



Leadership Development Committee Meeting Minutes Friday, August 12, 2022

Members present: Mike Aspacher, Doris Herringshaw, Tom Mackin, Sandy Spang, Mark Stahl, Craig Stough, Dave Thompson; **Excused:** Scott Miller, Rhonda Sewell; **Staff present:** Tim Brown

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions – The Leadership Development Committee met on Friday, August 12, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom. Chair Mike Aspacher called the meeting to order after a quorum was confirmed. Tim Brown noted that Jennifer Allen was unable to attend the meeting due to a family matter.

Approval of Minutes – A ***motion*** was made by David Thompson and ***seconded*** by Doris Herringshaw to approve minutes from the June 10, 2022, meeting. The motion carried. A ***motion*** was made by Craig Stough and ***seconded*** by Mark Stahl to approve minutes from the July 8, 2022, meeting. The motion carried.

Public Comment Period – There were no representatives from the public present for comments.

NW Ohio Economic Development District Discussion – There was no discussion on this agenda. The committee is awaiting additional information from Russell Mills on the EDD position.

Approval of Resolution Support of an Improved Connection Between Northwest Ohio and Columbus – Mr. Brown provided members with an update on TMACOG's joint efforts with the Toledo Chamber and TAGNO regarding State Route 23 and ODOT. The committee discussed the region's efforts to convince the administration to build a bypass from State Route 23 to I-71 to create a better connection for both passengers and freight traffic to Columbus and the interior of the state. David Thompson specifically mentioned that such an improved connection would be beneficial to the entire region including Southeast Michigan. A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Thompson and ***seconded*** by Mr. Stough to approve *Resolution No. 2022-18, Urging Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to Reconsider the Decision to End the Route 23 Connect Study and Support an Improved Highway Connection Between Northwest Ohio and Columbus* as presented and to recommend its acceptance/adoption by the Transportation Council, Executive Committee, and subsequently by the Board of Trustees. The motion carried.

Potential Speakers/Topics for 2023 General Assembly – A decision was made to pursue having the new Director of Drive Electric Ohio, with Clean Fuels Ohio to be our speaker at the 2023 GA. The committee would like to keep open the possibility of having a panel discussion, or two or three speakers, should we find good presenters on other aspects of the electric vehicle initiative.

Any and All Other Business – There was no other business discussed.

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next regularly scheduled committee meeting will take place on Friday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m. The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.