



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019**

**Members and Alternates Present:** Keith Earley, Joe Shaw, John Crandall, Chris Delaney, Mary Ellen Poturalski, Jim Gee, Mike Pniewski (A), John Musteric, Doug Stevens, Tom Kovacik, Ray Huber, Ed O'Reilly, Andy Langenderfer, Tim Porter, Shelley Papenfuse, Edgar Avila, Neil Munger

**Other Interested Parties Present:**

**TMACOG Staff Present:** Jodi Cole, Lance Dasher, David Gedeon, Lisa Householder, Gilda Mitchell, Roger Streiffert

**Call to Order** – Chair Keith Earley brought the meeting to order with introductions around the room.

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Edgar Avila to approve the February 6, 2019 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial (Expense) Report** – Dave Gedeon presented the expense reports for, July 1, 2018 through January 26, 2019. The financial report showed 57.47% of the budget has been completed with 47.50% expended. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Tim Porter to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Downtown Toledo Transportation Study Update** – Doug Stephens gave a brief update on the study. They are reviewing the master plan and going through scenarios for downtown. They hope to have final recommendations in the fall of 2019.

**TMACOG Draft FY 2020 Annual Work Program** – Dave Gedeon reviewed major work products for FY 2020 and listed them on a one-page summary provided at the meeting. Individual work element sections have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate transportation committees that have met in the past couple months. The final document will need to be submitted to ODOT by May 3, 2019. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the draft AWP as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Ohio Transportation Budget Update** – Patrick McColley gave a presentation explaining that Governor DeWine has proposed an 18 cents per gallon increase in the state gasoline tax (and indexed to inflation beginning in 2020), potentially generating approximately \$1.2 B annually. If passed as proposed, the tax increase would take effect on July 1, 2019.

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

**Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

**Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:**

TIP – Ed O'Reilly reported on the following modification and amendment.

Ed reported on the modification #8 by saying that it modifies one project at the request of TARTA to move the project back one fiscal year. A motion was made by Doug Stevens and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to approve the modification as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Ed then reported on the amendment #14 by saying that it adds four projects and modifies five projects at the request of TARTA. A motion was made by Doug Stevens and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly reported that there was no meeting held in February.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that there was no meeting held in February.

Planning – Ron Myers was unable to attend the meeting. Dave Gedeon reported that the committee has been working on the plan update and is in the beginning stages of the public meetings.

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System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer reported that at the last meeting the committee reviewed the system preservation list for the plan update. They are also working on updating the 2045 congestion goals.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse reported that at the last meeting on February 27, the committee voted to retain the same leadership. They are also working on the 2045 plan update. The committee also received an update on the efforts of a countywide transit plan. Tim Porter gave a presentation on the benefits of public transit review boards.

Passenger Rail – Tim Porter reported that at the last meeting the committee voted to retain the same leadership. The committee reviewed rail projects for the 2045 plan. Tim also mentioned that Train Day is upcoming on May 4.

#### **Major Project Updates/Other Committees:**

Major Projects – Mike Gramza reported that Wood/Lucas 75 project (from Rossford south of Buck Rd. to South Avenue) is scheduled to sell on March 28. Dorr/475 widening will sell in October. Mike Gramza will be retiring at the end of March.

Autonomous Vehicle Steering Committee – Edgar Avila reported the next meeting is scheduled for March 21.

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

At the February meeting, Mike Gramza reported that there will be a significant amount of work taking place on I-75 for the next few years and that will impact access to the TMACOG office. The ramp from northbound I-75 to Collingwood Blvd. and the on ramp from Collingwood Blvd. to southbound I-75 will close on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Other closures will occur throughout the construction process as well. TMACOG will produce maps identifying routes to access the building and send them out with meeting announcements.

Dave mentioned that TMACOG hosted a meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> with Lucas County stakeholders to discuss the Volkswagen EPA settlement and grant opportunities to fund locations for Level 2 and DC Fast Charging stations for electric vehicles. It is anticipated that grants will be available in the fall of 2019 for eligible counties in Ohio.

Dave reminded the council that ODOT has a data contract allowing the use of StreetLight and Inrix Data by the DOT and other state departments as well as by local governments. The data comes from GPS systems in cars and trucks as well as mobile phones and is anonymous and aggregated.

Dave reported that The Ohio Turnpike Commission has announced Ferzan Ahmed as their new Executive Director, replacing Randy Cole. Mr. Ahmed previously served as Vice President at AECOM, as Delaware County Administrator and as ODOT's District Deputy Director of District 6 around Columbus.

If you haven't already done so, please determine who your alternate will be and let us know. In the event that members are unable to attend a meeting, the designated alternates may vote in their place.

**Roundtable** – Nothing to discuss.

Upcoming events:

- **TMACOG Transportation Summit** – Friday, March 29, 2019 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, The Premier

**Next Meeting/Adjournment** – The next meeting will be April 3, 2019. A motion for adjournment was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Tim Porter.

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