



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020**

**Members and Alternates Present:** Joe Shaw, Angie Ruiz (VA), Chris Delaney, Mary Ellen Poturalski, Kim Dunham, Ray Huber, Kris Cousino, Ed O'Reilly, Stephanie Bartlett, Tim Porter, Edgar Avila, Ken Fallows, Mike Gramza, Robert Ruse

**Other Interested Parties Present:** None

**TMACOG Staff Present:** Marissa Bechstein, Jodi Cole, Lance Dasher, David Gedeon, Gilda Mitchell

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**Call to Order** – Chair Joe Shaw brought the meeting to order with introductions around the room.

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from November 6 and December 4, 2019 were reviewed for approval. A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Ed O'Reilly to approve the minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Expense Report** – Dave Gedeon reported on the expense report for July 1, 2019 through December 28, 2019, saying that 49.81% of the budget has been completed with 37.32% expended. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Edgar Avila to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**Welcome New Members/Discuss Addition of Wood County Port Authority Representative** – Dave Gedeon welcomed Angie Ruiz and Kim Dunham who in turn gave the committee a brief update on their roles in the community and their interests.

Dave went on to mention that at the General Assembly he was approached by Wood County Port Authority and they would like Ed Nagel to be their representation on the council. It was determined by the Council that operating procedures should be amended to add the Wood County Port Authority as a standing member rather than adding another at large member. This change will take place at the March Transportation Council Meeting and then be presented to the Executive Committee later in March. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Ray Huber to make the changes to the operating procedures; the motion passed unanimously.

**TARTA Update** – Kim Dunham spoke briefly about her past experience in transit and what her expectation for TARTA is in the coming years.

**5310 Specialized Transportation Award Recommendations** – Marissa Bechstein presented the recommendations for the Specialized Transportation awards. The 5310 scoring committee met on January 17 and their recommendations went to the Public Transit Committee on January 22 for approval. There were 4 applications received (Ann Grady, Bittersweet Farms, Courageous Community, National Church Residences) and all 4 received funding. A total amount of \$266,216 will be awarded for 7 vehicles and 2 preventative maintenance requests. A motion was made by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Ken Fallows to approve the recommendations as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

**FY 2021-2024 TIP Development** – Lance Dasher gave a brief update on the development of the upcoming TIP. The final document will be brought before the council for approval at a future meeting. The first draft of the document is due to ODOT on February 7.

**Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program (PSIP) Background & Locations** – Stephanie Bartlett reported to the council that Toledo was the 5<sup>th</sup> highest in the state for pedestrian crashes. Toledo has been awarded 1.3 million for low cost countermeasures. The City has identified 103 locations within the city that can benefit from these low-cost solutions. Implementation will take place this summer.

**Public Comment Period** – No comments at this time.

### **Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

#### **Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:**

TIP – Ed O'Reilly reported that following an amendment to the TIP Committee Operating Procedures a few years ago, the approval of TIP members is now done by the Transportation Council. This action replaces voting at the Transportation Summit. It needs to come before the council for final approval. A motion was by Robert Ruse and seconded by Mary Ellen Poturalski to accept the membership roster as presented., the motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly mentioned that the committee has been working on bike month and reviewing the complete streets policies.

Freight – Ray Huber mentioned that the committee discussed the revitalization of the committee. Attendance has been on the decline. They are discussing different ideas to bring in new members.

Planning – Ron Myers was unable to attend. Marissa Bechstein mentioned that the public meetings are now in progress for the Plan and there is a survey online for public input.

System Performance and Monitoring – Andy Langenderfer was unable to attend. Stephanie Bartlett mentioned that the committee met on January 6 and discussed the annual work program. They have also been reviewing crash diagrams and the draft regional safety plan.

Public Transit – Shelley Papenfuse was unable to attend the meeting. Marissa Bechstein reported that the committee met in January and at that meeting they discussed committee leadership, the annual work program, and the 5310 application recommendations.

Passenger Rail – Tim Porter reported that the committee has not met yet. Their next meeting will be later this month.

#### **Major Project Updates/Other Committees:**

Major Projects – Kacey Young was unable to attend the meeting. Nothing new to report at this time.

Autonomous Vehicle Steering Committee – Edgar Avila had nothing new to report. The next meeting is March 19.

**Vice President's Report** – Dave reported on a few additional items.

Dave mentioned that the Federal Certification review took place on January 14 with FHWA, FTA, ODOT, and TARTA all in attendance. An open house public meeting was held that evening for stakeholders and the public to comment on how they feel TMACOG is doing. The review went well and the final report will be sent to TMACOG at a later date.

Dave also informed the committee that on January 6, he and Tim Brown went to ODOT Central Office to meet with ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks, Central Office staff, Ohio Turnpike, ODOT District 2 staff, and MORPC to discuss possibilities for an improved corridor between NW Ohio and Central Ohio. The group determined that the next step should be a feasibility study of corridor options. A future meeting will be held to develop the scope of the study.

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Dave also informed the council that ODOT has announced that they will be providing 100% of the project costs for safety projects. Until this announcement ODOT was requiring a 10% local match. The additional cost is being covered by the increased revenue collected through the state motor vehicle fuel tax. Applications are accepted twice a year with deadlines being April 30 and September 30. However, the department also accepts abbreviated applications any time of year for projects \$500,000 or less.

**Roundtable** – Nothing to discuss.

Upcoming events:

- **2020 Transportation Summit** – Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, The Premier, Toledo, 8:00 am – 2 pm

**Next Meeting/Adjournment** – The next meeting will be March 4, 2020. A motion for adjournment was made by Joe Shaw and seconded by Edgar Avila.