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**Date:** August 30, 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 SEPTEMBER 4, 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, September 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).

FY 2020 Budget Amendment #1 (Agenda III – for approval) – TMACOG Budget Amendment #1 for submitted for approval. The original FY 2020 budget approved by TMACOG and ODOT includes estimates of planning funds and the amendment is necessary to include actual funding amounts and FY 2019 carryover dollars. The amendment reduces the overall transportation budget by \$23,212 due to a lower than anticipated amount of carryover funds. In the amendment, funds for element 66520 - Autonomous Vehicle Special Study were increased by \$20,000 to adjust for the anticipated workload and other elements were adjusted to keep the budget in balance. The budget amendment will go to the TMACOG Board of Trustees on October 16, 2019.

Ohio Turnpike Introduction and Update (Agenda Item IV - for discussion) – Ferzan Ahmed was appointed as the Executive Director of the Ohio Turnpike in February. Ferzan asked to speak to the Transportation Council and introduce himself and update members on Turnpike activities and initiatives.

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Scoring and Funding Recommendation (Agenda V – for approval) – Lance Dasher and Ed O'Reilly will discuss the recently held TIP solicitation for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Program. The TIP 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 August meeting for advancement to the Transportation Council.

TMACOG FY 2019 Annual Work Program Completion Report (Agenda VI - for approval) – As a condition for receiving federal transportation planning funds, TMACOG is required to submit a Completion Report to ODOT documenting work accomplished related to our Annual Work Program. ODOT requires that the MPO Policy Board approve the Completion Report thus it is now submitted to Transportation Council for consideration prior to advancing to the TMACOG Executive Committee. The FY 2019 highlights have been provided and the full document is available on the web page.

2019 TMACOG Prospectus (Agenda VII – for information) – TMACOG recently completed an agency prospectus to satisfy an ODOT Central Office request. The document describes the agency's planning functions, identifies the organizational and committee structure, membership, and funding. While not a required document, it is a good desk reference to understand how TMACOG functions. This document will be reviewed and updated as needed.

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

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

Annual List of Federally Obligated Funds (for information) – By federal law, TMACOG is required to produce an annual listing of federal funds that have been obligated (budgeted and assigned to a project) in the previous fiscal year. These funds are documented the Transportation Improvement Program (the TIP). In fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019), federal money obligated for transportation projects in Lucas and Wood counties was approximately \$84.2 million for 125 projects.

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. The Ohio Bridge Partnership Program (OBPP) provides Federal funds to counties and municipalities for roadway bridge replacement projects. A funding limit of \$1 million per project has been established. ODOT will provide 100% of eligible costs for construction only (including construction engineering, i.e. testing and inspection), up to the specified funding limit. To be eligible for the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program, the bridge must have a General Appraisal rating of  $\leq 4$ , be owned by a city or county and must be open to vehicular traffic. It must also be non-historic, and meet the federal definition of a bridge, i.e. have an NBIS bridge length greater than 20 feet. The project solicitation process will begin September 1st of each year, and close October 15th. This annual solicitation process will be for a rolling three-year program (i.e. September 2019 solicitation will be for the FY 2022-23 program years). The application form will be made available September 1st and must be completed and submitted on-line through the Office of Local Programs’ website.
- B. TMACOG staff are working on an interactive map gallery to replace many of the static maps currently in place on the TMACOG website. A demonstration of the new system will be given at a future Council meeting once the system is put in place.
- C. TMACOG Upcoming events:
  - **Access to Building under the ADA Act** – Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-12:00pm, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby
  - **TMACOG Tech – Tools, Rules, and Legal Components for Managing Meetings** – Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-10:30am, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby
  - **Active Transportation Academy: Conducting Walk and Bike Audits** – Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, noon-4:00 pm, Location TBD
  - **Access Ohio 2045 Public Meeting** – Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-7:00 pm, Martin Luther King Jr Plaza Grand Lobby