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**Date:** February 4, 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 FEBRUARY 6, 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, February 6, 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 2019 beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 is submitted for approval. Through December 28<sup>th</sup>, with just under 50% of fiscal year 2019 completed, the overall program was under budget with 38% expended.

2019 Safety Performance Targets for Ohio and Michigan (Agenda IV – for approval) – 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 2019 Ohio and Michigan safety targets were reviewed by the Planning Committee and it was decided that TMACOG should again adopt state targets. The targets are now brought before the Transportation Council for approval.

2019-2020 Transportation Legislative Agenda (Agenda V - for approval) – Austin Mack will present the updated Transportation Legislative Agenda for approval. The approach for this update was to again create a series of ten whitepapers expressing the consensus of the Transportation Coalition members that provided input. Topics covered include funding, logistics, and modal transportation.

Fix Our Roads (FOR) Ohio – Transportation Funding Issues (Agenda VI – for information) – A coalition of transportation stakeholders, including MPOs, local government, business, and transportation associations, have united in an effort to educate Ohio leaders of the needs of Ohio's transportation infrastructure and the need for a stable, dedicated funding solution. The coalition created a briefing that identifies Ohio's infrastructure needs and presents a package of revenue-raising options for the state to consider.

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 #7 (for Approval) – TIP modification #7 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. The modification adds federal and local funding to the N. Baltimore Enhancement Project (PID 99004) and changes the source of funding from state to local on the LUC 475 Interchange and Widening project (PID 88084).

FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment #13 (for approval) – TIP Amendment #13 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. The amendment modifies one project at the request of Rossford (WOO SR65/Lime City/Colony), modifies one project at the request of Wood County (WOO CR 107 1.73 Oregon Rd) and one project at the request of Toledo (LUC US 24 20.07 – Detroit Ave).

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. The consultant agreement between the City of Toledo and Transportation Economics & Management Systems, Inc (TEMS) for the Toledo-Detroit Passenger Rail Study has been executed by all parties and TEMS is currently working on the study. Alex Metcalf from TEMS has committed to speak at the Transportation Summit and discuss the study results.
- B. Gov. DeWine has named Jack Marchbanks as Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation. Director Marchbanks previously served as District 6 Deputy Director from May 1996 to January 2007 and again from June 2016 to July 2017. Most recently he served as Assistant Director for Business & Human Resources from July 2017 to January 2019. He also served on the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) and has worked in the private sector as Business Development & Marketing Director for PRIME AE Group, Inc.
- C. On January 13<sup>th</sup>, Randy Cole left the Ohio Turnpike Commission to take on a new position with Cleveland based company Ownum as Executive Vice President and Chief Solutions Officer, a blockchain company. Martin S. Seekely, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Executive Director, was appointed to serve as the Interim Executive Director until the Commission conducts a search and appoints a permanent Executive Director.
- D. The 2019 Ohio Conference on Freight has been scheduled for August 8-9 in Cleveland.
- E. TMACOG Upcoming events:
  - **TMACOG Transportation Summit** – Friday, March 29, 2019 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm at The Premier