



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018**

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 Ken Fallows to approve the March 7, 2018 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Financial (Expense) Report – Dave Gedeon presented the expense reports for, July 1, 2017 through March 24, 2018. The financial report showed 72.80% of the budget has been completed with 54.68% expended. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Tom Gibbons to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

TMACOG Self Certification – Dave Gedeon explained that each year TMACOG must certify that the transportation planning process complies with federal regulations and laws pertaining to MPO's. The resolution lists the main federal planning regulations and the laws and regulations that MPO's must comply with. 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 Tom Kovacik and seconded by Edgar Avila to approve the resolution as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Local Road Focused Approach – Lisa Householder gave a presentation on the projects selected for this effort.

Multimodal Needs Assessment – Dana Doubler gave an update on the multimodal needs assessment. The report identifies gaps and needs in the regional transportation system and is used as an information resource in the long range transportation planning process.

Public Comment Period – There were no public comments presented 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 TIP modification. Lance presented TIP Modification #4 to the Transportation Council for approval. The modification administratively modifies the FY 2018-2021 TIP to include a narrative on the inclusion of the safety targets that were approved in November of 2017. A motion was made by Tom Gibbons and seconded by John Crandall to approve the modification as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly was unable to attend the meeting. Lance Dasher stated that the committee met on March 20. They discussed bike month and the bike users map was approved. Their next meeting is May 15 and it will be a mobile meeting with the committee meeting at TMACOG and biking to various locations in the downtown area to review the infrastructure.

Freight – Ray Huber was unable to attend the meeting. Roger Streiffert stated that at the last meeting there were 3 guests, Scott Greneth from Truck Specialized Parking Services, Paul Knollman from Monroe County Community College, and Tim Lake from Monroe County Business Development Corporation. Scott discussed the need for safe, secure truck parking and will return in July to continue discussions. Paul discussed the labor needs of the logistics and supply chain industry and talked about the fact that Monroe County Community College would like to start a logistics/supply chain program. Tim discussed the importance of the I-75 corridor.

Planning – Ron Myers was unable to attend the meeting. Dana Doubler reported that Frank Burkett from FHWA attended the meeting and gave a presentation about performance management. At the next committee meeting the committee will discuss the performance measure targets. Dana also gave a presentation on the Multimodal Needs Assessment. Also discussed were the committee members for the 2045 update.

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System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend the meeting. Lisa Householder reported that they committee had not met so there was nothing new to report.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse was unable to attend the meeting. Dana Doubler reported that the committee had not met and there was nothing new to report.

Passenger Rail – Tim Porter has been appointed the new chair of the Passenger Rail Committee. Tim reported that the committee met on April 19 and it was decided that the money TMACOG has allotted will be used to go in on a study to connect train service from Ann Arbor, MI to Traverse City, MI through Toledo.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Mike Gramza was unable to attend the meeting. Aaron Behrman attended and reported that there are two big projects up for sale right now. The downtown I-75 rehab project will be up for bid on June 1 and the next piece of the high-level bridge which is the dehumidification of the cables and that's set to sell in the following week.

Vice President's Report – Dave reported on several items:

USDOT announced that the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) transportation grants will replace the existing TIGER grant program. The administration will continue to award a greater share to rural areas, including support for rural broadband. The Notice of Funding Opportunity for BUILD is \$1.5 billion. USDOT is hosting a series of webinars during the FY 2018 BUILD grant application process. A webinar on how to compete for BUILD Transportation Grants for all applicants will be held on Thursday, May 24; a webinar for rural and tribal applicants will be held on Tuesday, May 29; and a webinar on how to prepare a benefit-cost analysis for a BUILD application will be held on Thursday, May 31.

TRAC sent out notification that they will not be seeking applications for funding this year. TRAC will consider unanticipated engineering and right-of-way needs on a case-by-case basis for existing TRAC projects as they arise.

On April 25th, FHWA announced the apportionment of Highway Infrastructure Program Funds pursuant to the Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2018. In total, nearly \$2 billion has been apportioned through the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) and will be sub-allocated in the same manner as in the FAST Act with 52% of funds going to local areas. Funds to urbanized areas are determined by population and TMACOG will receive \$1,485,572. Funds will be available for obligation until September 30, 2021.

Marketing for the 2018 Ozone Action Season will begin in later this month with ads in local publications, web ads, sponsorship of a Glass City Pedicab, billboards, signage at 5/3 Field, and television and radio ads. Gas cap replacement will also take place in coordination with the City of Toledo in the coming months.

Roundtable –

Edgar Avila informed the committee that there is an event upcoming on June 21. AAA and UT College of Engineering will be holding their third meeting in a series of meetings. This meeting is entitled Technology Take the Wheel. The topic is public transportation and Jim Gee from TARTA is one of the speakers. The featured speaker is from a French company, Navya, that manufactures self-driving shuttle buses. There will be a bus at the event that will be available to tour.

Upcoming events:

- **Train Day** – May 5, 2018, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza, 9:30 am – 4 pm
- **Access Ohio 2045 Plan Meetings** – Local Partner Workshop: Wednesday, May 9th, 2 pm – 4 pm in the TMACOG Boardroom; Public Workshop: Wednesday, May 9th, 5 pm – 7pm, MLK Plaza Grand Lobby
- **Bike Month** – Various events throughout the month of May.
- **Summer Caucuses with State Lawmakers** – August 1st from 8:00 am – 12:45 pm at Penta Career Center

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next meeting will be June 6, 2018.

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