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Date: May 1, 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 MAY 6, 2020 MEETING**

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, May 6, 2020. The agenda and meeting materials are available at 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).

Air Quality Determination for the 2045 Plan and FY 2021-2024 TIP (Agenda III – for approval) – Lance Dasher will present the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2045 Transportation Plan – Update 2020 and the FY 2021-2024 TIP. Federal requirements identify that both the TMACOG TIP and the Long Range Plan must include a qualitative air quality determination. The analysis has been completed and both the Plan and the TIP contain projects that contribute to the reduction of hydrocarbons (HC) and nitrogen oxide (NO_x) from transportation sources leading to an overall improvement in regional air quality.

2045 Transportation Plan – Update 2020 (Agenda IV – for approval) – The “On the Move: 2015-2045 Transportation Plan - Update 2020” is the region’s updated long range multimodal transportation plan, developed over a two-year period under the guidance of the TMACOG Transportation Planning Committee which served as the plan task force. The 2045 Plan is based on extensive public input from business and neighborhood leaders, employers, real estate experts, planners, educators, economic development professionals, and others. It lists 375 projects that are of high priority for our region, comprised of both “committed” projects that have at least some funding and “priority” projects for which funding is expected during the life of the plan based on fiscal estimates. The Plan requires approval by the TMACOG Board of Trustees in June.

Addition of Members to the Wabash Cannonball Corridor Coordinating Committee and Release of TMACOG’s Reversionary Rights (Agenda V – for approval) – The resolution being presented seeks to add the Village of Montpelier and Williams County to the Wabash Cannonball Coordinating Committee and also authorizes the President of TMACOG to release TMACOG’s reversionary rights when the Northwest Ohio Rails-to-Trails Association (NORTA) transfers their portions of the Wabash Cannonball Trail to the Village of Montpelier and Williams County.

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 staff submitted the final TMACOG FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to ODOT on April 28th. It is expected that the Statewide TIP (S/TIP) will receive USDOT approval by July 1, 2020.
- The 2020 Ohio Conference on Freight was to be held in Columbus this summer but has been postponed until 2021. Columbus will still be the conference host and the event is being planned for July 28-30, 2021.
- Data from ODOT and sources such as StreetLight and Inrix indicate that VMT had decreased approximately 60% across Ohio (using January 2020 as baseline data) during late March and the first two weeks of April. Data from the 4th week of April show that individuals are beginning to drive a bit more with statewide decreases around 50%. StreetLight data for Monroe County shows that decreases were near 70% during the end of March/early April and are now closer to 50%.
- Census reporting figures show that as of last week, Lucas County ranked #64 (out of 88 counties) in Ohio with 53.9% and Wood County is #33 (60.7%) in self-responses to the Census Survey. Delaware County leads the pack at 68.7%. Among cities, the highest ranked city in the region is Sylvania at #156 with 66.7% and Perrysburg is close by at #164 (66.3%). Bowling Green is #356 (59.1%) and Toledo is #620 (out of 925) with 47.7%. In Michigan, Monroe County is #17 (out of 70) with 64.7%. Livingston is #1 with 71.5%. As a state, Michigan is #5 (60.8%) and Ohio is #11 (58.6%). With all the funding that is tied to population figures, we should all be emphasizing the need for residents to fill out the Census form.