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Date: April 29, 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 MAY 1, 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, May 1, 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 March 23rd, with approximately 73% of fiscal year 2019 completed, the overall program was under budget with 56% 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.

Ohio Transportation Budget and Gas Tax Update (Agenda V - for information) – Patrick McColley will discuss components of the Ohio FY 2020-2021 Transportation Budget, the status of the gasoline tax and the upcoming round of TRAC funding.

Toledo-Detroit Passenger Rail Feasibility Study (Agenda VI – for information) – Toledo City Councilman Chris Delaney will update on the recent release of the passenger rail feasibility study between Toledo and Detroit and the next steps in the process. The draft report was released a couple weeks ago and has identified a strong case for development of a Toledo-Detroit-Ann Arbor rail service with a major hub at the DTW Airport.

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 #9 (for Approval) – TIP modification #9 adds language to the FY 2018-2021 TIP under the performance measures section for PM 2 (pavement and bridge condition) and PM 3 (travel time reliability) to comply with federal requirements.

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. We will be sending out emails to all Transportation Council members confirming your voting membership and requesting the name of your official alternate. With the last update to the Council operating procedures, we included appointment of alternates that are permitted to vote and count towards the quorum when the voting member is unable to attend. We would like to make the appointment of alternates official and add them to the council roster.
- B. The 2019 Ozone Action Season kicked off on April 22nd with the initial ozone forecasts of the year. TMACOG partners with the City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services to implement the program. The city will communicate the ozone forecasts two to three times per week predicting one of four levels of air quality conditions: Good, Satisfactory, Precautionary Measures should be taken by Sensitive Groups, and Caution. TMACOG has conducted media buys to increase the awareness of the harmful effects of ground-level ozone and the things residents can do to keep levels low. The Gas Cap Testing and Replacement Program will begin in late May/early June for its 19th season.
- C. TMACOG will be hosting an initial stakeholder meeting to review and prioritize the transportation safety needs in the TMACOG planning area for the development of a regional safety plan. The first meeting will be used to share information about crash trends and characteristics, establish a safety vision and goals and objectives, and to discuss key safety issues and location in the region and obtain feedback on priorities. The meeting will be held Thursday, May 9th from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the MLK Plaza Grand Lobby.
- D. TMACOG will host an Active Transportation Academy training session on Thursday, June 27th from Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the MLK Plaza Grand Lobby titled Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Implementation. The session will be presented by ODOT's Local technical Assistance Program (LTAP). Later programs in the Active Transportation Academy will address how communities can conduct a bike/walk audit (September, 2019), and the role of active transportation in public health and equity (date TBD).
- E. TMACOG Upcoming events:
 - **TMACOG Bike Month** – Various dates and location throughout the month of May
<http://www.tmacog.org/bikemonth/>
 - **TMACOG Regional Safety Planning Meeting** – Thursday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, MLK Plaza Grand Lobby
 - **Active Transportation Academy: Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Implementation** – Thursday, June 27, Noon to 4:00 p.m., MLK Plaza Grand Lobby
 - **Summer Caucuses with State Lawmakers** – Wednesday, July 31, 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Penta Career Center, Perrysburg