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**Date:** July 31, 2020  
**To:** Joe Shaw, Chair  
Mike Pniewski, Vice Chair  
Members of the Transportation Council  
**From:** David Gedeon, Vice President of Transportation  
**Subject:** **TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPORT FOR AUGUST 5, 2020 MEETING**

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This report is an update of staff activity and background on selected agenda items for our next Transportation Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. The agenda and meeting materials are available at <https://tmacog.org/councils-committees/transportation-council>. If you would like a hard copy or have any problems accessing any of the information, please contact Jodi Cole (ext. 1120). If you have any questions or concerns on any agenda items, please contact me (ext. 1125).

TMACOG Complete Streets Policy (Agenda III – for approval) – The Pedestrian and Bikeways Committee and TMACOG staff have completed an update to the TMACOG Complete Streets Policy. The Complete Streets Policy is a tool to plan, construct, and operate streets in a manner that ensures a comprehensive transportation system. It applies to all projects, including the new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, or planning of roadways, trails and other transportation facilities that will use federal Surface Transportation Program funds allocated through TMACOG. This Policy also encourages local and state jurisdictions/organizations to review and revise their local ordinances and policies to reflect complete street design guidelines and to apply these guidelines to local projects as appropriate.

The Future of TARTA (Agenda IV – for information) – Kim Dunham, General Manager of TARTA, will give a presentation highlighting where TARTA intends to go in the future. She will also discuss upcoming funding initiatives and operational strategies.

Access Ohio 2045 (Agenda V – for information) – Anthony Hill, Transportation Planner, ODOT Office of Statewide Planning & Research, will provide information on the update to the Ohio Statewide Transportation Plan – Access Ohio 2045. The plan draft is currently available for review and public comment. <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/programs/access-ohio-2045/resources/draft-ao45-plan>

2021-2022 Transportation Legislative Agenda (Agenda VI – for information) - TMACOG is in the process of updating the Transportation Legislative Agenda. Marissa Bechstein is leading the effort and will provide information on the update process and schedule. The document will be completed by the end of the year and will remain in place for 2021-2022.

Public Comment Period (Agenda VII) – Comments from the public.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Agenda VIII) – From Committee chairs

FY 2021-2024 TIP Modification #1 (for Approval) – Modification #1 to the FY 2021-2024 TIP involves project (PID 108465), a safety project in the City of Toledo at the intersection of Airport Hwy and Byrne Rd to construct double turn lanes on Byrne Road for WB traffic on Airport and also on Airport for NB traffic on Byrne. It would also allow for exclusive right turn drop lanes on Airport, in both directions and SB to WB. The amendment adds additional safety funds to the project in place of local funding. This project includes TMACOG managed CMAQ funds.

FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #1 (for approval) – Amendment #1 modifies two projects and adds two projects to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. PID 108465 (LUC-2-13.77 Airport Hwy and Byrne Rd intersection) is modified to add additional safety funds to the project in FY 2023 and PID 111207 (LUC CR 1572 8.28 Main St) is modified to move the project from FY 2034 to FY 2024. The modifications are at the request of the City of Toledo and the City of Sylvania respectively. PID 105889 (LUC US 23 11.75 Interchange) and PID 112768 (US 23 Corridor Study) are being added to the TIP at the request of the City of Sylvania and TMACOG. All projects being modified or added include TMACOG managed funds.

Vice President's Report (Agenda IX – for discussion) – In addition to the above agenda topics and information covered in the Committee Reports, the following are other items members of Transportation Council should be aware of.

- In mid-July, TMACOG went online with a new website. [www.tmacog.org](http://www.tmacog.org). In addition to the new look and performance, the website features a map portal that was developed by TMACOG staff and a document portal to better organize and make available the wide range of TMACOG publications. We are looking for feedback on the website so let us know what you think of it.
- In July, Ohio EPA released applications for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. The funding is a result of a settlement against Volkswagen for violations of the Clean Air Act by installing defeat devices in diesel vehicles from 2009-2016. There are 26 counties in Ohio eligible to receive these funds including Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky and Erie counties. A total of \$115,000 has been set aside for each eligible county for sponsors to apply for Level 2 charging stations. Additional information is available on the Ohio EPA website at <https://www.epa.ohio.gov/oe/#1844010701-dmtf-2020-request-for-applications-for-level-2-electric-vehicle-charging-stations>. Applications are due on September 30, 2020.
- Statewide Vehicle Miles Traveled estimates show that traffic returned to levels comparable to the same period last year in around mid-June. Travel in District 2 has been slightly above normal since the second week in June. During the end of March and first half of April, VMT was down by roughly 65% in District 2 with similar numbers seen statewide.
- ODOT has made the decision to end 100% safety funding for the fall round of applications and for any new abbreviated safety applications. Applications funded in the future will be at the traditional 90% federal, 10% local match