

Highlights of the FY 2019 Completion Report for Annual Work Program Transportation Planning Activities

TMACOG is required to submit a Completion Report to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) documenting work accomplished in the previous year's Annual Work Program and is due in September of each year. As a condition for receiving federal transportation planning funds, ODOT further requires that the completion report be approved by the MPO Policy Board.

Highlights of our FY 2018 Work Program (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019) activities include:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Monitored and maintained the FY 2018–2021 TIP.
- Solicited for STBGP projects for inclusion in the FY 2021-2024 TIP.
- Managed TMACOG sub-allocation funding to actively pursue project schedules, tracked adherence to project development commitment dates, notified project sponsors of missed commitment dates, and maintained compliance with the statewide carryover policy.

Long Range Planning

- Began the 2045 Plan Update 2020 process through the Planning Committee.
 - Approved the Plan goals, reviewed current relevant data, identified regional transportation needs through eleven (11) public meetings and stakeholder engagement.
- Approved safety, transit, travel time reliability, and pavement and bridge performance management targets consistent with both ODOT and MDOT in accordance with federal requirements.
- Updated and approved the 2019-2020 Transportation Legislative Agenda

Freight Planning

- Participated in an update of the Ohio Statewide Rail Plan being conducted by the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC).
- Key locations have been identified for the freight bottlenecks analysis to be conducted in early FY 2019.
- Updated the freight network map with truck routes in Monroe County along with new NHS intermodal connectors that were approved by FHWA in 2017.

Passenger Rail

- Updated the TMACOG Area Freight Network map including symbolizing the National Highway Freight Network separate from local freight routes and updating roads, rails, and political boundaries.
- Updated items in the 2019-2020 TMACOG Legislative Agenda, as well as projects, policies and initiatives for the 2045 Plan Update 2020.

Safety/Modeling/Data Collection and Management

- Collected traffic and bike and pedestrian counts within the planning area and uploaded counts obtained by Lucas County, Toledo and Oregon.
- Provided model data for the Downtown Toledo Transportation Study, traffic projections for the Wooster St project in Bowling Green, model data to TEMS for the Chicago to Cleveland Hyperloop Corridor Study and the Toledo to Detroit Passenger Rail Feasibility Study, and provided growth rates to Lucas County for several intersections.

Public Transit

- Conducted the FY 2019 solicitation of 5310 Specialized Transportation projects in the fall of 2018 and awarded vehicles to two local agencies.
- Support and work with the Community Advocates for Transportation Rights (CATR) to hear from transit users what gaps in service they recognize.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Planning

- Bike Month events were coordinated throughout the month of May 2019. Some of the events included Bike to School Day, Bike Day at the Farmer's Market, and the Ride of Silence to honor those cyclists injured or killed on the roadway.
- Conducted bike and pedestrian counts on all major trails in the region.
- Updated the non-motorized network for the 2045 Plan Update 2020.

Transportation Service

- Staff provided traffic and train counts along with crash information for the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) for three at-grade rail crossing diagnostic reviews in Toledo. GIS data (parcels) for the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP). Various GIS data (roads, rails, boundaries) was provided for Regional Growth Partnership (RGP). Staff assisted AT&T in identifying the owner of former railroad property where cables needed to be replaced. Level of service data for 2018 and 2035 was provided to ODOT District 2. Provided the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) with road data (LBRS) and the road network file for the northern half-mile of Lucas County. The sidewalks layer for Lucas County was sent to the County Engineer's office.
- Produced the 2019 Regional Highway Projects map.

Air Quality

- Completed the 2018 Gas Cap Replacement Program with 26 events in Lucas and Wood counties in Ohio and Monroe County, Michigan. Overall, 431 gas caps were tested and 60 missing or faulty caps were replaced. Testing was conducted by the City of Toledo through a subcontract with TMACOG.
- Implemented the Ozone Action Season Program by participating in Earth Day events, updating the website with Air Quality forecasts, advertising in print, web, radio, and TV outlets, and signs posted on City of Bowling Green Service Trucks, TARTA bus stations, a pedicab, and an on-field sign at the Mud Hens' Fifth Third Field. Radio ads were purchased on Q 105, WIMX, WKKO, WRQN.

Share A Ride

- Promoted the Gohio Commute program through newsletter articles, local news stories, social media postings, advertising, email and online distribution, and paper fliers. Specific activities included the following: a promotional campaign at all Toledo Metroparks locations and on the University of Toledo campus; an Alternatives Summer Challenge; a TMACOG Bike Month campaign; Gohio promotion at local bike advocacy events; Toledo Loves Transit Gohio and TARTA co-campaign; Gohio and Toledo Public Schools Hub program partnership; Gohio New Year New Commute campaign, local movie theater ad campaign; Gohio commute promotional campaigns on area college campuses; including multiple campus events at Lourdes, BGSU, Owens, UT, and MCCC.

Transportation Program Reporting

- The 25th Transportation Summit was held on March 29, 2019 had approximately 170 attendees. Presentations focused on transportation and links to economic development, including presentations from the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, and a presentation on Hyperloop, and a keynote address from Dr Alex Metcalf on the feasibility of a Toledo to Detroit passenger rail connection.
- Reviewed and updated the Public Participation Plan. The plan will go through the TMACOG approval process in the first quarter of FY 2020.