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AASHTO To Honor Ohio Historic National Road Project

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), in association with the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and America's Byways Resource Center have announced their 2007 Scenic Byway Awards: Sharing Success & Honoring Excellence. The awards are the products of a biennial competition which seeks to showcase projects of excellence and share successful models that can be adapted for other byway corridors.

The Ohio National Road Design Guidelines Handbook Project has been selected as an award winning project. The project was selected from 49 nominated projects throughout the United States. It is one of only eight projects to receive the award. This project was the only award winner in the planning category. It is the only project in the State of Ohio and the only National Road specific project to receive this award during this biennial competition period.

The Design Guidelines Handbook was produced in recognition of the complexity of context sensitive design and varying levels of control and governance of the roadway corridor along the Ohio Historic National Road, which is 227 miles long. The byway passes through 10 counties, 13 cities, 16 villages and 38 townships. The Handbook was initiated and is used as a resource that can be applied to a variety of circumstances and settings. The overall goal of the Handbook is to assist local efforts in preserving, protecting and enhancing the byway corridor.

The project was funded by a grant from FHWA's National Scenic Byway Program awarded through

the Ohio Department of Transportation and matched with funds from the Turner Foundation (Springfield, Ohio) and the Clark County – Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee. The Ohio National Road Association and the Ohio Historic Preservation Office of the Ohio Historical Society administered the project with the consultation of Judith B. Williams.

Transportation Director Thea Walsh will join a delegation to accept the AASHTO Award for the Ohio Historic National Road at an award ceremony as part of 2007 National Scenic Byway Conference this spring in Baltimore, Maryland.



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Staff Continues Safety Conscious Planning

TCC staff is continuing to work on safety conscious planning efforts. Since the completion of the Local Safety Hot Spots Document in 2006, staff has worked with the Clark County Engineer's Office, the city of Springfield's Engineering Department, and the Ohio Department of Transportation on engineering solutions to high crash locations.

The list of engineering solutions included six in-depth corridor studies and 11 low-cost short-term countermeasures totaling over \$300,000 in cost. This list has been forwarded on to the Ohio Department of Transportation for funding consideration. Examples of projects on this list include

replacing traffic signals, clearing sight obstructions from areas near intersections, and installing active speed warning signs.

TCC staff has also begun working with the Clark County Safe Communities Coalition. The collaborative effort meets monthly to discuss law enforcement and public awareness activities, including transportation-related issues. The staff is also working on additional safety plans that utilize newer crash data.

For more information regarding safety and crash data, please contact Scott Schmid at (937) 324-7689 or e-mail sschmid@ci.springfield.oh.us.

Upcoming Transportation Improvement Program Projects

PID	LOCATION	TOTAL COST	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
14308	Sherman Avenue in Springfield	\$3,113,000	Replacement of the bridge over Buck Creek	Construction estimated to begin in Summer 2007
81974	Simon Kenton Trail north of Eagle City Road	\$158,000	Construction of a multi-use trail spur to the SplashZone facility	Construction estimated to begin in late Spring 2007
75853	SR334 at Derr Road	\$2,894,000	Construction of roadway access	Construction estimated to begin in Fall 2007
81133	SR41 at the Clark County Fairgrounds Entrance	\$430,000	Reconfiguration of the entrance to the Fairgrounds	Construction estimated to begin Summer 2007
78291	E. Lake Avenue in New Carlisle	\$500,000	Reconstruction of the roadway and installation of street lighting	Construction estimated to begin Spring 2007
76711	US40 in Springfield	\$646,000	Resurfacing from Spring Street to Fostoria Avenue	Construction estimated to begin Summer 2007
24528	Enon Road	\$3,224,000	Replacement of the bridge over SR4	Construction estimated to begin Spring 2007
25151	SR235 and SR571	\$814,000	Resurfacing SR235 from the Montgomery County Line to New Carlisle and SR571 from US40 to New Carlisle	Construction estimated to begin late Summer 2007



Keep an eye out for these projects (above) in 2007. 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.

Coordinated Public Transit- Human Services Transportation Plan

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficiency Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) adopted by Congress in November 2005 includes changes to several transit programs. A request for funds from transit programs requires that these programs be included in a locally developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.

The emphasis for the plan will be on more or increased mobility for citizens and for less duplication of efforts by social service agencies.

The Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) staff has taken the lead role in developing this plan for Clark County. The plan will have input from elected officials, local stakeholders in the transportation providers field, social service agencies, and the transportation representatives of Justice Action Mercy (JAM).

The TCC has been working on this plan for almost a year. In this time frame preliminary data (survey distributed locally) collection and plan development has begun.

A public opinion survey has been provided to social service agencies, churches, community groups and citizens within Clark County. The purpose of the survey is to assess the transportation needs of the people in Clark County. Of the 8,000 surveys that were distributed, 1,100 have been completed and returned to the TCC. This is a return rate of 13.75% which is good for this type of a survey. The survey

responses have been loaded into a purpose built database. The database will be analyzed to find where and what kind of transportation shortfalls exist in Clark County. This information will assist the TCC in developing solutions to address these shortfalls. The results of the survey will also be incorporated into the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.

The team will analyze the remaining survey results and identify available transportation services in Clark County for inclusion in the coordinated plan.

As the lead agency, TCC applied for funds from the ODOT Office of Public Transit in January 2007 to develop this plan for the area.

Public participation comments will be allowed in early April 2007 from citizens, social/health agencies, transit providers and government entities on the preliminary draft of the transportation plan.

In May 2007 the TCC policy board will vote on the transportation plan and it will be submitted to ODOT Office of Public Transit and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for further consideration and approval. JAM will present the final plan at their May 2007 quarterly meeting.

The TCC expects to apply for New Freedom/JARC funds in July 2007 (FY2008) for implementation of this plan for Springfield/Clark County.

Specialized Transportation Update

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides federal funds for purchase of equipment to support transportation services for the elderly and people with disabilities where existing transportation is unavailable, inappropriate, or insufficient.

These federal funds provide 80% (federal) for capital items and the remaining 20% must come from local nonfederal sources. ODOT, who administers these funds, writes the specifications and actually purchases the vehicles with the costs reimbursed by FTA and vehicle recipient.

There have been a total of 42 vehicles awarded to Springfield/Clark County since 1979.

Elderly United has been awarded the most vehicles

during those years with Mental Health Services placing 2nd.

The 2006 recipient is Elderly United of Springfield and Clark County, Inc. Their competitive application requested a converted van with wheelchair lift for total cost of \$33,579. Federal share represents \$26,863 with the local 20% match being \$6,716.

With the 2006 recipient, Elderly United must be part of the local developed coordinated transit-human services transportation plan. This plan is also listed in this newsletter.

This vehicle must be implemented in this plan to enhance mobility for the elderly, disabled and under privileged citizens of Springfield/Clark County.

New Reports Available on the TCC Website

In the past year, three new planning reports were delivered to the TCC Board and are now available for download on the TCC website. The Reports Library section of the website now contains the 2006 Environmental Justice Analysis document and the 2007 Public Participation Plan. In addition, the 2007 Clark County Multi-Use Trail Plan has been recently added to the Bicycle and Pedestrian section of the website.

Be sure to check the website often for updates on all TCC plans, programs, and projects. Information on upcoming public meetings and TCC Board meeting agendas and minutes can all be accessed with a few quick clicks.

State Implementation Plan for Air Quality Development

The Clark County/Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) is in the Miami Valley Air Quality Control Region. The TCC has worked with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC), the lead agency for transportation air quality planning, to develop a portion of the State of Ohio Plan to keep the air clean in our region. This plan is called the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality attainment. The SIP describes the procedures for transportation monitoring, controlling, maintaining, and enforcing compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

In 2004 the US EPA designated four counties in our region as non-attainment for OZONE and Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5). June 2007 is the deadline for the State to update the SIP to indicate the strategies chosen to reduce OZONE during the summer months and PM2.5 all year long.



To accomplish this task the region put together an Air Quality Advisory Committee (AQAC) that consisted of stakeholders and representatives of the region. Those on the AQAC were from utility companies, chamber of com-

merce, health departments, lung associations, transit agencies, OEPA, ODOT and public citizens. This committee received inputs from the public and local ideas about how to reduce air pollution in the region. This committee then made recommendations to the MVRPC and TCC policy boards for adoption and recommendation to the OEPA for concurrence.

After public comments and ideas from stakeholders involved in this decision, it was recommended that pollution controls already on the books or scheduled for implementation over the next few years will be sufficient to reduce levels of OZONE below the national standard.

Controls considered for implementation over the next few years, to replace the E-Check program is Low-Reid Vapor gas to go in automobiles. OEPA keeps the Dayton/Springfield region current on its efforts to implement this strategy. Other controls are impacts of the transportation plans, programs and projects that must conform to the SIP air quality strategies adopted for the region. If these projects and programs do not conform to the SIP, then Federal funds for highways and transit projects would be held from the area until they have proven to conform to the SIP.

Actions that can be taken to help reduce the concentration of ground level ozone

- Avoid driving, if possible
- Refuel your vehicle only after 6 p.m.
- If you must drive, combine errands or delay them
- Drive a car that is well tuned
- Limit use of small gasoline powered engines
- Mow lawn after 6 p.m.



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Upcoming Meetings

TCC Board Meetings

All meetings held in Discovery Hall at the Clark County Heritage Center at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 13, 2007

Friday, May 11, 2007

Friday, June 8, 2007

GIS Users Group Meetings

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

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

Clark County Trails Task Force

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

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

WESTCO Board Meetings

All meetings held Clark County Ag Services Building at the Clark County Fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

Wednesday, July 18, 2007

OPWC District 11 Integrating and Executive Committee Meetings

All meetings held in the Springfield Township Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Thursday June 21, 2007

FY2008-2011 TIP Public Involvement Open Houses

All meetings held from 4:00-6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 3, 2007
Clark County Public Library
Springfield

Wednesday, April 4, 2007
Smith Park, New Carlisle

Thursday, April 5, 2007
Town Hall, South Charleston

