

**Clark County-Springfield
Transportation Coordinating Committee
Regular Meeting**

**June 9, 2006
Heritage Center
12:00 Noon**

M I N U T E S

Bob Warren called the Meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Those Members Present Were:

John Detrick	Kent Sherry	Nancy Pence	Dwain Bartley
Matt Parrill	Nancy Brown	John Krabacher	Elmer Beard
Bruce Smith	Gene Kelly	Marjorie Travis	David Hartley
Sarah Wildman	Roger Tackett	Alan Thompson	Leo Shanayda

Also Present Were:

Scott Schmid	Thea Walsh	Maggie Barnhisier	Glenn Massie
Joyce Davis	Eric Ottoson	Shane Farnsworth	John Balzer
Chris Harkness	Lamar Daniel	Bill Carey	Libby Rushley

Bob Warren announced Tom Junk and Tim Gothard have recently undergone surgery. Two cards get well cards were passed around for TCC members to sign.

MINUTES

Motion by David Hartley, seconded by Bruce Smith, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2006 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

EXPENDITURES

Motion by Elmer Beard, seconded by John Krabacher, to approve the expenditures in the amount \$50,304.44.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A. Annual Update

Eric Ottoson presented the Transit Development Plan to the TCC. The plan is a federal and state requirement and it contains planning information on the operation the Springfield City Area Transit. The full report is available on the TCC website. He stated that the Fixed Route service ridership between 2001 and 2005 had a decreased.

ADA service, a service used mostly by elderly and disabled persons had also decreased in ridership from 2001 to 2005. The Dial-a Ride service, a fairly new service has increased in ridership from 2004 to 2005. The TDP includes comparison data. The comparison is with two other similar systems in the state Allen County and The City of Middletown. They are fairly similar in population, service types, base fare and fixed fleet.

In 2004 SCAT replaced some of its fleet with Gillig buses that have a low floor design with a ramp right that extends to the curb. SCAT also has vans that provide transportation for the ADA and the Dial-A -Ride service. SCAT has changed some routes to better serve the population. Changes include service extension to both of the new Wal-mart stores and the Prime Ohio Industrial Park. In 2006 the SCAT Bus Fares went to a booklet. Booklets include 6, 20, or 44 tickets. In the future SCAT plans to purchase a service vehicle, Paratransit scheduling software and security cameras for inside the bus. In 2007, SCAT is looking into purchasing an electronic ticket system, making a major parts purchase and acquiring 5 more bus stop shelters. SCAT and the City of Springfield have not increased the fare since 1982.

Glenn Massie added to the report by stating that the fuel was \$55,000 over the projected budget last year and health care costs went up 30%. He further stated that SCAT would like to get bus service out into the county.

Motion by Nancy Brown, second by Sarah Wildman, to except the Transportation Development Plan.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE

A. FY07 Transportation Improvement Program Update

Scott Schmid reviewed the Transportation Planning Program projects for July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007. There are four local projects and five ODOT projects. That included S.R.334 and Derr Road project, the S.R. 41 Fairground project, the Lower Valley Pike Medway street lighting second phase, and reconstruction East Lake Street in New Carlisle. The other projects are resurfacing projects. Also, a project to repair I-70 between U.S. 40 and S. R.54.

Scott Schmid presented a TIP amendment for the FY 2006-2009 Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment adds certain transportation program funding to St. Paris Pike Bridge rehab project, one of the County Engineer's project. The construction will be paid for with CEAQ funding. The amendment TCC will pay \$64,000 and local match will be \$16,000 which will make a total of \$80,000 for the bridge design. The bridge is over Mad River.

a. Resolution 2006 – H

Motion by Dave Hartley, seconded Matt Parrill, to amend the FY2006-FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program and Resolution 2006 – H.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

B. FY08 – FY11 Transportation Improvement Program Kickoff

Scott Schmid reviewed the FY08 – FY11 Transportation Improvement Program schedule. The TCC will review the TIP on February 9, 2007 and May 11, 2007. Applications for TIP funding will be available July 3, 2006. There will be a kick off workshop July 18, 2006.

John Balzer added that he intends to improve the line of site for the ramps at the Enon Road Bridge during FY07. Matt Parrill agreed. He stated that design standards call for widening of the intersection.

C. OPWC – Issue 2, Round 21 Kickoff

Thea Walsh introduced Chris Harkness a new Transportation Planner. He recently graduated from Miami University. He will be working with contracts like OPWC, The Ohio National Road Association, Clean Ohio Fund and Job Ready Sites.

Chris Harkness gave an update on the OPWC Program. Round 21 is coming up. The OPWC Grant Program is an infrastructure program that allocates money to projects involving: roads/bridges, water/wastewater treatment systems, storm water systems, solid waste facilities, waterlines, and sanitary sewer lines. The District 11 allocation total is \$9,875,000.

The Round 21 Kickoff Meeting for the Clark County Subcommittee will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall Forum. August 11th applications are due in to the TCC office.

D. Job Ready Sites, Round 1 Kickoff

Chris Harkness introduced the Job Ready Sites Program (JRS). The program is designed to stimulate the development of large parcels or buildings that will attract significant investments to Ohio. Prepared sites will be recorded in a statewide inventory of “marketable sites” to attract and secure business.

Eligible applicants are: Political Subdivisions, County Government, Municipal Government, Townships, Port Authorities, Non-Profit Economic Development Organization's and Non-Profit Business Associations.

The JRS Program has five types of eligible projects. They are: Mega-Manufacturing (1000 acres), Technical Center/Research Labs (150 acres), Manufacturing (200 acres), Existing Industrial Buildings (1 mill sq. ft.) and "Smart" Offices (150,000 ft. zoned lead)

Each project can receive up to 75% of the total project cost. Total costs can not exceed \$5 million dollars.

JRS Program allows use of grant money for: acquisition of land/building, building construction, improvement to land/building, remediation of environmentally contaminated property, indemnity of surety bonds and premiums on insurance and infrastructure improvements.

JRS timetable applications were made available early in May. The District 11 working group meeting will be held on June 29, 2006. Applications are due to the Integrating Committee on July 19, 2006. The District 11 working group/Executive Committee meeting will be held on August 17, 2006. Recommended applications are due to ODOD on September 6, 2006. ODOD will announce recommended grant recipients on November 1, 2006. All grants to be awarded funding will be approved by State Controlling Board on December 4, 2006.

E. Other

Thea Walsh informed the TCC members that the staff had been working in cooperation with the Ohio National Road Association to develop a Design Guideline Handbook to help in planning efforts for the Scenic Byway. The handbook recently became available for jurisdictions of the road. The book is going to be distributed throughout Ohio. The handbook will be available online as well as TCC members will may have a copy upon request. The TCC assisted in the funding of the handbook.

Thea Walsh announced that there were two meeting coming up. The first one is a TAC meeting to discuss the 68/40/4/UVP Study it will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall, 4th floor conference room. The second is the Ohio Transportation Planning Conference held on August 22 & 23, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Worthington, in Columbus, OH.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

A. Highway

John Balzer gave a report on ODOT County Garage maintenance efforts. He reported that S.R. 4 leaving Springfield going south opened last Saturday at 10:00 a.m. That project is nearing completion. Road work is being done on S.R. 72 near East and West Possum Roads. A culvert on S.R. 4 will be realigned within a month. There will be no

closures. An I-70 repair project between U.S.40 and S.R.54. should sell within a month.

Bob Warren announced that Libby Rushley from Central office is here today. He asked her if she had anything to share with the TCC Board.

Libby Rushley stated that she has not been to Springfield for a few years but, would be coming to our TCC meetings more often as a reassignment in the ODOT Central Office has assigned her to the TCC.

B. Transit

Glenn Massie reported that the Fixed Route Ridership for April 2006 was 39,360 compared to 36,048 in April 2005. There was a 9.2% increase in Paratransit Ridership for April 2006; there were 625 riders as compared to 546 in April 2005. There was a 12.5% decrease in the Dial-A-Ride service which had 368 trips. He stated that there is still an interest in getting service outside of the Springfield City limits.

C. Railroad

No Report.

D. Trails

No Report

E. Other

Bruce Smith reported that his office will bid the Upper Valley Pike project in two weeks. Plans for the project are available now. This is an OPWC project taking place on Upper Valley Pike, from Fox Hollow Road to Baker Road. The project will include berm work, shoulder widening, replacement of a culvert at Fox Hollow and a small bridge replacement near Baker.

Elmer Beard announced that the Prairie Knob UCC Church of Enon is going to be celebrating its 200 year anniversary this weekend.

John Krabacher stated that the City of New Carlisle will soon turn on its new street lighting in downtown. The Streetscape Project is coming along. The Air Plane Parade will be the first weekend in October.

Sarah Wildman stated that the Village of South Charleston appreciated ODOT's corporation with the traffic signal issues. She foresees a pending resolution to the situation. There will be a ground breaking for a church in town this weekend. It is a Presbyterian Church. The South Charleston Heritage Commission is presenting their

first annual Mid Summers Eve Grand Ball. It will be held at the South Charleston Opera House on July 1, 2006 and it is requested that participants wear 1860's attire.

Gene Kelly reported that they had a high profile murder case that lasted a month. The trial required participants to visit 7 sites related to the case. Glen Massie of SCAT provided bus service for jurors and all trial participants. He provided them with a brand new bus with video cameras installed. Gene Kelly had the opportunity to personally watch the camera and they worked excellent. There was no talking or any communication among the jurors. It was clean and neat. I think most of the jurors had never ridden on a city bus. It was another positive aspect for people acutely ride a clean, new and neat bus. We are going to try to get a bus for future high profile cases.

Gene Kelly mentioned that Bethel Township had one of the highest accident fatality rates in the state. The Sheriff's Office is using traffic highway safety grant dollars to increase our patrol in Bethel Township and through May 31 his office had an increase in the number of citations from last year. The number of citations was 1,250 this is a 140% over 2005. On the positive side, traffic accidents are down 17%. Traffic enforcement is providing the county with a decrease in accidents. There were 203 accidents last year and 169 this year. Next weekend Homearoma will be held in Dowden Park. There will be increased traffic on Derr Road. Enforcement will also be increased in that area.

Nancy Brown stated that access to I-70 from Lower Valley Pike in Bethel Township has been permanently closed. There seems to be an increase in traffic on Main Street in Medway and Gerlaugh Road. She expressed a turn for a turn signal at Gerlaugh Road and 235. Matt Parrill replied stating that a letter should be written and sent to the ODOT District 7 office about the signal at Gerlaugh Road and 235. John Balzer reported that a cul-de-sac has been installed where the ramp to I-70 was taken out.

Kent Sherry invited every one to come to 'Business after Hours' on June 16, 2006 at Homearoma. Homearoma will take place June 17 through 25.

Roger Tackett addressed the traffic signal issue in South Charleston. He stated that keeping the lights up would be positive for the village. Future development in South Vienna with the Ritchie Brothers looks to be promising. He further stated that he met with Thea and Just Action Mercy JAM yesterday to formulate a plan to provide county residence with transit service.

Adjournment

Motion by David Hartley, seconded by John Detrick, to adjourn the TCC meeting

The TCC meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Bob Warren
Vice-Chairman