



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020**

Members and Alternates Present: Joe Shaw, Mike Pniewski, Edgar Avila, Tom Bruff, Joe Cappel, Kris Cousino, Chris Delaney, Kim Dunham, Janet Goldner, Mike Gramza, Ray Huber, Tom Kovacik, Andy Langenderfer, Neocles Leontis, Ed Nagle, Tim Porter, Kacey Young

Other Interested Parties Present: Anthony Hill

TMACOG Staff Present: Dave Gedeon, Marissa Bechstein, Jodi Cole, Lance Dasher, Lisa Householder

Call to Order – Chair Joe Shaw brought the meeting to order and a roll call attendance was taken.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes from April 1, 2020 were reviewed for approval. A motion was made by Janet Goldner and seconded by Edgar Avila to approve the minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Air Quality Determination for the 2045 Plan and FY 2021-2024 TIP – Lance Dasher informed the committee that it is a federal requirement for both the TIP and the long-range plan to include qualitative air quality determination. This has been completed and both the TIP and the plan contain projects that contribute to the improvement of the regional air quality. A motion was made by Mike Pniewski and seconded by Chris Delaney to approve the determination as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

2045 Transportation Plan – Update 2020 – Marissa Bechstein gave a brief overview on the long-range planning process and the information that went into completing the 2020 update. The plan will receive its final approval in June from the Board of Trustees. It will take effect on July 1, 2020. A motion was made by Mike Pniewski and seconded by Kris Cousino to approve the plan as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Addition of Members to the Wabash Cannonball Corridor Coordinating Committee and Release of TMACOG's Reversionary Rights – Lance Dasher explained that the coordinating committee is seeking to add the Village of Montpelier and Williams County as well as to authorize the President of TMACOG to release TMACOG's reversionary rights when NORTA transfers their portions of the trail to the Village of Montpelier and Williams County. A motion was made by Tim Porter and seconded by Mike Pniewski to approve the plan as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment Period – No comments at this time.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Kacey Young didn't have many new updates since the last meeting. She said that there is not a lot of ramp up with projects due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She mentioned that the Dorr Street project will have its first deck pour next week and that that project has been very active and has not seen any COVID-19 related delays.

She discussed the projected revenue shortfall for the remainder of this fiscal year and next. She said the projected decrease is about 30-35% (from gas tax revenue) in the next fiscal year. It will be approximately a \$600 million shortfall in revenue if those numbers are that high. Kacey also mentioned that vehicle miles

traveled (VMT) was down significantly early on during the start of the pandemic at upwards of 60% in parts of Ohio but has climbed back up to around a 40% reduction. Kacey also mentioned that the TRAC was pushed back to June instead of May.

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

Staff will continue to work from home while the Governor still recommends to do so. Staff has been able to complete all necessary items while working outside the office so it is still beneficial to socially distance. The best way to contact staff is via email.

Dave also mentioned that the 2020 Ohio Conference on Freight has been cancelled. They are looking to hold the 2021 conference in Columbus on July 28-30.

Dave also mentioned that the Census is reporting that Lucas County is 64 in returns of self-responses and Wood County is #33. Dave urged everyone to emphasize the need for residents to fill out the survey as it’s all tied into the funding that the area receives.

Roundtable – Nothing to discuss.

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next meeting will be June 3, 2020. A motion for adjournment was made by Tim Porter and seconded by Chris Delaney.