

2045 Plan – Update 2020 and FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Air Quality Conformity Resolution – STAFF REPORT

TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 17, 2020

This resolution approves the 2045 Plan – Update 2020 and FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) air quality conformity determination as required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

In early 2018, the D.C. Circuit for the U.S. Court of Appeals issued a decision that again required conformity determinations for areas that previously were designated as maintenance under the 1997 ozone standard and designated as attainment for the 2008 ozone standard. It was determined that a quantitative conformity analysis was not required and that a qualitative analysis would be appropriate.

The Air Quality Conformity must include the latest planning assumptions, interagency consultation, transportation control measures, and fiscal constraint. The analysis covers both the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2045 Plan – Update 2020.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPROVING THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE “ON
THE MOVE: 2015-2045 TRANSPORTATION PLAN – UPDATE 2020” AND THE
FISCAL YEAR 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is a voluntary association of local governments and non-governmental partners in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, organized on May 31, 1968, and established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Michigan Public Act No. 7 (EX-SESS), and has carried out comprehensive metropolitan and regional planning since that date; and

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor through the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with local elected officials and is authorized to carry out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process (Process) for the Toledo Metropolitan Planning Area that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports community development and social goals; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has been designated by the United States Department of Transportation (U.S.DOT) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to direct, coordinate, and administer the Process in the Toledo Metropolitan Planning Area as mandated by the Congress in Titles 23 and 49 U.S.C.; and

WHEREAS, The U.S.DOT allocates to the Toledo Metropolitan Planning Organization through ODOT certain Federal-Aid funds for transportation-related projects and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act (Section 176(c)) requires that metropolitan transportation plans, Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and Federal projects are consistent with the State’s air quality goals in the State Implementation Plan (SIP); and

WHEREAS, the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, enacted by Congress in 2015, and the Code of Federal Regulations governing MPOs (23 C.F.R. 450) require that a Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) be updated every four years and cover at least a four-year time period and a metropolitan transportation plan addressing at least a twenty-year planning horizon and updated at least every five years in attainment areas; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2021-2024 TIP was prepared in accordance with Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration requirements and approved by the Board of Trustees on April 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the “On the Move: 2015-2045 Transportation Plan – Update 2020 was prepared in accordance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements and approved by the Board of Trustees on June 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the analysis and determination of conformity was conducted and demonstrates consistency with the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

THAT it approves the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the “On the Move: 2015-2045 Transportation Plan – Update 2020” and the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on June 17, 2020.

Yea _____, Nay _____, Abstain _____

Mark W. Stahl, Chair
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