



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020**

**Members and Alternates Present:** Joe Shaw, Mike Pniewski, Mike Gramza, Ed Nagle, Ed O'Reilly, Kacey Young, Robert Ruse, Edgar Avila, Tom Kovacik, Tim Porter, Joe Cappel

**Other Interested Parties Present:** Frank Burkett

**TMACOG Staff Present:** Dave Gedeon, Marissa Bechstein, Jodi Cole, Lance Dasher, Lisa Householder

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**Call to Order** – Chair Joe Shaw brought the meeting to order and a roll call attendance was taken.

**Approval of Minutes** – Unable to take action due to lack of a quorum.

**TMACOG Complete Streets Policy** – Lance Dasher gave a brief presentation on the update of the policy. The Complete Streets Policy is a tool to plan, construct, and operate streets in a manner that ensures a comprehensive transportation system. It applies to all projects, including the new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, or planning of roadways, trails and other transportation facilities that will use federal Surface Transportation Program funds allocated through TMACOG. This policy also encourages local and state jurisdictions/organizations to review and revise their local ordinances and policies to reflect complete street design guidelines and to apply these guidelines to local projects as appropriate. No action was taken to approve the policy due to lack of a quorum.

**FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #1** – No action was taken to approve the amendment due to lack of a quorum.

**The Future of TARTA** – Kim Dunham was unable to attend the meeting due to a last-minute scheduling conflict. Dave Gedeon gave a brief update on the status of TARTA. There are still two jurisdictions that are undecided (Rossford and Maumee) if they receive all the resolutions that they need it will then go to the Lucas County Board of Commissioners for evaluation. Their deadline is August 5 to file with board of elections.

**Public Comment Period** – No comments at this time.

**Major Project Updates/Other Committees:**

Major Projects – Kacey Young had nothing new to update at this time. All the local projects are on schedule.

Kacey mentioned that TRAC opens on June 15 for applications and will be up for one month.

**Vice President's Report** – Dave reported on a few additional items.

Dave reported that in May, TMACOG in conjunction with the Toledo Metroparks submitted a grant to the BUILD program. The project aims to construct portions of the Glass City Riverwalk in downtown Toledo. On the western side of the Maumee River, repairs to the existing seawall, transient docks, bike/pedestrian access and an innovative kayak share program to facilitate access to a water recreational trail are all proposed. On the eastern side of the river, the same type of improvements are also proposed for the existing International Park and the under-construction Glass City Metropark. The grant application is requesting \$23,668,160.

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Dave also mentioned that TMACOG and all public agencies in the TMACOG region have access to motor vehicle travel data and analytical services through a statewide contract with Streetlight. The current contract is coming to an end and the state put the contract out for bid in an attempt to reduce costs. TMACOG will again be participating in the contract and once more information is available on the service it will be provided.

Dave reported that TMACOG staff has been out collecting ped/bike counts on the Slippery Elm Trail, Chessie Circle Trail, University Parks Trail, and the Wabash Cannonball Trail South Fork to see how current counts compare to pre-COVID-19 usage. The average daily use has increased significantly since stay-at-home orders were put in place.

Dave went on to mention that ozone action season kicked off on May 18<sup>th</sup>. TMACOG partners with the City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services. The City will communicate the forecasts two to three times per week. The Gas Cap Testing and Replacement Program has been postponed due to concerns over COVID-19.

**Roundtable** – Nothing to discuss.

**Next Meeting/Adjournment** – The next meeting will be August 5, 2020. A motion for adjournment was made by Robert Ruse and seconded by Tom Kovacik.

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