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**Date:** November 1, 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 NOVEMBER 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, November 4, 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 Report (Agenda III – for approval) – The financial report for fiscal year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 is submitted for approval. Through September 21<sup>st</sup>, with approximately 23% of fiscal year 2020 completed, the overall program was under budget with 19.77% expended. It should also be noted that this financial report reflects the original program budgets. The TMACOG Board of Trustees approved the budget revision on October 16 so the next report presented to Council will contain the updated figures.

Council Chair and Vice Chair Election (Agenda Item IV - for approval) – The Transportation Council leadership positions are appointed annually by the TMACOG Chair. The Council nominates and votes on the Chair and Vice Chair positions typically at the December meeting. This process is being moved up by one month to be conducted by Council Chair Keith Earley prior to his retirement in December. Nominations will be opened for discussion and action at the meeting. Joe Shaw, City of Sylvania Deputy Public Service Director, and Mike Pniewski, Lucas County Chief Deputy Engineer, have self-nominated for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Toledo-Detroit Passenger Rail Connection Update (Agenda V – for information) – Roger Streiffert will update the Council on the progress and status of the Toledo-Detroit Passenger Rail Connection.

Section 5310 Open House and Upcoming Project Solicitation (Agenda VI - for approval) – Marissa Bechstein and Marc VonDeylen will provide an update on the 5310 Open House held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and the upcoming project solicitation.

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

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

Vice President's Report (Agenda IX – 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. HB 288 seeks to amend Ohio law regarding eminent domain. The bill, if enacted, would amend section 163.022 of the ORC to prohibit the use of eminent domain for the purpose of providing a recreational trail. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, the TMACOG Board of Trustees approved a resolution taking a position opposing HB 288. Amendments to the bill are anticipated but have not been submitted to this point.

- B. The TMACOG Transportation department undergoes a certification review every four (4) years by the Federal Highway administration (FWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The certification review is scheduled for January 14-15, 2020. FHWA and FTA will conduct a desk review in mid-November and met with TMACOG staff in January. A public meeting must be held as part of the review and that will take place on January 14<sup>th</sup> (time - TBD). Announcement for the public meeting will be made after schedules have been firmed up with FHWA.
- C. TMACOG staff has been work with members of the Autonomous Vehicle Steering Committee to develop an application for FY2021 Build funding. The project was focused on Downtown Toledo and included an autonomous shuttle, pedestrian and bicycling components, and parking improvements. At a meeting in September, ConnecToledo and the Metroparks of the Toledo Area described a project that they have been working on to submit to the Build program. It was determined that our best opportunity to receive funding from this highly competitive federal program would be to consolidate efforts. TMACOG staff and the committee will be assisting the Metroparks and ConnecToledo in the development of an application for the Nautical Mile project along the Maumee River.
- D. TMACOG has lost a member of its family. Diane Reamer-Evans lost her seven-year battle with cancer on October 25, 2019. Diane worked at TMACOG from 1992-2015. There will be a Celebration of Life at Monroe St. Church, 3613 Monroe St, Toledo, OH 43606 on Saturday, Nov 23. There will be a short visitation from 11-12 p.m., with a service at noon, followed by a meal.
- E. Public Administration Associate Austin Mack has left TMACOG to take a position with the Toledo Regional Association of Realtors to handle Government Affairs in a multicounty region. We wish Austin the best of luck in his future endeavors. We are reevaluating his previous position and will announce changes in the future.
- F. TMACOG Upcoming events:
- **TMACOG 2020 General Assembly** – Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-1:15pm, Hilton Garden Inn Perrysburg
  - **2020 Transportation Summit** – Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, , The Premier, Toledo, 8:00 am – 2 pm