

Approval of “On the Move: 2015-2045 Transportation Plan - Update 2020” – STAFF REPORT

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

The “On the Move: 2015-2045 Transportation Plan - Update 2020” is the region’s updated long range multimodal transportation plan, developed over a two-year period under the guidance of the TMACOG Transportation Planning Committee which served as the plan task force. The 2045 Plan is based on extensive public input from business and neighborhood leaders, employers, real estate experts, planners, educators, economic development professionals, and others. It lists 375 projects that are of high priority for our region, comprised of both “committed” projects that have at least some funding and “priority” projects for which funding is expected during the life of the plan based on fiscal estimates.

The “On the Move: 2015-2045 Transportation Plan – Update 2020” complies with the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) and associated federal regulations that establish procedures for transportation planning by MPOs such as TMACOG.

The 2045 Plan – Update 2020 established a vision and focused on eight specific goals established by the task force. These goals are:

“On the Move Vision Statement: We envision a vibrant region with a dynamic economy and high quality of life where transportation is a core strength.”

On the Move Plan Goals:

1. Safety: Reduce traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries across all modes.
2. Infrastructure condition: Maintain and improve the transportation system to a state of good repair.
3. Congestion reduction: Reduce congestion on the National Highway System (NHS)
4. System reliability: Improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system.
5. Freight movement: Strengthen freight access to national and international trade markets to support economic development
6. Environmental sustainability: Protect and enhance the community and natural environments.
7. Project delivery: Expedite project delivery to maximize effective use of public funds.
8. Personal mobility: Improve the quality, accessibility, and efficiency of the multimodal personal transportation system.

In addition to the recommended capital projects, the 2045 Plan – Update 2020 calls for 31 initiatives aimed at solving important regional needs through specific research, community education, and other collaborative undertakings. The plan also promotes a list of policies that are a resource for guiding future actions taken in the region.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
ADOPTING THE “ON THE MOVE: 2015-2045 TRANSPORTATION
PLAN – UPDATE 2020”**

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 for the Toledo Metropolitan Planning Area that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and support community development and social goals; and

WHEREAS, the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), enacted by Congress in 2015, and the Code of Federal Regulations governing MPOs (23 C.F.R. 450) require that a long range plan be updated every five years; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Committee, serving as the Long Range Plan Task Force under the Transportation Council, has developed the “On the Move: 2015-2045 Transportation Plan – Update 2020” over the past two years, selecting a comprehensive list of projects, initiatives, and policies that address important regional goals after substantial public input and technical analysis; and

WHEREAS, the “On the Move: 2015-2045 Transportation Plan – Update 2020” includes a financial analysis demonstrating the availability of more than \$3.86 billion in funding for transportation needs over the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS, our region can compete effectively for needed funding for transportation only if we are organized and focused on implementing an agreed upon set of priorities; and

WHEREAS, the TMACOG Transportation Council approved this resolution on May 6, 2020, and the TMACOG Executive Committee approved it on May 20, 2020;

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

Section 1:

THAT TMACOG adopts the “On the Move: 2015-2045 Transportation Plan – Update 2020” as the regional transportation plan for the Toledo Metropolitan Planning Area; and

Section 2:

THAT TMACOG supports the goals, projects, policies, and initiatives contained in the “On the Move: 2015-2045 Transportation Plan - Update 2020” and requests members and implementing agencies to incorporate the planning, design and construction and/or implementation of 2045 Plan – Update 2020 projects, initiatives, and policies into their planning for transportation improvements in their jurisdictions; and

Section 3:

THAT it is the policy of TMACOG to advocate for and be part of efforts to increase funding for needed transportation improvements for our region as identified in “On the Move: 2015-2045 Transportation Plan – Update 2020”.

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

Yea _____, Nay _____, Abstain _____

Mark W. Stahl, Chair
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