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**Date:** May 29, 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 JUNE 3, 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, June 3, 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).

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.

FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment #1 (Agenda IV – for approval) – Amendment #1 to the FY 2021-2024 TIP involves two projects, both of which include TMACOG managed funds. The first project (PID 108465) is a safety project in the City of Toledo at the intersection of Airport Hwy and Byrne Rd. The amendment adds additional federal safety funds to the project. The TMACOG managed CMAQ funds are unchanged. The second project (PID 111207) is an STBG funded reconstruction project on Main St in Sylvania. The amendment moves the project from FY 2023 to FY 2024. The amendment was approved by the TIP Committee at their May meeting.

The Future of TARTA (Agenda V – for approval) – 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.

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

Major Project Updates (Agenda VII) – Updates from ODOT on major projects

Vice President’s Report (Agenda VIII – 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 submitted a grant to the USDOT's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. TMACOG is the grant sponsor and the Toledo Metroparks will be responsible for the bidding and construction work. The project aims to construct portions of the Glass City Riverwalk in downtown Toledo. On the western side of the Maumee, repairs to the existing seawall, transient docks, bike/pedestrian access and an innovative kayak share program to facilitate access to a water recreational trail are all proposed. On the eastern side of the river, the same type of improvements are also proposed for the existing International Park and the under-construction Glass City Metropark. The application is requesting \$23,668,160 in federal funds with a total project cost of \$29,585,200. [http://www.tmacog.org/BUILD\\_Grant\\_2020.htm](http://www.tmacog.org/BUILD_Grant_2020.htm)
- TMACOG and all public agencies in the TMACOG region have access to motor vehicle travel data and analytical services through a statewide contract with Streetlight. The current contract is coming to an end and the state put the contract out for bid in an attempt to reduce costs. The name of the selected vendor has not been announced yet but services will be very similar to those with StreetLight. Costs to participate were provided to each of the Ohio MPOs to continue with the services to our respective regions. TMACOG will be participating in the contract. As a result, all local public agencies will again have access to these services. The contract will be for one year with an option for two one-year extensions. Additional information on this service will be provided in the future.
- TMACOG staff has been out collecting ped /bike count data on the Slippery Elm Trail, Chessie Circle Trail, University Parks Trail, and the Wabash Cannonball Trail South Fork to see how current counts compare to pre COVID-19 usage. Average daily usage has increased significantly since stay-at-home orders were put in place. Bike shops have also seen a drastic increase in bike sales for the past few months.

The counts in the table below were taken by infrared trail counters. Staff is conducting additional counts with Miovision cameras to cross check count data as it is believed that trail counters will undercount users traveling in group.

Trail	Average Daily Count 2019 (May – July)	Average Daily Count 2020 (May)	% Increase from 2019 to 2020
Chessie Circle Trail	272	490	80%
Slippery Elm Trail	264	392	48%
Wabash Cannonball Trail South Fork	130	317	144%
University/Parks Trail	483	683	41%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,882</b>	<b>64%</b>

- The 2020 Ozone Action Season kicked off on May 18<sup>th</sup> with the initial ozone forecasts of the year. TMACOG partners with the City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services to implement the program. The city will communicate the ozone forecasts two to three times per week predicting one of four levels of air quality conditions: Good, Satisfactory, Precautionary Measures should be taken by Sensitive Groups, and Caution. TMACOG has conducted media buys to increase the awareness of the harmful effects of ground-level ozone and the things residents can do to keep levels low. The Gas Cap Testing and Replacement Program has been postponed due to concerns over COVID-19.