

APPROVING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER AND WILLIAMS COUNTY TO THE WABASH CANNONBALL CORRIDOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF TMACOG TO RELEASE TMACOG'S REVERSIONARY RIGHTS ON THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY BETWEEN THE NORTHWEST OHIO RAILS-TO-TRAILS ASSOCIATION AND THE VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER AND WILLIAMS COUNTY. – STAFF REPORT

TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
MAY 20, 2020

This resolution approves adding two new members to the Wabash Cannonball Corridor Coordinating Committee. The two new members are the Village of Montpelier and Williams County.

This resolution also authorizes the President of TMACOG to release TMACOG's reversionary rights when the Northwest Ohio Rails-to-Trails Association (NORTA) transfers their portions of the Wabash Cannonball Trail to the Village of Montpelier and Williams County.

TMACOG has historically made an effort to preserve any linear corridors when they become available for the advancement of multiuse trails and utility corridors. The Wabash Cannonball was a prime example of this.

TMACOG originally purchased the Wabash Cannonball corridor in 1994 from the Norfolk Southern railroad, and then TMACOG promptly transferred the property to the respective partners of NORTA, Metroparks Toledo, Lucas County, City of Maumee, City of Wauseon, and the Village of Whitehouse. When the transfer occurred, a reversionary clause was put in place to where TMACOG would have rights to the property if any transfers would occur in the future. The reasoning behind this was to ensure the integrity of the property would remain for a multiuse trail. The Village of Montpelier and Williams County have indicated that they will be pursuing opportunities to improve the corridor as a multiuse trail.

The section of the Wabash Cannonball corridor being transferred from NORTA to the Village of Montpelier is in Williams County between County Road 13 and County Road 17.

The section of the Wabash Cannonball corridor being transferred from NORTA to Williams County is in Williams County between County Road 17 to the Williams and Fulton county line.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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OF PROPERTY BETWEEN THE NORTHWEST OHIO RAILS-TO-TRAILS
ASSOCIATION AND THE VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER AND WILLIAMS COUNTY.**

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, TMACOG purchased the Wabash Cannonball Corridor from the Norfolk Southern railroad in 1994 and promptly transferred the property to the respective partners: Lucas County, the City of Maumee, Metroparks Toledo, Northwest Ohio Rails-to-Trails Association, the City of Wauseon, and the Village of Whitehouse; and

WHEREAS, TMACOG holds a revisionary interest in the Wabash Cannonball Corridor property; and

WHEREAS, the Wabash Cannonball Corridor Coordinating Committee is a subcommittee of TMACOG that meets on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the proposed addition of the Village of Montpelier and Williams County to the Wabash Cannonball Corridor Coordinating Committee, and the proposed property transfer between the Northwest Ohio Rails-to-Trails Association and the Village of Montpelier and Williams County was approved by the Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee on March 19, 2019, and by the Transportation Council on May 6, 2020; and

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

THAT it approves the membership of the Village of Montpelier and Williams County to the Wabash Cannonball Corridor Coordinating Committee; and

THAT it authorizes the president of TMACOG to release TMACOG's reversionary rights on the transfer of property between the Northwest Ohio Rails-to-Trails Association (NORTA) and the Village of Montpelier and Williams County.

Adopted by the Executive Committee on May 20, 2020.

Yea _____, Nay _____, Abstain _____

Mark W. Stahl, Chair
Toledo Metropolitan Area
Council of Governments (TMACOG)

Tim W. Brown, President
Toledo Metropolitan Area
Council of Governments (TMACOG)