

MINUTES

Bob Warren called the Meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Those Members Present Were:

John Detrick	Kent Sherry	Leo Shanayda	Tom Junk
Matt Parrill	Nancy Brown	Orphus Taylor	Geoff Steel
Bruce Smith	Jim Campbell	Marjorie Travis	Bob Bender
Herb Greer	David Hartley	Bob McKie	David Locke
Alan Thompson			

Also Present Were:

Scott Schmid	Thea Walsh	Maggie Barnhiser	Glenn Massie
Joyce Davis	Eric Ottoson	Shane Farnsworth	John Balzer
Stu Sonnenberg			

Bob Warren stated that Phil Tritle's mother past away and there was a sympathy card being past around for the TCC members to sign.

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Motion by Alan Thompson, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2006 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

EXPENDITURES

Thea Walsh explained that an invoice was submitted after the agenda was sent out. It was for the ITS Rail Corridor Plan that is being coordinated with the city. The TCC is paying for consultants to do the work. Bob Warren stated that the new total is \$66,273.25. John Detrick asked about the specifics of the study. Leo Shanayda replied stating that the ITS Rail Corridor Plan will study the railroad corridor for the consideration of a quiet zone. The consultant will look at what needs to be done at each intersection or crossing. Implements may include video feed back to the emergency responses for dispatching purposes.

John Detrick replied that we have a general commitment but not any specific amount of money from the Turner Foundation to get a quiet zone through downtown. Leo

Shanayda and Thea Walsh addressed John Detrick's inquiry with their knowledge of the Turner Foundation's commitment to the various phases of the project.

Motion by Jim Campbell, seconded by Bruce Smith, to approve the expenditures in the amount \$66,273.25.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

PRIOR APPROVAL

Thea Walsh presented a request for prior approval for a staff member to attend the Ohio Transit Conference in Columbus.

Motion by David Hartley, seconded by Nancy Brown to approve the amount not to exceed \$310.00 for one staff member to attend the Ohio Transit Conference in Columbus, OH on May 9, 2006 18-19, 2006.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously

FY 07 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Bob Warren announced that the board should have received the Planning Work Program with the agenda. Further he stated that Resolution 2006 – G needed to be approved for the Planning Work Program.

Thea Walsh briefly reviewed the financial responsibilities of the Planning Work Program.

Work Element	Description	Budget
601.1 & 601.2	Short Range Planning - Trails, Safety, Scenic Byway, Rail Development and Scenic Byway	\$183,519
602.1	Transportation Improvement Program	\$27,000
605.1	Surveillance - Technology based planning using GIS and related technologies	\$76,000
610.1	Long Range Planning - Transportation Plan Maintenance	\$65,670
665.1	Air Pollution Advisory Program	\$30,000
674.1	Paratransit Planning - Specialized Program and Coordination of effort for specific need populations	\$21,600
674.2	Transit Planning - Coordination with the Bus Company	\$68,000
682.1	Infrastructure Support Program - OPWC District 11 Coordination	\$40,000
682.2	Rail Freight Administration - WESTCO Coordination	\$80,000
682.3	Clean Ohio Program Support - OPWC District 11 Coordination	\$25,000
682.4	National Road Coordination Services - ONRA Nonprofit Administration	\$40,000
682.5	SR794 Sub Area Carryover	\$60,000
697.1	Public Involvement	\$36,000
Total		\$752,78

Bob Warren asked how this budget compared to the budget from last year. Thea Walsh replied in stating that last year's budget was around \$720,000. This budget accounts for around \$30,000 more in funding

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Matt Parrill, to accept the FY 2007 Planning Work Program for the continuation of the Urbana Transportation Planning Process in Clark County and approve Resolution 2006 – G.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE

A. U.S.68/S.R.4/U.S.40/Upper Valley Pike Sub Area Study

Thea Walsh stated that at the last TCC meeting there was a question of whether the new location of the hospital was considered as part of the preferred alternate 2A for 68/4/40/Upper Valley Pike Sub Area Study. The 2A alternate will close two ramps and insulate the middle lane.

The comments of concern from the last meeting were forwarded to ODOT's central office. ODOT has replied requesting background information from the City of Springfield on the inquiry. District 7 has issued a response stating that in order to analyze the potential impacts of the new hospital on the interchange ODOT will need to have more specific information of the impact. This will help ODOT accurately measure the impact of the preferred alternate 2A.

Thea Walsh concluded by stating that this is a status report, intended to inform TCC members of how the study is progressing.

Matt Parrill added that ODOT will do the preliminary design in the central office. He further stated that ODOT will need specific information about the hospital and the traffic flow.

B. Clean Ohio Program

Thea Walsh explained that the Clean Ohio Program is a conservation program. There is a state bond issue that funds the program to conserve open spaces and re-establish riparian corridors. Statewide there is roughly \$40 million available each year for the four year cycle. The local communities fund \$25,000 of the TCC staff services for the administration of the OPWC District 11 Clean Ohio Grant Program. House Bill 530 appropriated funds for the program for round 4. Round 4 has been on hold and has recently come available on March 30, 2006. District 11 will have \$2.3 million in grant funding to dispense 8 counties around Clark County. The staff works with the Ohio Public Work Commission.

Herb Greer asked what is a riparian corridor. Thea Walsh explained that a riparian corridor is a wetland or an area near a stream.

Thea Walsh announced that a kickoff meeting for Round 4 will be held at the Champaign County Government Center on May 25, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to inform potential applicants about the grant opportunity.

C. WESTCO Port Authority-Year in Review

Bob Warren mentioned that there was a WESTCO report attached to the agenda.

Thea Walsh stated from 2004 -2005, 1,105 more railcars were served on the WESTCO lines. WESTCO has had many project efforts in operations, construction, maintenance, property, planning, marketing and administration. Over all the largest of their efforts in last year was the Upper Valley Pike Bridge. It was a \$2.1 million under taking and it is a significant improvement in Clark County. She further stated that Alan Thompson our TCC Board member is the Vice Chairman of the WESTCO board. Dr. Richard Henry was recently appointed to the WESTCO Board by the Clark County Commissioners.

John Detrick inquired about WESTCO's economic development initiatives.

Thea Walsh stated that Larry Himes is looking into the Job Ready Sites Program.

Alan Thompson followed by stating that WESTCO is working on a new contract with the I & O Railroad. Larry has spent a great deal of time meeting with Railroad officials concerning the contract.

John Detrick followed up with statements about WESTCO coordinating w/ the CIC on the Job Ready Sites Program as well as ethanol economic development opportunities.

D. Other

1. Thea Walsh explained that the Ohio Public Work Commission Small Government Fund Committee met about a week past in Columbus and selected small governments for grant award. This is a statewide competition. South Charleston received \$125,000 through this program, \$75,000 in grant funding and a \$50,000 loan for improvements to north S.R. 41.
2. Matt Parrill stated that ODOT will be sending a letter out to all the local officials concerning construction price inflation. ODOT has experienced 27% increase in construction price over the last seven years. ODOT has the MPO's are attending a Construction Cost Estimating Workshop. The workshop will cover construction price trends and for casting.

3. Scott Schmid stated that the TIP quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday May 24, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall in the fourth floor conference room. The meeting will review the status of all the projects that are in the Transportation Improvement Program. The inflation issue will also be discussed.
4. Bob Warren introduced Stu Sonnenberg from the Federal Highway Administration. Stu Sonnenberg stated that his office is trying to arrange a small workshop probably in June or July 2006 Access Management. FHWA will be sending out letters the workshop shortly. We are going to try to hold the workshop at the District Seven office.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

A. Highway

1. John Balzer reported that S.R. 72 and Possum Road project will be starting this month. There will be no closures on S.R. 72. It will start on the West side of Possum Road and it will take 30 days to finish. When the school gets out the construction will move over to the East side of Possum Road.
2. John Balzer S. R. 4 has been closed South of Springfield in the Southbound lane. It will be paved and should take 30 day the Lower Valley Pike ramp from Medway to I-70. ODOT closed a cul-de-sac will be installed. This should be done by the holiday, but it still have to be paved. In June 2006 there will be a project selling on I-70 from U.S. 40 to route 54 to do joint repair work.
3. John Detrick praised John Balzer for working fast and getting the closed section of S. R. 4 by George Rogers Clark Park open during very critical season. Further, John Detrick asked Nancy Brown if she has noticed an increase in traffic in the Medway area. Nancy Brown replied with a yes. The projection was a1,000 new cars a day on Gerlaugh Road. The major impact has been on Main Street in Medway and Gerlaugh Road.
4. Bruce Smith reported that the bridge crew is working on removing the bridge deck on Jackson Road. Although bids have been accepted to pour a new deck and resurfacing the County Engineer's office intends to provide same in kind labor. We have received bids to pour the deck. We will be getting bids on the resurfacing project. He furthers stated that this is to assist a couple of solar power flashing lights at the top of the hill on Shrine Road to enforcing the 25 mph have been installed speed limit in that curve.

B. Transit

Glenn Massie reported that the Springfield City Transit Ridership statistics for the month of April 2006. Fixed Ridership was at 36,048 trips, Paratransit ADA service was at 625 trips and the Dial-A-Ride had 198 trips. There is an interest in getting rides out of the City. John Detrick stated that the commissioners are interested in some type of county transit system. Thea Walsh stated that there is a study from 2001 on the subject of county wide transit system. She further stated that the study should be utilized in this effort.

C. Railroad

No report.

D. Trails

1. Jim Campbell reported on the efforts of the Western Trail taskforce. He further stated that walker groups are using the trail system on a regular basis. One of the largest activities this year is going to be Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure. It will be coming through Clark County on June 24, 2006 as part of the large loop around Ohio that happens over a three week period. They will be coming through South Charleston on that Saturday. They will use the Prairie Grass Trail as part and they the surfaced streets as part of their route.
2. Scott Schmid reported on the three county trails initiative. Norfolk Southern has made an agreement with Montgomery County to sell a portion of that railroad corridor for trail development. Montgomery, Greene and Clark Counties are working with the railroad on this purchase.

E. Other

1. Orphus Taylor reminded everyone that there are 10 red light cameras that have been installed. June 1, 2006 is when the fines begin. Fines will be \$100.00. The cameras locations were printed in the newspaper and will be printed again. She further stated that an also concern very much about the 90 foot cell phone tower that will probably be installed on Burnett Plaza. She concluded w/ announcing that the two new Wal Mart stores will open on Wednesday May 17, 2006.
2. Herb Greer reported that Springfield Township will have a new fire house constructed by the end of July or first of August, 2006. The zoning, township and cemetery meetings are going to start meeting in the new building in September or October 2006.

3. John Detrick announced that Memorial Day weekend is two weeks away. It starts in Medway at 9:00 a.m. with a parade on Saturday morning. There is a 12:00 noon parade in New Carlisle. At 2:00 p.m. there is a parade in North Hampton. On Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in downtown Tremont City there is a parade. At 1:00 p.m. Enon has a parade. Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. Springfield will host biggest parade in the United States, the Shrines will be here and it will be a big one. Also South Charleston will have a 9:00 a.m. parade to the Catholic cemetery and a 10:00 a.m. parade to the protestant cemetery.
4. Marjorie Travis asked when the overpass at Enon Road over S.R. 4 is going to be closed. John Balzer stated it will be next construction season. The contract will sell this year. The construction will start in the spring of 2007.
5. Bob Warren announced that on Friday evening and Saturday May 19 - 20, 2006 the Rotary Grand Prix will be downtown Springfield. They have the downtown streets blocked.

Adjournment

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by David Hartley, to adjourn the TCC meeting

The TCC meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Sincerely,

Bob Warren
Vice-Chairman