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Date: September 27, 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 OCTOBER 2, 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, October 2, 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 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 August 24th, with approximately 15% of fiscal year 2019 completed, the overall program was under budget with 13.25% expended. It should also be noted that the financial report will reflect the original program budgets until Transportation Budget Amendment #1 is approved by the TMACOG Board of Trustees.

Safety Performance Targets for Ohio and Michigan (Agenda Item IV - for approval) – Under federal law, MPO's are required to annually review safety performance targets for their planning area. As a multi-state MPO, TMACOG must consider safety performance measure and targets for both Ohio and Michigan and can either adopt targets set by the respective states or approve targets that are consistent with state targets. The 2019 Ohio and Michigan safety targets were reviewed by the System Performance and Monitoring Committee and the Planning Committee and it was decided that TMACOG should again adopt state targets. The targets are now brought before the Transportation Council for approval.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Scoring and Funding Recommendation (Agenda V – for approval) – Lance Dasher and Ed O'Reilly will discuss the recently held TIP solicitation for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. The TAP Scoring Committee met to review and score the submitted applications and forwarded a funding recommendation to the TIP Committee. The TIP Committee reviewed and approved the funding recommendation at their September meeting for advancement to the Transportation Council.

Letter of Opposition to HB 288 (Agenda VI - for approval) – HB 288 was submitted as an emergency measure to amend Ohio law regarding eminent domain. The bill, if enacted, would amend section 163.022 of the ORC as follows:

Sec. 163.022. (A) As used in this section, "recreational trail" means a public trail that is used for hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, ski touring, canoeing, or other nonmotorized forms of recreational travel.

(B) No real property or any estate, right, or interest therein shall be appropriated under this chapter for the purpose of providing a recreational trail.

The TMACOG Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee opposes this bill and a letter from the committee was submitted stating their opposition. The issue is now before the Transportation Council as a step to make this an official position of TMACOG.

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

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

FY 2018-2021 TIP Modification #12 (for Approval) – TIP modification #12 requests that PID's 102122 (LUC SR 25 8.04 Reconstruct) and 94594 (LUCIR 75 1.10) be combined under PID 93594 (LUC IR 75 1.10: A multi-Lane & Major Bridge funded project (project # 2) to reconstruct the existing pavement and to rehabilitate/widen/replace existing bridges and reconstruction of SR-25 system to system interchange) at the request of ODOT.

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. TMACOG will host a meeting with the Detroit Canadian Consul General to discuss the Gordie Howe International Bridge Project at the TMACOG Board of Trustees meeting on April 15th, 2020.
- B. The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) held a working session on September 25th and will conduct the draft voting session on October 9th. The final voting session is scheduled for November 6th.
- C. TMACOG Upcoming events:
 - **TMACOG Tech – Tools, Rules, and Legal Components for Managing Meetings** – Wednesday, October 9th, 8:30am-10:30am, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby
 - **Active Transportation Academy: Conducting Walk and Bike Audits** – Thursday, October 10th, noon-4:00 pm at Washington Jr High.
 - **Access Ohio 2045 Public Meeting** – Tuesday, October 15th, 4:00-7:00 pm, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby
 - **Hyperloop Stakeholder and Public Meetings** – Thursday, October 17th, 10:30 am-noon (Stakeholder Meeting) and 4:30-6:00 pm (Public Meeting), both held in the Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby