

MINUTES

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

Those Members Present Were:

Dwain Bartley	Herb Greer	Leo Shanayda	Gene Kelly
Tim Gothard	Tom Junk	Matt Parrill	Geoff Steel
Roger Tackett	Kevin O'Neill	Jim Campbell	Nancy Brown
Sarah Wildman	Bill George	John Detrick	Bruce Smith
Alan Thompson	Kent Sherry	David Hartley	Orphus Taylor
Toni Keller	John Krabacher		

Also Present Were:

Lamar Daniel	Bill Carey	Glenn Massie	Thea Walsh
Joyce Davis	John Balzer	Shane Farnsworth	Chris Harkness
Jenny Baader	Larry Creed	Diana Erwin	Ross McGregor
Bob Yingst	David Davis		

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Motion by Bill George, seconded Jim Campbell, by to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2006 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

EXPENDITURES

Motion by Bill George, seconded by John Krabacher, to approve the expenditures in the amount \$140,240.64.

Vote: Motion approve unanimously.

BLANKET CERTIFICATES

Supplies	\$5,000	74200
Other	\$5,000	74140-74900

Motion by Gene Kelly, seconded Leo Shanayda, by to approve the Blanket Certificates in the amount requested

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

PRIOR APPROVAL

Motion by John Krabacher, seconded by Gene Kelly, to approve an amount not to exceed \$500.00 for two staff members to attend the Ohio Transportation Engineer's Conference in Columbus, Ohio on October 25-27, 2006

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE**Resolution 2006 – K**

Chris Harkness stated that the Sherman Avenue Bridge Project is eligible for Federal funding utilizing Transportation Enhancement (TE) Fund in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for construction cost. The City of Springfield will provide \$50,000 as the 20% local match to the (TE) funding for construction. The funds will be used to widen the bridge for a bike path. The construction is planned for this fiscal year.

Motion by Jim Campbell, seconded by Herb Greer, to amend the FY 2006 – FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program and Resolution 2006 - K

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution 2006 – M

Lamar Daniel reported that this year the State will determine which providers will receive funding based on their application for a new specialized vehicle. The federal funds can provide up to 80% of the cost of capital items, the remaining 20% must be provided by the grantee and must be from non-federal sources. TCC reviews each application for completeness and competitiveness. The TCC staff recommends that both applications are submitted to the State for funding consideration. The applicants selected for 2006 program are Elderly United of Springfield & Clark County Inc. and Salvation Army Inc.

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Alan Thompson, to support the selected applicant for the Ohio 2006 Specialized Program in Clark County

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

FY07 Planning Work Program Amendment No. 2

Thea Walsh stated that there was a handout of the FY07 Planning Work Program Amendment No. 2 and a copy of the new budget. Thea Walsh discussed the changes in some of the work elements.

Work Element 601.2 was moved to 601.4. It is the ONRA Interpretive Signage Project. Work Element 601.2 was added. It is the US68/US40/SR4/UVS Study. The Study has carryover funds from a prior year in the amount of \$8,567. These funds are needed to complete additional work. Work Element 601.3 was added. It is the ONRA Design Guideline Handbook. The Project has carryover funds from a prior year in the amount of \$4,424. These funds are needed to complete additional work. The Budget total increased from \$931,633 to \$944,626. This is a difference of \$12,993.

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Nancy Brown, to amend FY07 Planning Work Program No. 2.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

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

Bob Warren explained that there was a discussion about this study at the previous meeting of the TCC and it was tabled for 30 days to collect more data. He further stated that last month Geoff Steele and Herb Greer made a motion and seconded it to table this study approval.

Bob Warren explained that Thea Walsh will present the Transportation Coordinating Committee staff recommendation based upon the data provided in the study. Following that there should be a motion and a seconded approving the staff recommendation. At that point there will be a discussion and the Transportation Coordinating Committee members and interested parties can express their.

Thea Walsh reviewed the of the study purpose. It is to improve the safety near the intersection. The intersection has been a hot spot since 2001 which means that have been 150 crashes recorded in a three year period. It is also a high congestion area.

Thea Walsh stated that at the TCC meeting was held on September 8, 2006 the planning study was referred back to the Technical Advisory Committee to determine if the closing the southwest ramp was a valid issue. The Planning Study acceptance was table.

Thea Walsh stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on September 20, 2006. The southwest ramp closure was the primary topic of discussion. The hospital, ODOT, EMH&T consultant and the local governments were in attendance. ODOT was to submit an official letter from Central Office to the Transportation Coordination Committee. ODOT official letter was received and ODOT will stand behind the preferred Alternate 2A.

Thea Walsh explained the break down of funding for this project. The project is \$10.4 million total. Alternate 2A is slated to use \$3.6 million in ODOT Safety funding, \$4.8 million in ODOT District 7 funding and \$2 million TCC / Local funding.

Thea Walsh stated that it is the staff's recommendation for the board to accept the Planning Study with Preferred Alternate 2A. This would allow for the full funding package of \$10.4 million to be available for a comprehensive safety improvement to this intersection which has a proven safety deficiency. However, a tradeoff of this decision would be that the southwest ramp will be removed as part of the comprehensive safety package.

Thea Walsh stated that it is not the staff's recommendation decline the Planning Study with Preferred Alternate 2A. If the board were to not approve the planning study with Alternate 2A a total of \$8.4 million for this project to improve the safety at this intersection will be pulled. However, \$1 million in local/TCC funding and \$1 million in ODOT Safety Funding will still be available for safety improvements along Upper Valley Pike from the Railroad Bridge to Shrine Road and on Shrine Road to Locus Drive.

Bob Warren stated that the TCC members need a motion to accept the staff recommendation to approve the planning study with Alternate 2A.

Motion by Bruce Smith, second by Nancy Brown, to approve the recommendation of the TCC staff.

Kevin O'Neill, Springfield City Commissioner expressed concerns about accepting Alternate 2A. He was specifically concerned that the removal of the southwest ramp from southbound U.S. 68 to eastbound U.S. 40 would negatively impact on the hospital development. The hospital will cost \$300 million and is the largest employer in Springfield. We have peopled here today from the hospital, Center City Association, and the Business Collection Downtown that would like to speak about this project.

Ross McGregor, State House Representative expressed concern on alternate 2A. He knows that this is a hot spot area. Many people feel that much of the problem is further to the west on S.R. 40. I do not recommend alternate 2A.

Jeff Johnson, Vice President of Economic Development of the Chamber of Commerce expressed concern about Alternate 2A and recommended that intersection keep the status quo. Many believe it would foster the growth of downtown and the hospital safety needs and emergency services. He did not recommend alternate 2A.

Bruce Smith would like to point out that EMH&T consultant based on their expertise of their traffic analysis recommended Alternate 2A.

David Davis, Director of Project Management for Community Mercy Health Partners, stated that he had a letter from Pete Hackett, Chairman of the Board of Trustees expressing concern with the closure of the southwest ramp and is requesting that the ramp would not be shut down. There will be more traffic on Plum Street and more business on the west end of town.

Geoff Steel stated that there is no question that this area is a hot spot and it seems that most of the board members seem to understand that a solution must be found. However, Alternate 2A may not be the solution.

Jenny Baader, Executive Director of the Center City Association presented letters from the Center City Association as well as the Downtown Business Alliance in opposition to Alternate 2A. She stated that she felt that it would be a mistake to do away with the ramp.

John Detrick stated that he is going to support the project because trusts the expert advice of ODOT and the County Engineer.

Bob Yingst stated that the ramps should be kept. He noted that there are still local funds to take care of signals and other problems at the intersection.

Larry Creed, EMH&T consultant concluded the discussion with a few brief statements about the comprehensive nature of the safety improvements outlined in this planning study.

Bob Warren announced that because he was serving as Chairman for this meeting he wanted his vote to only count in the event of a tie. A roll call vote was made.

Brown – yes, Campbell – yes, Detrick – yes, George – no, Gothard - no, Greer – yes, Hartley – yes, Krabacher – no, Junk – yes, Keller – no, Kelly – no, Lock – no, O’Neill – no, Parrill – yes, Shanayda – no, Sherry – no, Smith – yes, Steel – no, Tackett – yes, Taylor – no, Thompson – no, Warren – no (not counted), Wildman – yes.

Vote: Motion not approved.

Thea Walsh announced that there were 10 yeas and 12 nays.

Thea Walsh concluded that the TCC staff will continue to work on safety problem at this intersection. When we go through the next phase of study I would urge everyone to come out to TCC public involvement sessions. Just as in this study, notices for public involvement sessions will be advertised in local media and all board members will receive a mailed invitation of meeting times and locations.

Local Safety Hot Spots for Clark County

Thea Walsh presented the Hot Spot Analysis document. She stated that a presentation about Hot Spot Analysis was given by Scott Schmid at the Annual Meeting. The TCC staff is using it to determined future safety projects for Clark County. Scott Schmid, Tim Gothard and Bruce Smith all have been working together try to identify safety projects.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE**A. Highway**

John Balzer invited everyone to the ODOT Dry Run at the Clark County Garage. It is Monday morning at 8:30 p.m. It is a chance to see all of the ODOT County Garage's snow and ice equipment. We are getting it ready at this time.

Bruce Smith reported that there is one project underway on Upper Valle Pike, Fox Hollow and St. Paris Pike. He stated that crews have also begun work on Dayton-Springfield Road down near Greene County. Projects should be finished by Thanksgiving.

B. Transit

Glenn Massie reported that the Fixed Route Ridership for September 2006 was 34,853 passengers with a 2% increase. Paratransit Ridership had 474 trips and Dial-A-Ride had 457 trips.

Thea Walsh added that the TCC staff is working on a survey with Justice Action Mercy (JAM) for our Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan to look at transportation services in the county for the future. She offered the survey to interested parties. The survey is taking place right now.

C. Railroad

No report.

D. Trails

Jim Campbell thanked everyone for using the trails this summer. The Parks and Recreation District is working with Greene County on borrowing some of their trail counters for more accurate counts.

E. Officials and Others

The county budget process starts soon. The budget should be finished by the middle of January 2007. Introduction of the PODS at the jail have relieved some of the stress at the County jail. This allows more space to house inmates. The Ritchie Brothers project is moving ahead. They are busy in the South Vienna area. The Springview project is moving along. By late spring or summer the people who work in Garfield Building should be moving into Springview. The Administrative area of the Sheriff Department might be moving out to Springview.

Herb Greer stated that the Springfield Township is ready for winter. The entire fleet of vehicles has been inspected. Springfield Township has moved into the new facility on Springfield-Xenia Road.

Sarah Wildman stated that they are continuing to work with ODOT District 7 on the signals issues in South Charleston.

John Krabacher reported that they have finished with the Streetscape Project. The Air Plane & Car Parade had a big turn out. There were over 400 cars in the parade.

Adjournment

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Gene Kelly, to adjourn the TCC meeting

The TCC meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Sincerely,

Bob Warren
Vice Chairman