussion, minor wording changes were suggested on three of the projects and one of the initiatives. Staff will make those revisions and will send the final list to the committee. The freight-related policies were also reviewed, and one minor revision was suggested. Staff will make this change also.

Thank you to all who contributed to the long-range transportation plan update.

2. TMACOG Area Highway Freight Network – *Review and discuss updates to the highway freight network map and suggest any needed revisions* – Roger Streiffert/All Attendees

Staff completed some minor updates to the TMACOG area highway freight network map, which includes the FHWA national freight network routes, NHS intermodal connectors, and additional routes based on designated truck routes, truck volumes, connectivity, and local freight flow knowledge. The map was briefly reviewed at the meeting and no further changes to the network will be made at this time. Staff will be adding truck volumes and percentages to the map based on the latest traffic count data, and we will review this data at a future meeting.

3. Identify Freight Bottlenecks in the Region – *Identify locations of potential bottlenecks on the highway, rail, and maritime freight networks* – All Attendees

Staff created a map showing bottleneck and congestion locations that slow the movement of freight in the region. Included are at-grade rail crossings, draw or swing bridges on the Maumee shipping channel, and congested highway interchanges and corridors. No further locations were added at this time. Staff will continue to develop this map using highway, rail and ship traffic data, and highway congestion data.



4. Quick Update on Area Highway Projects – Roger Streiffert

Staff and attendees gave a quick report on area projects. Some highlights:

- I-75 widening project from Door to I-280 is wrapping up this fall, although a new pavement repair project at the I-280 interchange will start on October 4.
- I-75 widening (and new Disalle Bridge) project from Buck Rd to Dorr St will continue through fall of 2023.
- Improvements to the I-75/Collingwood interchange area are scheduled to be completed this fall, but the ramp to southbound I-75 will remain closed until summer of 2020.
- Indiana Ave bridge over I-75 is open and the Dorr St bridge will open this November.
- I-75 reconstruction from the Michigan line to Erie Rd will continue through 2020, and the next phase from Erie Rd north begins in 2021.
- Front St resurfacing and the roundabouts at Front/Millard and at Millard/Tiffin are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.
- The I-280/Turnpike bridge replacement; I-475/US 24 ramp improvement; Waterville Bridge project; I-75/Wooster interchange; and Buck Rd roundabouts are on schedule to be completed this fall.
- The Holland-Sylvania/Turnpike bridge has re-opened, and the Perrysburg-Holland/Heatherdowns/Manley intersection project is nearing completion.

5. Roundtable Discussion or Announcements – All Attendees

Staff shared an article about the development of a new industrial park, Logistics Park Ohio near North Baltimore, that could capitalize on the increase of container flow at the CSX Northwest Ohio terminal.

The City of Toledo has completed its downtown traffic study and will begin improvements in 2020. One of the components will be to designate truck routes through the downtown area.

Meeting Adjourned

Schedule of 2019 Freight Advisory Committee Meetings:
Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 11:30 a.m. (revised date)