



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019**

Members and Alternates Present: Keith Earley, Joe Shaw, Chris Delaney, Mary Ellen Poturalski, Jim Gee, Mike Pniewski (VA), Kacey Young, Tom Kovacik, Ray Huber, Kris Cousino, Tim Porter, Ken Fallows, Neil Munger

Other Interested Parties Present: Patrick McColley, Kathy Streng, Julie Thomas

TMACOG Staff Present: Jodi Cole, Lance Dasher, Dana Doubler, David Gedeon, Lisa Householder, 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 Ken Fallows and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to approve the March 6, 2019 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Financial (Expense) Report – Dave Gedeon presented the expense reports for, July 1, 2018 through March 23, 2019. The financial report showed 72.80% of the budget has been completed with 56.35% expended. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Kris Cousino to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

TMACOG Self-Certification – Dave Gedeon stated that the resolution lists the main federal planning regulations that require a TIP, a Long Range Transportation Plan, an Annual Work Program, Community Involvement program, and other elements of the MPO process. It also lists the laws and regulations that MPO's must comply with including the Environmental Justice Executive Order, Disadvantage and Minority Business Enterprise Participation regulations, Americans with Disabilities, Clean Air, and Civil Rights laws. To the best of our knowledge and appropriate to the scope and complexity of transportation issues in our area, the TMACOG planning process complies with these laws and regulations. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Ray Huber to approve the resolution as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Ohio Transportation Budget and Gas Tax Update – Pat McColley gave a brief update on the gas tax in the area. On July 1, the Ohio gasoline tax will go up 10.5 cents per gallon and diesel will increase 19 cents per gallon..

Toledo-Detroit Passenger Rail Feasibility Study – Toledo City Councilman Chris Delaney gave a brief overview of the draft passenger rail study. He stated that the final will be out shortly. You can find a copy of the draft study on TMACOG's website.

Public Comment Period – No public comments at this time.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:

TIP – Ed O'Reilly was unable to attend the meeting. Lance Dasher reported on the following modification.

Lance reported on the modification #9 by saying that it adds language to the FY 2018-2021 TIP under the performance measures section for PM 2 (pavement and bridge condition) and PM 3 (travel time reliability) to comply with federal requirements. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Jim Gee to approve the modification as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O’Reilly was unable to attend the meeting. Lance Dasher reported that coming up on June 27 there is an Active Transportation Academy dealing with traffic calming and complete streets implementation. Bike month starts today.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that at the last meeting the committee discussed regional highway projects in 2019 and beyond. They also reviewed major construction projects in the area. The committee also decided that having a speaker from Detroit to talk about the new bridge would be beneficial.

Planning – Kris Cousino reported that the committee has been working on the plan update and there was a presentation given on the survey results.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend the meeting. Lisa Householder reported that their upcoming meeting on May 6 is cancelled. She explained that there is a Regional Road Safety Plan Stakeholder meeting scheduled for May 9 here at TMACOG and her committee is invited to attend.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse stated that the committee has not met and that there is nothing new to report.

Passenger Rail – Tim Porter reported that the committee will meet later this month. Train Day is May 4.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Kacey Young reported that Wood/Lucas 75 project (from Rossford south of Buck Rd. to South Avenue) just sold and work should be starting soon. The Waterville bridge work has been delayed a bit due to weather conditions. Construction work is continuing on the I-75 overpass in Bowling Green. The ramp on southbound I-475 to westbound US 24 will be closed into October.

Autonomous Vehicle Steering Committee – Edgar Avila was unable to attend the meeting. Dave Gedeon reported the next meeting is scheduled for May 16.

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

Dave stated that we will be sending out emails to all Transportation Council members confirming your voting membership and requesting the name of your official alternate. With the last update to the Council operating procedures, we included the appointment of alternates that are permitted to vote and count towards the quorum when the voting member is unable to attend. We would like to make the appointment of alternates official and add them to the council roster and email distribution list.

Dave told the Council that the 2019 Ozone Action Season kicked off on April 22nd with the initial ozone forecasts of the year. TMACOG partners with the City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services to implement the program. The city will communicate the ozone forecasts two to three times per week predicting one of four levels of air quality conditions: Good, Satisfactory, Precautionary Measures should be taken by Sensitive Groups, and Caution. Also, the Gas Cap Testing and Replacement Program will begin in late May/early June for its 19th season.

Roundtable – Nothing to discuss.

Upcoming events:

- **TMACOG Bike Month** – Various dates and location throughout the month of May
<http://www.tmacog.org/bikemonth/>
- **TMACOG Regional Safety Planning Meeting** – Thursday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, MLK Plaza Grand Lobby
- **Active Transportation Academy: Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Implementation** – Thursday, June 27, Noon to 4:00 p.m., MLK Plaza Grand Lobby
- **Summer Caucuses with State Lawmakers** – Wednesday, July 31, 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Penta Career Center, Perrysburg

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next meeting will be June 5, 2019. A motion for adjournment was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Kris Cousino.

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