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Date: June 4, 2018
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 JUNE 6, 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, June 6, 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 April 20, 2018 is submitted for approval. With 80.5% of fiscal year 2018 completed, the overall program is under budget with 61.4% expended.

TARTA Move Toledo Strategic Plan (Agenda IV – for information) – Jim Gee will give a presentation on the recently completed Move Toledo Strategic Vision for TARTA.

Safety Locations Report (Agenda V – for information) – Marc VonDeylen will provide an overview of the latest Safety Locations Report, explaining the data sources and report methodology and show examples of the report's data pages.

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

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

FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment #8 (for approval) – TIP Amendment #8 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. The amendment modifies one project at the request of TARTA for the Downtown Transit Hub and modifies two projects at the request of ODOT (Kilburn Rd Bike Lanes and LUC 75 3.00 Vandal Fence). The Kilburn Rd Bike Lanes project utilizes TMACOG managed funds while the TARTA and ODOT Vandal Fence projects do not.

TARTA Support Letter (for approval) – At their May meeting, the Public Transit Committee approved the drafting of a letter to support TARTA's sales tax initiative. The letter is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval to advance to the TMACOG Board of Trustees.

Vice President's Report (Agenda VIII – 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. Based on FHWA Guidance dated April 23, 2018, TMACOG staff will be performing a conformity analysis for the 2045 Plan and the FY 2018-2021 TIP. A conformity determination was not required when the Plan and TIP were approved but a recent federal court ruling put the requirement back in

place that TMACOG and 81 other MPO's across the country must demonstrate conformity with the 1997 ozone standard. If the schedule proposed by TMACOG is approved, the conformity documentation will be presented to the Transportation Council in August.

- B. TMACOG has been working with the consultant team that is conducting the Downtown Toledo Traffic Study. Staff has been reviewing base year TAZ files from our regional transportation model which will be provided to the team for study area modeling work. ODOT has a consultant under contract to perform the model work with TMACOG picking up half the expense and ODOT paying the other half. The total cost of the modeling work is estimated at \$55,000.
- C. States were required to identify Performance Management targets by May 20th for Pavement and Bridge Conditions, Travel Time Reliability and Freight Movement, CMAQ Traffic Congestion, and Total CMAQ Emission Reductions. TMACOG received the Ohio statewide targets from ODOT and we should soon receive the information from MDOT. The targets will be reviewed and approved by the applicable transportation subcommittee and will move to the Transportation Council at a future meeting. MPO's have until November to approve the state's targets or to approve their own.
- D. The Gas Cap Testing and Replacement Program kicked off on Tuesday, June 5th. There will be 24 testing dates at various Kroger, Circle K, True North/Shell, and Barney's Convenience Mart fueling stations through August 2nd. All testing events take place from 1:00-3:00 pm and the schedule can be found here: http://www.tmacog.org/gascap_body.htm. Testing is done through a partnership with the City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services.
- E. TMACOG has hired two student interns to assist with the traffic counting program. Both will be on staff until August 24th, performing traffic and pedestrian/bike counts and GIS work.
- F. Ohio EPA released the first Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund grant application opportunity on Monday, June 4. The Request for Proposals and application links are located here - <http://epa.ohio.gov/oe/#131365122-vw-mitigation-grants>. A total of \$15 million is available for grant awards between \$50,000 and \$2 million, to repower or replace medium and heavy duty diesel engines and vehicles in 26 Ohio priority counties. Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky and Erie Counties were designated as Second Priority Areas. Applications must be submitted online by August 3, 2018. Webinars for applicants will be held on June 20 at 10 am and on June 26 at 1 pm (registration is required).

Upcoming events:

- **Summer Caucuses with State Lawmakers** – Wednesday, August 1st from 8:00 am – 12:45 pm at Penta Career Center