

MINUTES

John Sessler called the Meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

Those Members Present Were:

Elmer Beard	Kent Sherry	Paul Wilson	Bruce Smith
Tom Junk	Allan Thompson	Jim Campbell	Dwain Bartley
Nancy Brown	Herb Greer	Tim Gothard	Gene Kelly
Nancy Pence	Matt Parrill	Leo Shanayda	Geoff Steele
Roger Tackett	Marjorie Travis	Bob Warren	Sarah Wildman

Also Present Were:

Scott Schmid	Thea Walsh	Lamar Daniel	Glenn Massie
Joyce Davis	Bill Carey	John Balzer	Chris Harkness
Eric Ottoson	Larry Himes	Shane Farnsworth	Ned Weber
Maggie Barnhiser	Ted Corns	Lisa D'Allesandris	Joyce Dressler
Dixie Gergal	Anita Biles	Richard Henry	Dan Hepp
Bob Hupp	Ross McGregor	Steve Metzger	Libby Rushley
Rick Holbrook	Andrew Pickering	Steve Schumaker	George Soddors
Stew Sonnenberg	Walt Szczesny	Ron Vincent	Steve Voytko

John Sessler announced that there have been some changes since the last annual meeting. The TCC has a new Transportation Director, Thea Walsh and a new Transportation Planner, Chris Harkness. Also the Ohio Department of Transportation has assigned the TCC a new Central Office Planning Administrator, Libby Rushley. She has served in this capacity in the past. Larry Himes is back after his retirement and is working in the office with the Port Authority and staff members of TCC.

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Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Gene Kelly, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2006 meeting and July 26, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

EXPENDURES

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Elmer Beard, to approve the expenditures in the amount \$46,930.91.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

PRIOR APPROVALS

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Nancy Brown, to approve the amount not to exceed \$400.00 for one staff member to attend the National Road Association Quarterly Meeting in Grantsville, Maryland.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE**A. FY06 List of Obligated Projects**

Thea Walsh briefly reviewed the FY06 List of Obligated Projects. This will be on the TCC website and in the Newsletter.

Planning							
PID	Project Name	Project Description	Sponsor	Phase Obligated	Amount of Federal Funds Obligated in FY06	Total Federal Funds in Project	Amount of Federal Funds Remaining
80747	N/A	Statewide FY07 MPO Planning Program	N/A	Other	\$376,064	\$470,080	\$94,016
78603	CLA-07 Air Pollution Advisory Program	Springfield MPO Air Quality Advisory Program	TCC	Other	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Highway Projects							
PID	Project Name	Project Description	Sponsor	Phase Obligated	Amount Obligated	Total Federal Funds in Project	Amount of Federal Funds Remaining
25765	CLA-IR70-20.92	Joint repair on IR70 from US40 to SR54	ODOT	Construction	\$300,000	\$330,000	\$0
				Construction Engineering	\$30,000		
24184	CLA-SR72-5.16	Construct a dedicated left-turn lane between TR234 (W. Possum Rd.) and CR320 (E. Possum Rd.) and a two-way left-turn lane in between on SR72	ODOT	Construction	\$507,973	\$670,960	\$114,192
				Construction Engineering	\$48,795		
Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects							
PID	Project Name	Project Description	Sponsor	Phase Obligated	Amount Obligated	Total Federal Funds in Project	Amount of Federal Funds Remaining
78666	CLA-New Carlisle Bikeway	Construct a multi-use trail from Brookfield Drive to SR235 in New Carlisle	New Carlisle	Preliminary Engineering	\$38,532	\$727,000	\$688,468
Transit Projects							
Project ID	Project Name	Project Description	Sponsor	Phase Obligated	Amount Obligated	Total Federal Funds in Project	Amount of Federal Funds Remaining
OH-90-X532-00	N/A	Operating, Capital, and Planning	Springfield	N/A	\$174,361	\$174,361	\$0

For more information regarding Federal-aid projects in Clark County, please refer to the FY2006-2009 Transportation Improvement Program

B. Local Safety Hot Spot for Clark County

Scott Schmid presented the local safety hot spot for Clark County. The Safety Conscious Planning Workshop was kicked off on August 15, 2005. The objective for the hot spot issue is to provide a comprehensive analysis where the crashes are occurring on roadways in Clark County and to prioritize the high crash areas and make some recommendations to address those crash areas.

Scott Schmid stated that this is the beginning of the Rural Hot Spots Ranking this year. The information was gathered over a three-year period of time. The top five

Rural Hot Spots are at the intersections of Enon and Lower Valley Pike with 17 total crashes, S.R. 235 and Gerlaugh Road with 24 total crashes, Spangler Road and Lower Valley Pike with 16 total crashes, S.R. 235 and S.R. 41 with 17 total crashes and Middle Urbana Road and Moorefield Road with 10 total crashes. There are 12 other Rural Hot Spots located in Clark County. This will be a published document and will be hosted on the TCC website.

Scott Schmid stated that there are six top Urban Hot Spots. The top six Urban Hot Spots are at the intersections of Burnett Road and E. Main Street with 78 total crashes, Limestone Street and McCreight Avenue with 93 total crashes, Bechtle Avenue and S.R.41 with 68 total crashes, Spring Street and High Street with 59 total crashes, Fountain Avenue and Columbia Street with 54 total crashes and Bechtle Avenue and Columbia/North Street with 85 total crashes. There are 9 other Urban Hot Spots located in Clark County.

Scott Schmid remarked that many of the intersections on the list have had improvements recently or are in development. At Enon Road and Lower Valley Pike the County Engineer has worked on a project with rumble strips and 4-way stop/flashers. At S. R 235 and Gerlaugh Road the TCC, County Engineer and ODOT are working together for a protected left-turn signal phase addition. The Upper Valley Pike/U.S.68/U.S.40 is intended to reduce the number of crashes at that intersection by widening, new signalization and elimination of weaving area. At S. R. 72 and W/E Possum Road a project done by ODOT is adding a two-way left-turn lane. The Springfield red light cameras are all up and they are at 10 locations to reduce crashes.

Scott Schmid added that in addition to current projects the hot spot listing should help the City and the County come up with new projects with a safety emphasis. The City is working on U.S. 40 and S.R 72 on a Corridor Study. In reference to the Spring Street Bridge project the City hopes to address some of the crashes that are happening at Spring Street and North Street. At the intersection of Shrine Road and Ballentine Pike there is a need to study the intersection and the speed limit. Dayton-Springfield Road needs safety study and may need active speed warning signs. The next step is a meeting with ODOT Central Office and District staff is to discuss rankings and short term/low cost at intersections. The study shows that the crashes are down and the fatal accidents are up.

Thea Walsh introduced Anita Biles from the Clark County Health Department, the safe driving campaigns liaison for Clark County.

Anita Biles stated that she is currently working with a safe driving community coalition to partner in education, enforcement and engineer. The goal of it is to tie everything that Scott talked about with law enforcement, firemen, businesses and schools. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at the Health Department building. The committee's goals this year are to decrease alcohol crashes and to increase seat belt usage. Ohio has 88 counties, in the last couple of years Clark County was ranked ninth in the state as far as traffic collisions and

fatalities. Fatal accidents in Clark County have been high the past few years. The campaign kick offs include going to the schools and talk to the kids about drinking and using their seat belts. Also the committee works with the state troopers and sheriff deputies. Recently, the committee hosted fair booth to educate Clark County citizens on safe driving habits.

Thea Walsh remarked that TCC is looking forward to partnering with the Health Department on this safety program among others. She stated that staff has worked very hard on the Hot Spot Study and that it is her hope that some safety projects transpire from this work in the future.

C. Other

Eric Ottoson explained that each year it is required by the Federal Transit Administration the City of Springfield Public Hearing of its proposed budget for the FTA grant request to operate the bus system. It will be held on August 14, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. noon at the Springfield City Hall Forum. He further remarked that the total operating cost is \$1,932,685.00. He discussed the bus operating, capital and planning expenses.

Chris Harkness gave a Grant Program update. He briefly reviewed the OPWC District 11 status for the Job Ready Sites Program, The Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Program and the OPWC Local Transportation Improvement Program/ State Capital Improvement Program/ Revolving Loan Program.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE

A. Prospectus and Bylaws Subcommittee

Thea Walsh asked for five TCC members to volunteer for the Prospectus and Bylaws Subcommittee. Volunteers include: Tom Junk, Jim Campbell, Bob Warren, Nancy Brown and Herb Greer.

Motion by Geoff Steele, second by Elmer Beard to approved these five TCC members to be on the Prospectus and Bylaws Subcommittee.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

B. Highway

John Balzer reported that the S.R. 72 and Possum Road project has completed. The S.R. 4 project has been completed. The I-70 repair project from U.S. 40 to S.R.54 should start in the middle of next month.

Libby Rushley announced that Ohio Transportation Planning Conference is coming up in a couple of weeks. The Conference will be focusing on how the can meet the SAFETEA-LU requirements.

Thea Walsh replied that there is funding for a board member to attend the conference on Sept 22-23, 2006.

Bruce Smith reported that a project on Upper Valley Pike primarily funded by OPWC has started and the utilities are trying to get out of the way and the contractors will be starting within a few weeks. Another OPWC job that would resurface Old Springfield and reconstruct a portion of Wildman Road will receive bids Friday, August 18, 2006.

C. Transit

Glenn Massie reported that the Fixed Route Ridership for July 2006 was 29,571 passengers with a 4.1% increase. Paratransit Ridership had 469 passengers and Dial-A-Ride had 107 trips. There were three air quality advisory days last month. Further, there were 14 bikes on the bus racks in July.

D. Railroad

Larry Himes stated no report.

E. Trail

Jim Campbell reported that the National Trails Park and Recreation District is working on future plans for TIP activities.

F. Officials and Others

Roger Tackett stated that the Ritchie Brothers project is moving forward. It should be ready by this spring. The hope is that they will have the first auction this fall. The county is anticipating that the firm will bring in between \$300,000.00 to \$500,00.00 to the county general fund. The County Commissioners are also in the process of considering the possibility of moving the Sheriff's Administration Department to the Springview facility. The move would allow space for 300 more jail spaces at the downtown facility. The NEXTEDGE Tech Park is moving along in construction.

Gene Kelly reported that the traffic enforcement arrests are up to 128% the last seven months and auto crashes are down 8% from July 2005 to July 2006. Bethel Township leads the state in fatalities due to traffic crashes.

Marjorie Travis reported that the Village of Enon is starting its annual street paving program.

Adjournment

Motion by Gene Kelly, seconded by Roger Tackett to adjourn the TCC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Sincerely,

John Sessler
Chairman