



TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 9, 2022

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mary Morrison, Valerie Fatica, Katie Hunt-Thomas, Pat McKinstry, Kathy Selking, Jim Caldwell, Lou Thomson, Joan Rife, Laura Koprowski

Vice President Morrison called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

2023 – 2024 TMACOG Legislative Agenda

Marissa Bechstein, TMACOG Transportation Planner, reviewed the Toledo Region Transportation Coalition Legislative Agenda for 2023 – 2024. The Coalition is comprised of multiple regional stakeholders from both the public and private sector. TMACOG first created this document in 2001. The Agenda identifies multimodal funding and policy recommendations at the federal, state, and local level. It also calls on policymakers to make wise investments of transportation resources across all modes of transportation and to work to increase the number of resources available.

A resolution endorsing the Toledo Region Transportation Coalition Legislative Agenda for 2023 – 2024 will be presented to the full Board for approval at the August 18th meeting.

Federal Legislative Update

Ms. Koprowski reported the federal fiscal year begins October 1st and the 2023 concepts for funding the infrastructure bill were just released. The Senate appropriated \$21.1 billion, which is a 3% increase from FY2022. However, this is approximately \$1 billion less than what was appropriated by the House. The House has proposed funding levels at over \$600 million for transit related projects. TARTA will work closely with the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and contact U.S. Senators and their staff to ensure they receive all eligible funding. They will also watch closely to ensure that formula funding is not reduced. Ms. Koprowski and Mr. Melden along with the national association lobbyist will plan to meet with the DC legislative staff and agencies this fall to discuss TARTA's plans going forward. Ms. Koprowski will keep the Committee updated.

LITE Funding

Ms. Koprowski presented the final version of the Local Investment in Transit Enhancements (LITE) funding policy. All the communities eligible to receive LITE funding were contacted and able to provide feedback prior to finalizing the policy. The final version states that funding will go directly to the communities and the procedure for allowing communities to hold the funding.

Discussion followed regarding the distribution of the funds. A resolution to approve the LITE funding policy will be presented to the full Board at the upcoming August meeting.

Advertising Policy

Ms. Koprowski explained that the revisions on the Advertising Policy are on hold due to illness. The committee is encouraged to review the policy and provide feedback. Updates will be proposed at the September Policy Committee meeting with a final version recommended for approval by the full Board at the September meeting.

There was no other business to discuss.

Ms. Fatica made a motion to adjourn. Ms. McKinstry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.