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To: Keith Earley, Chair
James Bagdonas, Vice Chair
Members of the Transportation Council

From: David Gedeon, Vice President of Transportation

Subject: **TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2018 MEETING**

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, February 7, 2018. The agenda and meeting materials are available at 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 2018 beginning July 1, 2017 through December 30, 2017 is submitted for approval. With 49.81% of fiscal year 2018 completed, the overall program is under budget with 36.3% expended.

Christopher Van Newhouse, ODOT MPO Liaison to TMACOG (Agenda IV – for introduction) – Chris Van Newhouse was recently assigned as the ODOT Central Office Liaison to TMACOG. He succeeds Ron Reitman and Andrew Shepler in that role. Chris is the primary point of contact between TMACOG and ODOT Central Office.

Michigan Safety Performance Targets (Agenda V – for approval) – In 2012, Congress enacted the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) which required setting performance targets and measures in a variety of areas including safety. The required performance measures for safety include number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, fatality rate, serious injury rate, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. Since the TMACOG MPO extends into Monroe County, TMACOG must take action on the Michigan safety performance targets. MDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 14 MPOs in Michigan through the monthly Target Coordination Meetings and through discussions at various meetings of the Michigan Transportation Planning Association. MDOT subsequently released their 2017 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) report that set numerical safety performance targets for each of the five safety performance measures. Once state DOT's set their performance targets, MPO's have 180 days to either adopt statewide targets or commit to a quantifiable target for that performance measure for their MPO area. MPO's must receive approval from their MPO board on safety targets by February 27, 2018 to meet the deadline.

FY 2019 Transportation Annual Work Program (Agenda VI – approval for submittal) – The draft of the annual work program is being presented to Transportation Council for approval will be submitted to ODOT on March 2nd. The FY 2019 major work products are listed on a one page summary provided at the meeting and on the Council webpage. Individual work element sections have been reviewed and approved by the Transportation Committees that have met in the past couple months. The final Annual Work Program document is due to ODOT on May 4, 2018.

Permissive License Plate Fees (Agenda VII – for discussion) – Keith Earley will discuss the funding needs in Lucas County and a proposal to increase the Lucas County permissive tax by \$5. Wood County and Ottawa County are considering a similar increase as well.

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

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

FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment #5 (for approval) – TIP Amendment #5 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. The amendment adds four projects at the request of project sponsors (Toledo Metroparks: Swan Creek Trail and Riverside Trail East, Lucas County: Dorr and McCord Roundabout, City of Toledo: Jefferson Cycle Track) and modifies two projects at the request of project sponsors (Wood County: CR 107 1.73 Oregon Rd, Lucas County: Kilburn Rd Bike Lanes). These projects utilize TMACOG managed funds.

Approval of TIP Members (for approval) – Following an amendment to the TIP Committee Operating Procedures a year or so ago, the approval of TIP members is now done by the Transportation Council. This action replaces voting at the Transportation Summit. The 2018 roster has been approved by the TIP Committee and has been advanced to the Council for final approval.

Vice President's Report (Agenda X – 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. TMACOG has hired Dana Doubler, Transportation Planner, to add to staff replacing Rebekka Aparadian. Dana previously work with the Lima-Allen County Region Planning Commission. Her work responsibilities include the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Public Transit Committee.
- B. Congress is up against a funding deadline once again. Congress needs to adopt an omnibus spending bill by this Friday, February 8, to fund the government for the remainder of the year and avoid another government shutdown. Of course, they could pass their fifth short-term continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government running at current (2017) funding levels.
- C. ODOT has begun an update to Ohio's long-range transportation plan, Access Ohio 2045. The purpose of Access Ohio is to guide, inform and support ODOT's policies and investment strategies for the coming years. The update is expected to be completed in the winter of 2019. The first round of regional public meetings has been scheduled and ODOT will be in Toledo on Wednesday, May 9th at TMACOG. A stakeholder meeting will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 and a general public meeting from 6:00 – 8:00.
- D. The Ohio LTAP Center has announced the following free session of the 1-day workshop, *ADA Self-Evaluations/Transition Plans and Overview of Elements of Public Right-of-Way Accessibility*. The session will be held in Bowling Green on May 15th at ODOT District 2 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. To register, please use the following website - <https://ltap.enrollware.com/enroll?id=2077350>
- E. Upcoming events:
 - **TMACOG Tech: Making Harassment Unacceptable in your Workplace Culture** – February 13, 2018, Grand Lobby of Dr Martin Luther King Jr Plaza, 10:00 am – 11:30 am,
 - **2018 Transportation Summit** – March 16, 2018, The Premier, Toledo, 8:00 am – 2 pm
 - **Bike Month** – Various events throughout the month of May.