

Operating Procedures  
Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments  
Passenger Rail Advisory Group

**Article I. Advisory Group Authorization**

The Passenger Rail Advisory Group is established in Article X of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board (MPO Policy Board) Operating Procedures.

**Article II. Purpose**

The Passenger Rail Advisory Group is an advisory group of the MPO Policy Board. The Passenger Rail Advisory Group is responsible for advising, assisting, and supporting the MPO Policy Board of TMACOG on passenger rail related concerns and opportunities. The Passenger Rail Advisory Group has no decision-making power but rather is created primarily to provide advice and bring specialist skills or knowledge to TMACOG.

**Article III. Duties And Responsibilities**

The Passenger Rail Advisory Group recommends to the MPO Policy Board actions, programs and policies that will support improvements to passenger rail transportation in the region. The advisory group should be comprised of individuals who are active and knowledgeable in their fields and can work with TMACOG to assess the current state of programs, identify gaps, and work to obtain necessary resources to meet the changing needs of passenger rail transportation.

The advisory group has the following responsibilities:

- Provide input for local and regional passenger rail planning efforts.
- Promote discussion, coordination, and problem-solving for passenger rail concerns.
- Raise public awareness of passenger rail concerns and opportunities.
- Provide a venue for sharing information, identifying problems, and developing solutions.

The Passenger Rail Advisory Group shall meet at least four (4) times during the year to undertake its regular business.

The Passenger Rail Advisory Group will annually review the group's purpose statement and its achievements, and report to the MPO Policy Board regarding its progress and accomplishments.

**Article IV. Composition of the Advisory Group**

The Passenger Rail Advisory Group shall be constructed to provide opportunities for

stakeholders and the public to participate and provide input on improving passenger rail transportation.

Individuals who would be an asset to this advisory group include, but are not limited to, individuals with technical skills and abilities associated with public transit planning involving the mode of passenger rail.

#### **Article V. Duration Of Advisory Group**

The Passenger Rail Advisory Group is a standing advisory group of TMACOG pursuant to MPO Policy Board Operating Procedures.

#### **Article VI. Accountability**

The Passenger Rail Advisory Group reports to and is responsible to the MPO Policy Board and makes periodic reports as requested. TMACOG staff are tasked with keeping notes and providing reports when necessary.

#### **Article VII. Amendments**

These procedures may be amended by a majority vote of the MPO Policy Board and ratification by TMACOG Board of Trustees.