



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

Members and Alternates Present: Keith Earley, Joe Shaw, Mike Brillhart (VA), Oliver Turner (VA), Lori Brodie, Chris Delaney, Ted Bowlus, Mary Ellen Poturalski, John Musteric, Doug Stephens, Aaron Behrman (VA), Tom Kovacik, Ray Huber, Tim Porter, Shelley Papenfuse, Edgar Avila, Ken Fallows, Mike Gramza, Robert Ruse

Other Interested Parties Present: Ferzan Ahmed, Adam Greenslade, Kathy Streng, Julie Thomas

TMACOG Staff Present: Marissa Bechstein, Jodi Cole, Lance Dasher, Dave Gedeon, 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 Ken Fallows to approve the August 14, 2019 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Amendment #1 – Nate Reiter explained that the amendment reduces the overall transportation budget by \$23,212 due to a lower than anticipated amount of carryover funds. In the amendment, funds for element 66520 – Autonomous Vehicle Special Study were increased by \$20,000 to adjust for the anticipated workload and other elements were adjusted to keep the budget in balance. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the amendment as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Ohio Turnpike Introduction and Update – Ferzan Ahmed was appointed as the Executive Director of the Ohio Turnpike in February. Ferzan asked to speak to the Transportation Council and introduce himself and update members on Turnpike activities and initiatives.

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) Scoring and Funding Recommendation – Lance Dasher informed the committee that the TIP Scoring Committee met to review and score the submitted applications and forwarded a funding recommendation to the TIP Committee. The TIP Committee reviewed and approved the funding recommendation at their August meeting. A motion was made by Tom Kovacik and seconded by Doug Stephens to approve the recommendation as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

TMACOG FY 2019 Annual Work Program Completion Report – Dave Gedeon provided a one page highlight of the accomplishments from FY 2019. Because ODOT requires that the MPO policy board approve the Completion Report, it is now submitted to Transportation Council for consideration prior to advancing to the TMACOG Executive Committee. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Robert Ruse; the motion passed unanimously.

2019 TMACOG Prospectus – Dave Gedeon explained that TMACOG recently completed an agency prospectus to satisfy an ODOT Central Office request. The document describes the agency's planning functions, identifies the organizational and committee structure, membership, and funding. While not a required document, it is a good desk reference to help understand how TMACOG functions. This document will be reviewed and updated as needed.

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:

Lance reported that by federal law, TMACOG is required to produce an annual listing of federal funds that have been obligated (budgeted and assigned to a project) in the previous fiscal year. These funds are

documented in the TIP. In FY 2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019), federal money obligated for transportation projects in Lucas and Wood counties was approximately \$84.2 million for 125 projects.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O’Reilly was unable to attend the meeting. Lance Dasher reported that there has been no meeting. There is nothing new to report at this time.

Freight – Ray Huber reported that there has been no meeting. There is nothing new to report at this time.

Planning – Ron Myers was unable to attend the meeting. Marissa Bechstein reported that the committee discussed the organization and local government survey results. Next steps will be to discuss the fiscal analysis.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend the meeting. There was nothing new to report at this time.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse reported that the committee met on August 28. Ohio Transportation Planning Partnership (OTPP) program has approximately \$44 million available and is accepting applications for projects. Shelley also reported that the Lucas County Blue Ribbon Task Force has finalized their report and will be distributed and ready for public consumption on September 10. One of the main results that was reported was they will be recommending a county wide sales tax to better fund TARTA.

Passenger Rail – Tim Porter reported that the committee continued to discuss the 2020 Plan update.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Kacey Young was unable to attend the meeting. Aaron Behrman reported that the Dorr Street project is up for bid. The other 2 I-75 projects are moving along well. The 20A project is before TRAC and we should hear about the scoring around the end of October.

Autonomous Vehicle Steering Committee – Edgar Avila reported the next meeting will be held on September 19. It will be a joint ODOT/DriveOhio meeting to review the findings from previously held stakeholder meetings.

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

Dave stated that the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program (OBPP) provides federal funds to counties and municipalities for roadway bridge replacement projects. To be eligible for OBPP, the bridge must have a general appraisal rating of ≤ 4 , be owned by a city or county and must be open to vehicular traffic. It must also be non-historic and meet the federal definition of a bridge, i.e. have an NBIS bridge length greater than 20 feet. This annual solicitation process will be for a rolling three-year program and the solicitation process will begin September 1 of each year and close on October 15.

Dave also mentioned that TMACOG staff is working on an interactive map gallery to replace many of the static maps currently available on the TMACOG website.

Roundtable – Nothing to discuss.

Upcoming events:

- **Access to Building under the ADA Act** – Friday, September 27th, 9:00am-12:00pm, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby
- **TMACOG Tech – Tools, Rules, and Legal Components for Managing Meetings** – Wednesday, October 9th, 8:30am-10:30am, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby
- **Active Transportation Academy: Conducting Walk and Bike Audits** – Thursday, October 10th, noon-4:00 pm, Location TBD
- **Access Ohio 2045 Public Meeting** – Wednesday, October 15th, 4:00-7:00 pm, MLK Jr Plaza Grand Lobby

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next meeting will be October 2, 2019. A motion for adjournment was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Keith Earley.

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