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## Staff Update

After 30 years of service, Larry Himes officially retired as Transportation Director of the TCC on December 31, 2005. TCC staff held a retirement party on December 2 that was attended by many TCC Board Members, elected officials, local government staff, family and friends. The TCC Board Members and Staff wish Larry the best of luck in his retirement. The TCC would also like to introduce Philip Tritle as the Interim Transportation Director. Welcome aboard, Philip!



TCC staff (from left to right): Eric Ottoson, Larry Himes, Sue Harber, Scott Schmid, Lamar Daniel.

## Safety Conscious Planning Update

TCC Staff, in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation, held a Safety Conscious Planning Workshop in Springfield in June 2005. The workshop was attended by local government officials and staff, Federal, State, and local transportation planners, and State and local law enforcement personnel. The purpose of the workshop was to initiate safety conscious planning activities throughout the county, and to work together to identify local high-crash areas.

Since the workshop, the TCC staff has been working with the input gathered from the workshop and crash data from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Staff expect to complete a county-wide "hot spot" listing within the next few months.

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## New Trails in Clark County

This past summer, two new segments of multi-use trails were opened in the city of Springfield. The Buck Creek Trail Extension was dedicated on June 25. This new two-mile segment of trail connects Old Reid Park to Buck Creek State Park, and brings the total mileage of the Buck Creek Trail to just over seven miles. The last link of the Simon Kenton Trail, which connects to the Little Miami Scenic Trail, was dedicated as well on September

24. The Simon Kenton Trail, which terminates in Urbana, is now over 8 miles long in Clark County. Users can now enjoy a day on the trail to travel anywhere from Urbana to Cincinnati and in-between!

Planning is still underway on several other trails in Clark County. The New Carlisle Bikeway, which was approved for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding in 2005, is programmed for construction in 2008.

The Three County Trail, which will provide a link between Enon and Fairborn, is still in the property negotiations stage. The TCC staff and National Trails Parks and Recreation staff are confident in the success of the pro-

ject. Also in initial planning stages is the Honeycreek Trail, which will continue the New Carlisle Bikeway from the Wot-a-Dog to Raynor Park in Park Layne. County Trails Task Force meetings are held each month on the first Wednesday in New Carlisle.

Work on a five county regional trail map was also completed in the fall of 2005. The trail map, showing all the trails of Clark, Greene, Montgomery, Miami, and Champaign Counties, is available both at the National Trail Parks and Recreation District office and the TCC office. For more information about the map, the task force meetings, or general trail information, contact Scott Schmid at (937) 324-7689 or e-mail [sschmid@ci.springfield.oh.us](mailto:sschmid@ci.springfield.oh.us).



## Air Quality Update

In April 2004, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) designated 400 counties nationwide as non-attainment for the new 8-hour OZONE air quality standard. The four (4) county region for the cities of Dayton and Springfield consist of Clark, Greene, Miami, and Montgomery.

The TCC staff has been working cooperatively with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) to attain desirable status for the new 8-hour standard for OZONE in the Dayton-Springfield non-attainment area (DSNAA). MVRPC is the lead agency in the Air Quality Control Region (AQCR) for conducting meetings of business, government and private organizations and citizens that will be affected by the regulations and strategies.

Based on the severity of the measured ambient concentrations of OZONE, the DSNAA has been classified as "Basic non-attainment

area with a timeline of June 2007 for the 8-hour OZONE State Implementation Plan (SIP) to be approved by US EPA to make the attainment status by 2009.

Early in 2005 an Air Quality Advisory Committee (AQAC) consisting of representatives of all four counties was formed to gather input on air quality issues and gather input to regional strategies for emission reductions.

These proposed strategies must show conformity with the TCC's Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Plan. These conformity issues were agreed upon in March 2005.

In December 2004, USEPA issued air quality designations for fine particulate or PM2.5 standards. Clark, Greene, Montgomery, and Warren counties are designated nonattainment for PM2.5. The federal deadline for achieving this attainment for PM2.5 is 2010.

The AQAC has initiated the process to discuss, recommend, and implement additional local controls to reach this attainment status in the DSNAA.

The emissions analyses can be viewed by the public in the TCC office Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. For more information contact Lamar Daniel at (937) 324-7754 or email at [ldaniel@ci.springfield.oh.us](mailto:ldaniel@ci.springfield.oh.us).



## State Route 334 and Derr Road Project

The State Route 334 and Derr Road Project is currently under design. The project will include removing the current Derr Road bridge over State Route 334, and creating an at-grade, signalized intersection. During the construction process, traffic will be maintained to accommodate traffic accessing the Berea Bible

Church and Wrenwood Estates. Closures to Derr Road during construction will be short and completed at night. The design is expected to be finished in September 2006 and construction will take place in 2007.

## Transit Update

The Springfield City Area Transit (SCAT) is the local provider of public transportation in the City of Springfield. It has scheduled fixed route service as well as ADA and Dial-a-Ride paratransit van service. This service is available Monday to Friday from 6:40 am to 5:40 pm within the City of Springfield, Clark State Community College and the Upper Valley Mall.

Recently SCAT purchased two new replacement vans for its paratransit van fleet. Delivery of these vehicles is expected by the end of June 2006. The smaller of the two vans is an 8 passenger converted van with wheel chair (W/C) lift and one W/C securement position. This will replace a smaller van that had been used for ADA paratransit service for over seven years. The other van is a Light Transit Vehicle (LTV). This vehicle will carry up to 16 passengers and also has a W/C lift and two W/C securement positions.

As we all know fuel costs are taking a bigger chunk out of every ones budget. Unfortunately, SCAT is no more immune to these increases than the rest of us. In an effort to help control fuel costs, the LTV will replace regular buses on selected fixed routes that normally carry less than 15 passengers. The service will be the same and SCAT will be able to cut its fuel costs in half on those runs.

Speaking of transportation costs, SCAT is a comfortable, reliable, and inexpensive means of transportation. In 2005 SCAT discontinued it's Daily and Monthly Pass program and went to a strictly ticket based fare system. But with prepaid coupons, SCAT is still one of the least expensive ways to get around town. A single trip on SCAT is \$.075. A six-trip booklet for \$2.00 works out to only \$0.33 per trip.

SCAT also provides ADA Paratransit to eligible disabled people for \$1.50 a trip. Dial-a-Ride paratransit service is available throughout the City of Springfield for \$4.00 a trip. All of these transportation options are available Monday to Friday from 6:40am to 5:40pm.

Call the SCAT's main office today at 328-7228 for more information on how you can save money by taking the bus.

SCAT BUS FARES			
SINGLE TRIP	FULL	HALF	
	\$0.75	\$0.35	
TICKET COUNT	6	20	44
FULL FARE	\$2.00	\$6.00	\$12.00
HALF FARE	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$6.00
ADA FARE	\$1.50	Per person trip	
School Field Trip	\$0.35	Single Trip Rate	
	\$0.75	Daily Pass Rate	
Dial-A-Ride	\$4.00	Single Trip Rate	

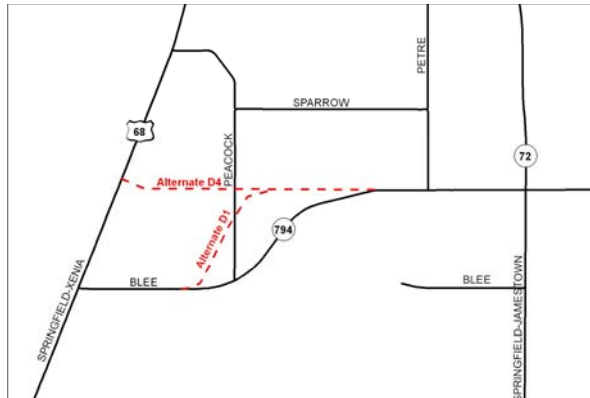
1/2 fare program - age sixty and over, disabled, Medicare card.

## State Route 794 Study Update

The State Route 794 Study field work and public comment periods are almost complete. The TCC hired Tetra Tech of Columbus, Ohio to examine potential upgrades and new roads in the vicinity of existing State Route 794. Because, the existing roadway does not meet the current force protection requirements of the Air National Guard Base, the TCC studied the area to determine alternate routes for EMS vehicles and the traveling public between US Route 68 and State Route 72.

Nineteen different alternates were examined by the study team, which were gradually pared down to two feasible alternates. Following a study team recommendation of the D4 alternate, which essentially connects US Route 68 and State Route 72 with a straight alignment, the TCC Board requested more public input on the alternate. The planning document and its recommended alternate are to be presented again at the March TCC Board meeting.

Additional information on the study, including the alternates that were examined, can be found on the State Route 794 Study webpage at [www.clarktcc.com/SR794study.htm](http://www.clarktcc.com/SR794study.htm).



## TCC Website has a New Address

The TCC website has moved to a new address. The redesigned website, launched in 2005, can now be found at

[www.clarktcc.com](http://www.clarktcc.com).

Check the website periodically for updates on local projects and studies, bikeways and pedestrian planning activities, air quality issues, transit planning activities, and upcoming meetings and schedules.



## TIP Update

Keep an eye out for the projects below in 2006. The TCC continually pursues public comment on current TIP projects and welcomes ideas for future TIP projects. Please send comments to the TCC Office at 76 E. High Street, Springfield, OH 45502. Comments can also be faxed to (937) 328-3940 or e-mailed to [sschmid@ci.springfield.oh.us](mailto:sschmid@ci.springfield.oh.us).

PID	LOCATION	TOTAL COST	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
17097	SR4	\$11,525,000	Resurfacing north from IR70 to US40, bridge rehabilitation, and bridge removal	Southbound lanes to be resurfaced Spring 2006 under maintained traffic conditions. Estimated completion: Summer 2006
24184	SR72	\$396,000	Construction of a dedicated left-turn lane at West and East Possum Roads and a two-way left-turn lane in between	Construction will begin Spring 2006. Estimated completion: Summer 2006
19881	SR4	\$140,000	Repairing a 15 foot bridge north of SR334	Construction estimated to begin Summer 2006. Estimated completion: Fall 2006
76723	US40 (North Street)	\$440,000	Resurfacing from the Lagonda Avenue Bridge to Bechtle Avenue	Construction estimated to begin Summer 2006. Estimated completion: Fall 2006
24616	SR235/SR571	\$400,000	Resurfacing throughout the city of New Carlisle	Construction estimated to begin Summer 2006. Estimated completion: Fall 2006
25765	IR70	\$1,100,000	Roadway and shoulder concrete repair from US40 to SR54	Construction estimated to begin Summer 2006. Estimated completion: Late Fall 2006
24528	SR4	\$2,300,000	Replacing the Enon Road bridge	Construction estimated to begin Fall 2006. Estimated completion: Fall 2007
25037	SR54	\$550,000	Resurfacing from south of South Vienna through Catawba	Construction estimated to begin Fall 2006. Estimated completion: Summer 2007
19713	SR235	\$350,000	Replacing one bridge at the Montgomery County Line and one bridge North of Gerlaugh Road	Construction estimated to begin Late Fall 2006

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## Walkable Communities Activities

In May 2005, the TCC, in coordination with the National Center for Bicycling and Walking and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, held two Walkable Communities Workshops. The workshops, held in New Carlisle and Springfield, had a focus of raising community awareness to bicycle and pedestrian needs. The Main Street corridor was studied in New Carlisle, where residents and city staff discussed ways to enhance the safe movement of people to

the local businesses. In Springfield, residents, city staff, and city school staff met to discuss the intersection of Bechtle Avenue and US40. Many ideas were generated regarding safety upgrades to the pedestrian signals, new striping techniques, and school zone safety.

In response to the workshops, both cities have followed through with additional planning activities. Main Street sidewalks in New Carlisle are currently undergoing a facelift to

remove barriers from sidewalks, as well as dress up the area to become more attractive to pedestrians. The city of New Carlisle has also considered implementing several other ideas discussed at the meeting. Springfield staff and school district staff have met on a regular basis to follow up with the need to create safe routes to schools. For more information on Walkable Communities, contact Scott Schmid at (937) 324-7689 or e-mail [sschmid@ci.springfield.oh.us](mailto:sschmid@ci.springfield.oh.us).

## Upcoming Meetings

### TCC Board Meetings

All meetings held in Discovery Hall at the Clark County Heritage Center at 12:00 p.m.

Friday, April 14, 2006

Friday, May 12, 2006

Friday, June 9, 2006

### GIS Users Group Meetings

All meetings held in the Springfield City Hall Forum Conference Room at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

### Clark County Trails Task Force

All meetings held in the log cabin in Smith Park, New Carlisle at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

