



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019**

**Members and Alternates Present:** Keith Earley, Joe Shaw, Oliver Turner (VA), Mary Ellen Poturalski, Joe Cappel, Mike Pniewski (VA), Jason Sisco (VA), Kacey Young, Tom Kovacik, Erik Dokurno (A), Ray Huber, Ron Myers, Ed O'Reilly, Andy Langenderfer, Tim Porter, Edgar Avila, Robert Ruse

**Other Interested Parties Present:** Frank Burkett

**TMACOG Staff Present:** Marissa Bechstein, Jodi Cole, Lance Dasher, David Gedeon, Roger Streiffert

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**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 Tim Porter to approve the September 4, 2019 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Expense Report** – Dave Gedeon presented the expense reports for, July 1, 2019 through August 24, 2019. The financial report showed 15.33% of the budget has been completed with 13.25% expended. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Safety Performance Targets for Ohio and Michigan** – Marissa Bechstein made a brief presentation explaining that under federal law, MPO's are required to annually review safety performance targets for their planning area. As a multi-state MPO, TMACOG must consider safety performance measure and targets for both Ohio and Michigan and can either adopt targets set by the respective states or approve targets that are consistent with state targets. The targets were reviewed by the SPAM committee and it was determined that TMACOG should again adopt the states targets. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Ron Myers to approve the performance targets as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Scoring and Funding Recommendation** – Ed O'Reilly briefly discussed the TAP solicitation and stated that 10 applications were received. The TAP scoring committee met and recommended 5 projects to be added into TIP years 2023-2025. A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to approve the recommendation as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Letter of Opposition to HB 288** – Lance Dasher reported to the committee that the pedestrian and bikeways committee opposes this bill and a letter was submitted stating their opposition. The letter is being presented to Transportation Council to make this an official position of TMACOG. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Tim Porter to accept the position of opposition to the bill as written; the motion passed unanimously.

**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:

Ed reported that modification #12 requests that PID's 102122 (LUC SR 25 8.04 Reconstruct) and 94594 (LUCIR 75 1.10) be combined under PID 93594 (LUC IR 75 1.10: A multi-lane & major bridge funded project (project # 2) to reconstruct the existing pavement and to rehabilitate/widen/replace existing bridges and reconstruction of SR-25 system to system interchange) at the request of ODOT.

A motion was made by Robert Ruse and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the modification as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly reported that the committee discussed bicycle safety and house bill 288. They have also discussed the recommendation of a policy for cycle tracks/protective bikeways.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that the committee discussed the plan projects related to freight and were approved.

Planning – Ron Myers reported that the committee discussed the safety performance measures and are in the projects phase of the plan update.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer reported the committee is working on the system preservation list for the long range plan.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse was unable to attend the meeting. Nothing new to report at this time.

Passenger Rail – Tim Porter stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

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

Major Projects – Kacey Young reported that I-75 is moving right along. 75 near I-280 will close on Friday for 7-14 days to repair.

Autonomous Vehicle Steering Committee – Edgar Avila reported that the last committee meeting was held in conjunction with ODOT regarding Ohio's framework for connected and autonomous vehicles.

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

TMACOG will host a meeting with the Detroit Canadian Consul General to discuss the Gordie Howe International Bridge Project at the TMACOG Board of Trustees meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) held a working session on September 25<sup>th</sup> and will conduct the draft voting session on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The final voting session is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Roundtable** – Nothing to discuss.

Upcoming events:

- **TMACOG Tech – Tools, Rules, and Legal Components for Managing Meetings** – Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-10:30am, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby
- **Active Transportation Academy: Conducting Walk and Bike Audits** – Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, noon-4:00 pm at Washington Jr High.
- **Access Ohio 2045 Public Meeting** – Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-7:00 pm, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby
- **Hyperloop Stakeholder and Public Meetings** – Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am-noon in the Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby

**Next Meeting/Adjournment** – The next meeting will be November 6, 2019. A motion for adjournment was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Keith Earley.

## **Transportation Council Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2019**