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**Date:** February 3, 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 FEBRUARY 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, February 5, 2020. The agenda and meeting materials are available at [www.tmacog.org/Transportation/trancom.htm](http://www.tmacog.org/Transportation/trancom.htm). 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).

Financial Report (Agenda III – for approval) – The financial report for fiscal year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 is submitted for approval. Through December 28<sup>th</sup>, with approximately 50% of fiscal year 2020 completed, the overall program was under budget with 37% expended.

Welcome New Members/Discuss Addition of Wood County Port Authority Representative (Agenda IV – for approval) – New members approved by TMACOG Caucuses will be welcomed and introduced. At the TMACOG General Assembly, the Wood County Port Authority noted that Ed Nagle is now a member of their board and inquired whether it would be appropriate for him to serve on the Transportation Council. The Council is able to appoint members to at-large positions and can take this matter into consideration.

TARTA Update (Agenda V – for information) – Kim Dunham, the new General Manager at TARTA will be present to discuss her vision for TARTA and the near-term objectives for the agency.

5310 Specialized Transportation Award Recommendations (Agenda VI – for approval) – Marissa Bechstein will present the recommendations for Specialized Transportation awards. TMACOG opened up the solicitation process for 5310 applications on November 18<sup>th</sup> with applications due on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The 5310 scoring committee met on January 17<sup>th</sup> and recommendations went to the Public Transit Committee on January 22<sup>nd</sup> for approval. If approved by Transportation Council, a resolution will go to the TMACOG Executive Committee later in February. The TARTA board of Trustees will also review the awards at their next meeting.

FY 2021-2024 TIP Development (Agenda VII - for information) – Lance Dasher is completing the first draft of the FY 2021-2024 TIP. The Transportation Council will need to approve the TIP document at an upcoming meeting and Lance is presenting an informational update at this time. The first draft of the new TIP is due to ODOT on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program (PSIP) Background and Locations (Agenda VIII - for information) – Stephanie Bartlett from the City of Toledo is presenting an update on the Pedestrian

Safety Improvement Program. This ODOT program will provide eligible high-risk jurisdictions with funding and assistance to implement proven low-to-medium cost pedestrian safety countermeasures along high-risk facilities. The city has identified over 100 locations where low to medium cost improvement could be made, many of which will be funded.

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

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

2020 TIP Committee Membership (for Approval) – 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. The 2020 roster has been approved by the TIP Committee and has been advanced to the Council for final approval.

Vice President's Report (Agenda XI – 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.

- TMACOG had its Federal Certification Review on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with Frank Burkett (FHWA), Erica Tait (FHWA), and Stewart McKenzie (FTA). An open house format public meeting was held that evening for stakeholders and the public to comment on how TMACOG is performing. The review went very well and we anticipate a few commendations on our planning program as well as a few recommendations on things that we can improve upon. The final report will be sent to TMACOG at a later date.
- On January 6<sup>th</sup>, Tim Brown and Dave Gedeon went to ODOT Central Office to meet with Director Jack Marchbanks, central office staff, the Ohio Turnpike, District 2 and MORPC to discuss possibilities for an improved corridor between NW Ohio and Central Ohio. A variety of options were discussed, and history was shared on previous attempts to improve the connection. 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 a study.
- ODOT announced that they will be providing 100% of the project costs for safety projects. Until this announcement, ODOT required a 10% local match. The additional cost is being covered by the increased revenue collected through the state motor vehicle fuel tax. Funding requests typically range from \$200,000 to \$5 million, though the department will consider funding requests up to \$10 million. ODOT accepts applications twice a year. The deadlines are April 30 and September 30. The department also accepts abbreviated applications any time of year for projects \$500,000 or less. Information about the program can be found on [ODOT's website](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/ProgramManagement/HighwaySafety/HSIP/Pages/Funding-Application-Process.aspx).  
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TMACOG Upcoming events:

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