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**Date:** April 30, 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 MAY 2, 2018 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, May 2, 2018. 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 2018 beginning July 1, 2017 through March 24, 2018 is submitted for approval. With 72.4% of fiscal year 2018 completed, the overall program is under budget with 54.7% expended.

TMACOG Self-Certification (Agenda IV – for approval) – Each year, TMACOG must certify that the transportation planning process complies with federal regulations and laws pertaining to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's). The resolution lists the main federal planning regulations that require a TIP, a Long Range Transportation Plan, an Annual Work Program, Community Involvement program, and other elements of the MPO process. It also lists the laws and regulations that MPO's must comply with including the Environmental Justice Executive Order, Disadvantage and Minority Business Enterprise Participation regulations, Americans with Disabilities, Clean Air, and Civil Rights laws. To the best of our knowledge and appropriate to the scope and complexity of transportation issues in our area, the TMACOG planning process complies with these laws and regulations.

Local Road Focused Approach (Agenda V – for information) – Lisa Householder will discuss the Local Road Focused Approach Initiative and the projects that we selected through this FHWA safety program.

Multimodal Needs Assessment (Agenda VI – for information) – Dana Doubler will present information on the Multimodal Needs Assessment. The report identifies gaps and needs in the regional transportation system and is used as an information resource in the Long Range Transportation Plan process.

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

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

FY 2018-2021 TIP Modification #4 (for approval) – TIP Modification #4 is being presented to the Transportation Council for approval. The modification administratively modifies the FY 2018-2021 TIP to include a narrative on the inclusion of the safety targets that were approved in November of 2017.

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. Last week, USDOT announced that the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) transportation grants will replace the existing TIGER grant program. The administration will continue to award a greater share to rural areas, including support for rural broadband. The Notice of Funding Opportunity for BUILD is \$1.5 billion. USDOT is hosting a series of webinars during the FY 2018 BUILD grant application process. A webinar on how to compete for BUILD Transportation Grants for all applicants will be held on Thursday, May 24; a webinar for rural and tribal applicants will be held on Tuesday, May 29; and a webinar on how to prepare a benefit-cost analysis for a BUILD application will be held on Thursday, May 31.
- B. The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) sent out notification that they will not be seeking applications for funding this year. TRAC will consider unanticipated engineering and right-of-way needs on a case-by-case basis for existing TRAC projects as they arise. Additionally, TRAC will conduct regional public hearings later this summer/fall allowing project sponsors to provide an update about project status, development and future funding needs.
- C. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, FHWA announced the apportionment of Highway Infrastructure Program Funds pursuant to the Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2018. In total, \$1,980,000,000 has been apportioned through the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) and will be suballocated in the same manner as they were in the FAST Act with 52% of funds going to local areas. Funds to urbanized areas are determined by population and TMACOG will receive \$1,485,572. Funds will be available for obligation until September 30, 2021.
- D. Marketing for the 2018 Ozone Action Season will begin in May with ads in local publications, web ads, sponsorship of a Glass City Pedicab, billboards, signage at 5/3 Field, and television and radio ads.
- E. Upcoming events:
  - **Train Day** – May 5, 2018, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza, 9:30 am – 4 pm
  - **Access Ohio 2045 Plan Meetings** – Local Partner Workshop: Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm – 4 pm in the TMACOG Boardroom; Public Workshop: Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm – 7pm, MLK Plaza Grand Lobby
  - **Bike Month** – Various events throughout the month of May.
  - **Summer Caucuses with State Lawmakers** – Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 am – 12:45 pm at Penta Career Center