

MINUTES

The TCC did not have a quorum on July 14, 2006. On July 26, 2006, the Executive Committee met to take action on specific agenda items. In attendance were John Sessler, Bob Warren, Roger Tackett, Tim Gothard and Bruce Smith.

I. MINUTES

Motion by Roger Tackett, seconded by Bob Warren, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2006 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

II. EXPENDITURES

a. July 2006 Summary of Expenses

Motion by Bruce Smith, seconded by Roger Tackett, to approve the July Summary of Expenses in the amount of \$44, 824.13.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

b. Then and Now Resolution

i. For a lease payment to the City of Springfield in the amount of \$5,314.70

Motion by Bruce Smith, seconded by Roger Tackett, to approve the July Summary of Expenses in the amount of \$44, 824.13.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

c. Prior Approvals

i. \$35 for 1 staff member to attend the Ohio Hub Station Workshop in Columbus, Ohio

ii. \$220 for 1 staff member to attend the Ohio Traffic Engineering & Highway Safety Conference in Columbus, Ohio

iii. \$1,000 for 4 staff members and at least 1 board member to attend the Ohio Transportation Planning Conference in Columbus, Ohio

iv. \$1,613 for 2 staff members to attend the TRB Tools of the Trade Conference in Nashville, TN

v. \$2,560 for 2 staff members to attend the TRB – Future of the MPO Conference in Washington D.C.

Motion by Bruce Smith, seconded by Bob Warren, to approve Prior Approval Conference Expenses in the amount of \$5,428.00.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

III. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE

a. TIP Amendment, Resolution 2006 – I

Motion by Bob Warren, seconded by Roger Tackett, to approve TIP Amendment, Resolution 2006-I for the New Carlisle Bikeway Project.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. The FY07 Planning Work Program & Budget will need to be amended to reflect a change in funding level. This amendment is per the request of ODOT. The amendment will be presented in a future TCC meeting.
- b. The FY06 Budget has more carryover funds than originally expected and it will have to be considered during the revision of the FY07 Planning Work Program & Budget. All carryover funds must be expended by September 30, 2006.
- c. The Board Leadership will request nominations from the floor at the next TCC meeting for the formation of a Prospectus & Bylaws Subcommittee for review of the current Prospectus and Bylaws. The Prospectus and Bylaws were last revised in 1996.
- d. In regard to US68/ US40/ SR 4/ Upper Valley Pike Study a TAC meeting was scheduled for August 4, 2006 at 8 a.m., Springfield City Hall, in the 4th floor conference room.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The TCC Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Sincerely,

John Sessler
Chairman

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A roll call of members determined that a quorum of the membership was not present. At 12:10 p.m. Bob Warren stated that the meeting would be held with no actions. An Executive Board meeting was scheduled for July 26, 2006 to move on all action items of this meeting.

Those Members Present Were:

Elmer Beard	Kent Sherry	David Hartley	Bruce Smith
Orphus Taylor	Matt Parrill	Jim Campbell	Bob Bender
Tom Junk			

Also Present Were:

Scott Schmid	Thea Walsh	Lamar Daniel	Glenn Massie
Joyce Davis	Bill Carey	Darrell Howard	Chris Harkness
John Balzer			

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There were no requests to revise the minutes.

EXPENDURES

Bob Warren stated that there are expenditures in the amount of \$44,824.13. Thea Walsh explained that the summary of expenses included two pay periods, supplies purchased, office equipment purchased, operating expenses and travel expenses.

There were no questions about the summary of expenses.

THEN AND NOW RESOLUTION

Bob Warren requested that Thea Walsh explain the Then and Now Resolution.

Thea Walsh explained that recently negotiations were held with the City of Springfield on terms of the office lease agreement. Lease payments increased because of square footage of the office expanded when 8th office was added for the WESTCO position. An invoice for the new amount was received before funds were reserved. An action to approve the Ten and Now Resolution must be approved in order to submit a payment to the city of Springfield.

PRIOR APPROVALS

Bob Warren stated that there are three different prior approvals for training and work shops.

Thea Walsh explained each request. An approval is needed for an amount not to exceed \$35 for Eric Ottoson to attend the Ohio Hub Station Workshop in Columbus, Ohio on July 9, 2006. An approval is needed for an amount not to exceed \$220 for Scott Schmid to attend the Ohio Traffic Engineering & Highway Safety Conference in October. An approval is needed for an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for four staff members and at least one board member to attend the Ohio Transportation Planning Conference in Columbus, Ohio on August 22 and 23.

Matt Parrill stated that he attended a planning meeting for ODOT the day previous. It was mentioned that it would be vital for the MPOs to attend this conference. The State and Federal agencies are requesting that all of the MPOs to be at the conference to be educated on the new TIP requirements from SAFETEA-LU.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE**A. Railroad Development Plan**

Larry Himes explained that one of the end products of the Planning Work Program is the Rail Development Plan (RDP) and today's presentation is to give an over view of this year's plan document. The RDP document itself will be available in a week or so. The document will be on the web and also in printing form later on.

Larry Himes gave background information on the history of the West Central Ohio Port Authority (WESTCO) and its organization. It was originally established in 1990. WESTCO is in its 16th year of operation. I was created by the Clark and Fayette Counties the Board of County Commissioner. In 1994 the Champaign County Commissioners asked to join. Today, the official jurisdiction is Champaign, Clark and Fayette counties. The County Commissioners in those counties appoint seven board members to serve on the Port Authority Board; in Clark County they are Jim Agle, Alan Thompson and Dr. Richard Henry. The Port Authority owns railroad infrastructure in those counties as well as some in Logan and Madison Counties. The Rail service is provided by the Indiana & Ohio Rail System (I&O).

Larry Himes explain that the WESTCO Board is supported by: secretary and treasurer services through TCC. WESTCO employs the assistance of legal support, accounting, bookkeeping, audit service, real estate service and engineering service. All of their efforts are made cooperation rail line shippers, the Indiana & Ohio Rail System, counties, municipalities, state agencies and Transportation Coordinating Committee.

The agenda packet included a map of their system. There are three main routes that the Port Authority has; one is Cold Springs to Bellefontaine the second is Springfield to Mechanicsburg and the third is Springfield to Washington C.H. The county roads and state highways are part of the network, as well as the Urbana Industrial Tracks, yard tracks and industrial siding.

Overall there is 94.5 miles of track in the five counties. Clark County has the most track at 36.5 miles. There are 47 bridges and 70 at-grade railroad crossings and many culverts and field tiles.

The WESTCO line has served 3,666 carloads to date for FY06. It served 7,108 carloads in FY 05. There are 11 different customers. Service is provided at 15 locations. The Port Authority plans to purchase other rail lines operated by the I&O. They will assist interchange traffic with all class 1 carriers and numerous short lines on the system.

A brake down of the commodities shipped on the WESTCO lines includes corn, soybeans and wheat, which is 80% of the business. WESTCO shippers also transport plastic resins, Ag chemicals, salt, paper pulp and other items on the line.

Overhead through traffic comes across the Maitland to Cold Springs lines and the Springfield to Washington C.H. (Fayne) line. Overhead through traffic will potentially increase over time on lines that assist in transport from Michigan to Cincinnati and Flat Rock, MI to Cincinnati.

Larry Himes presented WESTCO forecast of upcoming projects. They include track and structure projects on the South Charleston, Urbana/ Maitland, Mechanicsburg and the Urbana Industrial Track Lines. On the South Charleston Line they include rehabilitating the track in 2006-2007 and replace mainline bridge #224.7 in Fayette County in 2007. On the Urbana/Maitland Line they include rehabilitating track from Cold Springs to SR 508 in 2007/2008, replacing the deck and enhance the bridge over US 36 in 2007 and repairing bridge #109.55 in northern Champaign County in 2006. On the Mechanicsburg Line they include repairs to the mainline bridge #1.42 over Buck Creek in 2006. On the Urbana Industrial Track there will be two bridge repairs in 2006.

Larry Himes remarked that WESTCO is looking at business development opportunities. The goal is to retain and increase rail business. The intention is to diversify carload mix. WESTCO supports inter-modal facility development and promote rail service in the three county jurisdictions. We have a Cooperative Marketing Partnership and plan to participate in the Job Ready Sites program and Clean Ohio Brownfield Revitalization Program.

Larry Himes addressed a primary issue for strategic planning. A line in Logan County is not in use. He explained that these assets could be put in other places. We

participate with local jurisdictions on comprehensive plans, transportation plans and utilities.

Bob Warren inquired about the assets in Logan County.

Larry Himes remarked that WESTCO has five miles of real good rail. If we decided to up grade a class three track on the South Charleston line. We might use some of that for that purpose. We are also looking to use some of that to assist costumers.

Jim Campbell asked if that would eliminate the connection to CSX. Larry Himes replied that there isn't any connection to CSX.

B. TIP Amendment Resolution 2006 – I

Scott Schmid stated that the agenda packet included Resolution 2006-I, a TIP amendment for the New Carlisle Bikeway Project. The amendment would move funding from the construction days in 2009 to the right-of-way acquisition days in 2006.

C. US68/US40/SR4/Upper Valley Pike Study

Thea Walsh announced that a TAC meeting was held since the last TCC meeting. From that meeting two were forwarded to ODOT's central office for review. Matt Parrill and James Young denied the options because they did not meet the purpose and need of the study. Another TAC meeting will be held to finalize the planning study. We should have a recommendation from the TAC within the next two TCC meetings; the TCC will vote on the recommendation.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE

A. Highway

John Balzer reported that S.R. 4 south of town is still being worked on. This includes work near S.R. 369. This work includes bridge painting. Another job currently underway is S.R. 4 north of town. The work will include culvert lining and it will not place restrictions on the traffic. A job on I-70 between U. S. 40 to 54 has sold and will have a pre-construction meeting July 25, 2006. The contractors will be starting in mid August 2006. The County ODOT Garage is doing maintenance, mowing, bridge improvements and getting ready for the fair. The County ODOT Garage will have a booth at the county fair.

Matt Parrill remarked that the past couple of days I have been presenting inflation issues in the nine counties of District 7. Inflation has caused the districts and TRAC to review project prioritization. Inflation is so high that some projects have come off

of the planning lists. In the last six months of 2006 construction costs have rose 9% due to inflation. Contractors say that inflation is not coming down any time soon.

Jim Campbell inquired about when ODOT intends to address the line of site issues coming off of S.R. 4 on to the Enon Road bridge. Matt Parrill replied explain that it would be included with other work on S.R. 4. It has become a priority because of safety issues.

Matt Parrill referred to a letter from Thea Walsh on the behalf of Bethel Township Trustees about an intersection on Gerlaugh Road and S.R. 235. We will be working on it in August 2006. It is a county project.

Bruce Smith reported that the Shrine Road project that runs from Upper Valley Pike to St. Paris OPWC project had to rebid. Also the Jackson Road bridge structure is being redecked.

Bob Warren remark that Tim Gothard and Leo Shanayda could not come from the City today. The good news is that Tim Gothard is back to work and working half days.

B. Transit

Glenn Massie reported that Fixed Route Ridership for June 2006 was 33,712. For Paratransit Ridership there were 498 trips. The Dial-A-Ride had 133 trips. He gave his thanks to the TCC for their help in fair shuttle. SCAT will provide a shuttle to the fair and it will run for a week. We are going to have vans out at the fairground for the elderly so they can be shuttled from their car to the EXPO Center and back to their car. SCAT recently acquired some software for schedule dispatching for the ADA and Dial-A-Ride service. The ADA and Dial-A-Ride services are going into a big advertising campaign later this month to let people know about these services.

C. Railroad

Larry Himes stated no report.

D. Trails

Jim Campbell made a statement for informational purposes only. He noted that he saw bikes on the rack of a city bus. The National Trails Park and Recreation District is actively perusing additional trails and trail enhancements throughout Clark County. Last Tuesday NTPRD had counted 51,006 hits on the trail counters. It is slight bit higher from last year and the year before. We have laser counters and they work pretty well. Last month on the Prairie Grass Trail through South Charleston we had the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure. There were 3,000 riders. We only saw a 500 person increase on that day, because they we going through so fast. The counter did not have the time to shoot the beam back over and reflect again.

Kent Sherry asked if the trails are being mark for mileage. John Campbell replied that every half mile with in the municipalities is mark right along the pavement. With a little square about one foot square with a number one. On the Little Miami Scenic Trail the count starts at Xenia, and that count goes all the way up to Buck Creek State Park. The Prairie Grass Trail through South Charleston again we start the count at Xenia. All the number you see going through the trails are based on the count at Xenia, except for the Simon Kenton Trail. That is the one that goes from Springfield to Urbana.

E. Officials and Other

Darrell Howard remarked that the County Commission is working on economic development projects. The Richey Brother, South Vienna Project is moving forward. The Commission is hoping to put out bids shortly, when the engineer finalizes their plans. The Commission had to rebid Springview. He stated that the Commission intends to bid the project in September 2006.

Orphus Taylor reviewed issues of the city including zoning for indoor/outdoor shooting facilities, red light cameras and economic development.

Bob Bender expressed that the New Carlisle Streetscape Project is almost complete. Lights should be turn on by the end of July 2006. The resurfacing job on S. R. 235 and 571 within the corporation limits is expected to start in August 2006, and to be completed by no later then September 30, 2006. Our East Lake Avenue reconstruction project is on schedule at this point. We should start construction by next spring. Resurfacing of Linden Avenue and Tal Shoyer Drive should be started by first of August 2006 and finish by the end of August 2006. Thanks to the county for all the hard work they did. We were able to submit a Community Development Block Grant for a street in the city limits. Hopefully we will get it, if not we have another plan resurfacing project. I handed out a flyer. This year will be the ninth year of the Parade of Planes and the city's second annual Heritage of Flight Festival. They are held on the same weekend, which is October 6 -7, 2006 this year.

Elmer Beard expressed thanks on the behalf of Enon for Scott Schmid attending an Enon council meeting and giving us an update on the trail from Fairborn to Enon. Scott did a really good job.

Kent Sherry stated that the Homearoma was very successful. The builders sold 8 out of 10 houses during the show. One builder locked in 6 more houses. On July 31 the County will be enforcing the new building code for 2006. On July 25 CCBIA and the County Building Regulations Dept. is putting on a seminar at the Holiday Inn with regards to the new regulations. It will be a 4 hour seminar from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and it is \$10.00 per person.

Tom Junk thanked the TCC members for the card they sent him when he was in the hospital.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Sincerely,

Bob Warren
Vice-Chairman