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**Date:** August 12, 2019  
**To:** Keith Earley, Chair  
Joe Shaw, Vice Chair  
Members of the Transportation Council  
**From:** David Gedeon, Vice President of Transportation  
**Subject:** **TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPORT FOR AUGUST 14, 2019 MEETING**

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This report is an update of staff activity and background on selected agenda items for our next Transportation Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. The agenda and meeting materials are available at [www.tmacog.org/Transportation/trancom.htm](http://www.tmacog.org/Transportation/trancom.htm). If you would like a hard copy or have any problems accessing any of the information, please contact Jodi Cole (ext. 1120). If you have any questions or concerns on any agenda items, please contact me (ext. 1125).

Financial Reports (Agenda III – for approval) – The financial report for fiscal year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 is submitted for approval. Through July 27<sup>th</sup>, with approximately 7.5% of fiscal year 2019 completed, the overall program was under budget with 6% expended.

TMACOG TIP Solicitation (Agenda IV – for information) – Lance Dasher will discuss the recently held TIP solicitation for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP), Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ), and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. This summer we received 35 STBGP applications totaling around \$70M, 13 CMAQ applications asking for approximately \$23M, and 8 TAP applications requesting \$3.1 in federal funds. A scoring committee made up of TIP Committee members will score and rank the applications at an upcoming meeting.

Statewide TRAC Process and District 2 Application (Agenda V - for information) – Kacey Young will discuss the recently held round of Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) projects. ODOT District 2 submitted one project this year, the 3-lane widening of I-475 from Airport Hwy to US 24 and the construction of the US 20A interchange. The project scored 69.5 points and is ranked third among the 27 projects received statewide. A well-attended public hearing was held on August 6<sup>th</sup> where TMACOG and ODOT spoke on the merits of the project.

TARTA Update (Agenda VI – for information) – Representatives from TARTA will speak about the recent changes that have taken place at TARTA including the change of General Manager and changes to the Board of Trustees due to the passing of past President Chuck Larkins.

Public Comment Period (Agenda VII) – Comments from the public.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Agenda X) – From Committee chairs

FY 2018-2021 TIP Modification #11 (for Approval) – TIP modification #11 requests the addition of \$97,232 to PID 99004 (WOO North Baltimore Central Business District Enhancement) for the City of North Baltimore, the movement of PID 98999 (LUC Kilburn Road Bike Lanes Phase I) from FY 2021 to FY 2020 at the request of Lucas County, and switching the source of funds on PID 10163 (LUC 280 2.81 Veterans Glass City Skyway) from federal to state at the request of ODOT.

Vice President's Report (Agenda XI – for discussion) – In addition to the above agenda topics and information covered in the Committee Reports, the following are other items members of Transportation Council should be aware of.

- A. With the approval of the increased gasoline tax, there was a requirement added to the Ohio Revised Code that states the following:
- Any agency or entity, including a local government entity, that receives funding derived from the motor fuel tax levied under Chapter 5735. of the Revised Code, and either expends the funds on a project that takes more than seven business days to complete, or expends \$500,000 or more of the funds, shall include on that agency or entity's web site annual status updates on how the funds are being used. Such information may include how much money is spent, when the money is spent, on what projects the money is spent, and similar information demonstrating to the public the use of funds received. Ohio Rev. Code § 5735.43*
- B. TMACOG staff is working with partners including ConneCToledo, the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, the City of Toledo, TARTA, the University of Toledo, and the Metroparks of the Toledo Area to develop a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant. The project is focused on areas around Downtown Toledo and the riverfront to improve parking technology, wayfinding, establish an autonomous shuttle, and improve multimodal transportation options.
- C. Governor DeWine requested that ODOT compile a list of the top 150 locations needing safety improvements. The list includes 50 urban, 50 suburban, and 50 rural intersections. Of the 150 locations, eleven (11) projects are located in District 2 and seven (7) are in the TMACOG area. ODOT will fully pay for and manage the projects. Ten (10) locations are under construction this summer, five (5) locations are being built by district or local forces, 91 locations are under design or being assigned consultants (have already completed safety studies), 28 locations are under study, and 23 locations are under review because of design complexity.
- D. TMACOG has hired Marissa Bechstein to support our long-range planning and transit efforts. Marissa previously worked for the Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) in Defiance. She attended Bowling Green State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in environmental policy and analysis and her master's in public administration.
- E. The Ohio Department of Transportation will conduct a second round of Access Ohio 2045 Public Meetings this fall. A session will be held in Toledo on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 pm in the Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby.
- F. TMACOG is again partnering with the Ability Center who will conduct a session titled “Access to Buildings under the ADA Act” to be held on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby. Department of Justice architect, Diane Perry, will offer an overview of ADA accessibility requirements, an informative panel will discuss the intersection of the ADA and the Ohio Building Code, and Mark Achinger from Habitat for Humanity will discuss the creation of a universal design floor plan at this free seminar.
- G. In July, TMACOG hosted an event with ODOT entitled Walk.Bike.Ohio. The effort is ODOT's first plan to focus on walking and biking policies and programs around the state. More information on the initiative can be found at <http://Transportation.Ohio.Gov/WalkBike> and a survey will remain open until September 1<sup>st</sup> to provide comments. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WalkBikeOhio>
- H. TMACOG Upcoming events:
- **Access to Building under the ADA Act** – Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-12:00pm, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby
  - **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
  - **Access Ohio 2045 Public Meeting** – Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-7:00 pm, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby