



Our TMACOG Vision Statement:

Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments will be the governmental partner of choice to coordinate regional assets, opportunities, and challenges

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Who We Are:

TMACOG is a non-partisan regional planning partnership made up of voluntary members in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. Together, our members work on transportation, water quality, and show support for regional economic development endeavors that affect quality of life for everyone in our region.

What We Do:

TMACOG's role in transportation is to help plan roadways, rail, bike and pedestrian accommodations, and transit that will move goods and people safely and efficiently throughout the region. The staff at TMACOG compile information that local elected officials need to set priorities and make plans. Ultimately those plans are utilized to secure federal and state funding for area projects. Specific multimodal transportation planning, with a long range vision, is required by the federal government in Wood and Lucas counties in Ohio, and the southern three townships in Monroe County, Michigan. TMACOG coordinates that effort. Additionally we assist in helping our region to comply with the federal Clean Air Act. You may have heard TMACOG promoting information about Ozone Action season or our gas cap testing and replacement program to help our region reduce ozone and contaminants during certain times of the year.

TMACOG's role in water quality planning is to help the region comply with governmental regulations for clean water. We plan ahead to protect and restore rivers and streams. We work with groups that are trying to manage stormwater, remove contaminated sediments from rivers, and keep pollutants from entering the water system. TMACOG members reach consensus on how to share responsibilities for safe and clean water for our citizens and businesses.

Our partners are elected officials from cities, counties, villages, and townships which choose to join TMACOG as members in working together. We also have members that are non-governmental, schools, colleges, businesses, special districts, and other groups who share in our goal to maintain and promote our region's strong assets and quality of life. TMACOG is directed by the needs of members (about 140 in total) and governmental jurisdictions in northwest Ohio and parts of southeast Michigan. Our members are involved in our dealings with state and federal officials, often putting them in direct contact with information about grants and public policy initiatives that contribute to their effectiveness as public officials. The TMACOG staff is involved in dealings with agencies, individuals, and various layers of federal, state, and local government. If our members have an issue, TMACOG staff has the knowledge and resources available to help.

Our TMACOG Mission Statement:

To work with policy makers to improve quality of life in the region, TMACOG will:

- Help promote a positive identity for the region.
- Enhance awareness of the region's assets and opportunities.
- Be an impartial broker of regional disputes and challenges.
- Provide stakeholders a voice in regional decision-making.
- Support opportunities for regional stakeholder forums, meetings, and networking.

It is an honor for me to have this opportunity to continue to serve, and work with so many enthusiastic people who want the best for the region we all share. I am excited about our future and I look forward to both the challenges and opportunities that await!

Tim W. Brown, President