



**TMACOG TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

Members and Alternates Present: Keith Earley, Joe Shaw, Janet Goldner, John Crandall, Lori Brodie, Chris Delaney, Ted Bowlus, Mary Ellen Poturalski, Joe Cappel, Mike Pniewski (VA), John Musteric, Kacey Young, Tom Gibbons, Tom Kovacik, Ray Huber, Ed O'Reilly, Andy Langenderfer, Tim Porter, Edgar Avila, Ken Fallows, Ed Ciecka (VA)

Other Interested Parties Present:

TMACOG Staff Present: Marissa Bechstein, Jodi Cole, Lance Dasher, David Gedeon, Lisa Householder, Roger Streiffert

Call to Order – Chair Keith Earley brought the meeting to order with introductions around the room.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Ed O'Reilly to approve the October 2, 2019 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Expense Report – Dave Gedeon presented the expense reports for, July 1, 2019 through September 21, 2019. The financial report showed 22.99% of the budget has been completed with 19.77% expended. A motion was made by Ken Fallows and seconded by Tom Gibbons to approve the expense report as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Council Chair and Vice Chair Election – Joe Shaw was nominated for chair. A motion was made by Joe Cappel and seconded by Tom Kovacik to approve the nomination; the motion passed unanimously.

John Musteric and Mike Pniewski were nominated for Vice Chair. A vote was taken, and Mike Pniewski received 8 votes to John's 7.

Toledo-Detroit Passenger Rail Connection Update – Roger Streiffert gave a brief update on the status of the rail connection between Toledo and Detroit. He stated that the next steps would be to talk with CSX regarding right of way.

Section 5310 Open House and Upcoming Project Solicitation – Marissa Bechstein noted that the open house went very well and had strong attendance. Two vehicle vendors were for to talk about the available vehicles and equipment. The 5310 applications will be released on November 18th with a due date of January 10th, 2020.

Public Comment Period – A moment of silence was had for a former member of staff, Diane Reamer-Evans, who passed away at the end of October.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Transportation Council Standing Committee Reports:

TIP – Ed O'Reilly reported that there was nothing new to report.

Pedestrian & Bikeways – Ed O'Reilly reported that the committee is working to update the complete streets policy.

Freight – Nothing new to report at this time.

Planning – Ron Myers was unable to attend. Marissa Bechstein reported that the committee met on October 18 and reviewed the project list, initiatives for the plan, and the fiscal analysis.

System Performance and Monitoring – Nothing new to report at this time.

Public Transit – Nothing new to report at this time.

Passenger Rail – Nothing new to report at this time.

Major Project Updates/Other Committees:

Major Projects – Kacey Young reported that I-75 northbound back on the right side by November 13. Anthony Wayne Trail Bridge is still facing track time issues. The Waterville bridge is progressing slowly. Kacey also reported that 20A made the TRAC list.

Autonomous Vehicle Steering Committee – Edgar Avila reported that there was nothing new to report at this time.

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

Dave mentioned that on October 16th, the TMACOG Board of Trustees approved a resolution taking a position opposing HB 288. Amendments to the bill are anticipated but have not been submitted to this point.

Dave also mentioned that the transportation department undergoes a certification review every four years by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. The upcoming certification review will be held on January 14-15, 2020. A public meeting must be held as part of the review and that will take place on January 14th, time to be determined.

Dave reported that staff has been working with members of the Autonomous Vehicle Steering Committee to develop an application for FY2021 BUILD grant funding. It was determined that our best opportunity to receive funding from this highly competitive federal program would be to consolidate efforts. TMACOG staff and the committee will be assisting the Metroparks and ConneCToledo in the development of an application for the Nautical Mile project along the Maumee River.

Dave stated that Public Administration Associate Austin Mack has left TMACOG to take a position with the Toledo Regional Association of Realtors to handle Government Affairs in a multicounty region. TMACOG is reevaluating his previous position and will announce changes in the future.

Roundtable – Nothing to discuss.

Upcoming events:

- **TMACOG 2020 General Assembly** – Monday, January 27th, 8:00am-1:15pm, Hilton Garden Inn Perrysburg
- **2020 Transportation Summit** – Friday, March 27th, The Premier, Toledo, 8:00 am – 2 pm

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next meeting will be December 4, 2019. A motion for adjournment was made by Mary Ellen Poturalski and seconded by Tim Porter.