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Date: March 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 MARCH 6, 2019 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, March 6, 2019. 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 2019 beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 is submitted for approval. Through January 26th, with over 57% of fiscal year 2019 completed, the overall program was under budget with 47% expended.

Downtown Toledo Transportation Study Update (Agenda IV – for information) – Doug Stephens will provide an update on the study progress and public meetings.

TMACOG Draft FY 2020 Annual Work Program (Agenda V - for approval) – The draft of the annual work program is being presented to Transportation Council for approval. The FY 2020 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 3, 2019.

Ohio Transportation Budget Update (Agenda VI – for information) – At the February meeting, members heard about the Fix Our Roads Ohio (FOR Ohio) coalition and the alternatives presented to increase revenue for roadways and bridges in Ohio. Since that time, Governor DeWine has proposed an 18 cents per gallon increase in the state gasoline tax (and indexed to inflation beginning in 2020), potentially generating approximately \$1.2 B annually. If passed as proposed, the tax increase would take effect on July 1, 2019. The current proposal does not address fees for hybrid or electric vehicles. Additionally, the proposal would increase funding for transit from about \$33M to \$40M from Ohio's Federal Flex funds. Ohio's transportation budget bill (House Bill 62) must be signed by March 31st.

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 #8 (for Approval) – TIP modification #8 modifies one project at the request of TARTA (PID 99911 TARTA Buses) to move the project back one fiscal year from FY 2019 to FY 2020.

FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment #14 (for approval) – TIP Amendment #14 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. The amendment adds four projects and modifies five projects at the request of TARTA.

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. As Mike Gramza presented at the February meeting, there will be a significant amount of work taking place on I-75 for the next few years and that will impact access to the TMACOG office. The ramp from northbound I-75 to Collinwood Blvd and the on ramp from Collinwood Blvd to southbound I-75 will close on Friday, March 8th. Other closures will occur throughout the construction process as well. TMACOG will produce maps identifying routes to access the building and send them out with meeting announcements.
- B. TMACOG hosted a meeting on March 4th with Lucas County stakeholders to discuss the Volkswagen EPA settlement and grant opportunities to fund locations for Level 2 and DC Fast Charging stations for electric vehicles. It is anticipated that grants will be available in the fall of 2019 for eligible counties in Ohio. Representatives from Ohio EPA were on hand to explain the program and solicit input from attendees on where we felt would be good locations for electric vehicle charging stations and on how the grant should be structured.
- C. ODOT has a data contract allowing the use of StreetLight and Inrix Data by the DOT and other state departments as well as by local governments. The data comes from GPS systems in cars and trucks as well as mobile phones and is anonymous and aggregated. Tools include a product called Dangerous Slowdowns which lets public agencies and drivers know when traffic is rapidly slowing down and creating traffic risks. We anticipate that a tool will soon be available to analyze pedestrian and bicycle data.
- D. The Ohio Turnpike Commission has announced Ferzan Ahmed as their new Executive Director, replacing Randy Cole. Mr. Ahmed previously served as Vice President at AECOM, as Delaware County Administrator and as ODOT's District Deputy Director of District 6 around Columbus.
- E. If you haven't already done so, please determine who your alternate will be and let us know. In the event that members are unable to attend a meeting, the designated alternates may vote in their place.
- F. TMACOG Upcoming events:
 - **TMACOG Transportation Summit** – Friday, March 29, 2019 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm at The Premier