

## **MINUTES**

John Sessler called the Meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

### **Those Members Present Were:**

Dwain Bartley	Herb Greer	Leo Shanayda	Elmer Beard
Tim Gothard	Tom Junk	Orphus Taylor	Geoff Steel
Roger Tackett	Kevin O'Neill	Marjorie Travis	Nancy Brown
Sarah Wildman	Bob Warren	John Detrick	Jim Campbell

### **Also Present Were:**

Lamar Daniel	Bill Carey	Ned Weber	Scott Schmid
Joyce Davis	Eric Ottoson	Shane Farnsworth	Chris Harkness
Thea Walsh	Glenn Massie	John Balzer	Jeff Johnson
Naomi Caldwell	Karen Michel	Mike Beer	Diana Erwin
Larry Creed	Bill Salyers		

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2006 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

### **EXPENDITURES**

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Tim Gothard, to approve the expenditures in the amount \$38,100.05.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

### **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE**

#### **FY 06 Completion Report**

Thea Walsh stated attached to the agenda was the Completion Report for FY 06. She reviewed work items completed in FY06 and explained why some work items were moved into FY07.

Motion by Bob Warren, seconded by Herb Greer, to accept the FY 06 Planning Work Program Completion Report.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

### **FY06 – FY09 TIP Amendment, Resolution 2006 – J**

Scott Schmid reviewed the TIP Amendment outlined in Resolution 2006 – J. The proposed amendment to FY06-FY09 Transportation Improvement Program is for the S.R. 334 and Derr Road project. The amendment will add Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding to the project due to inflation costs. The new project cost will be \$1,305,385.00.

John Detrick asked does the bridge have to come out. One of my long range goals is to have a bike trail across there. Is it in the scrapping stage?

Tim Gothard replied that we would have to take the old bridge down for a site distance problem for the west bound traffic. The City can look at a bike trail on Derr Rd. after this project is finished. The City needs to do some work to the south, and needs to level some of the hills. When that work is done the City could look at a bike trail then.

Motion by Matt Parrill, seconded by Herb Greer, to amend the FY 2006-2009 Transportation Improvement Program and Resolution 2006 – J.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

### **FY07 Planning Work Program Amendment**

Thea Walsh reported on the FY07 Planning Work Program Amendment. When the Planning Work Program was put out in May 2006 there were some things that were not anticipated one was a substantial carryover from the prior year.

There was a work element added 605.2 for Countywide Orthophotography. It is a \$60,000 project which local and state funds will be \$54,000.

Work element added 682.6 Job Ready Sites Program added \$5,000 to the budget. That is for a program from the state for District 11 of the Ohio Public Works Commission. TCC is assisting District 11 in scoring their applications.

There are two carryover related budget revisions. First, the Comprehensive Highway Safety Workshop Program carryover of \$989.00 has been approved by the state to carry forward. It will be used to print hard copies of Hot Spot Analysis that we presented at the last TCC meeting. Second, the Consolidated Planning Grant has a carryover of \$164,739.

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Jim Campbell, to approve the FY07 Planning Work Program.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

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

Thea Walsh reviewed a timeline of the study to date. The purpose 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 presented the key points in order for a decision to be made. If Alternate 2A were accepted the purpose and need of the Planning Study would be met with a subsequent construction project. The project would require that the two western ramps be removed from the study area as part of the overall safety improvements. A board decision to not accept the Planning Study with preferred Alternative 2A would mean that no changes would be made at the intersection and project funding of nearly \$7.5 million dollars earmarked for safety improvements may be lost.

Kevin O'Neill, Springfield City Commissioner expressed concerns about accepting Alternate 2A. He was specifically concerned that the removal of the southwestern ramp from southbound US 68 to eastbound US40 would negatively impact the hospital when it moves to downtown Springfield.

In agreement with the statements of Kevin O'Neill Naomi Caldwell of Community Mercy Health Partners expressed concerns about the committee accepting Alternate 2A from the hospital's perspective. Traffic flow into Springfield's downtown will affect the hospital's ability to function as a regional hub for medical services, specifically emergency medical services.

Roger Tackett asked Naomi Caldwell if she was speaking on the behalf of the board members of the hospital. She replied that she just heard about this meeting and had not had enough time to discuss the subject with the hospital board.

Mike Beers, Fire Chief stated similar concerns about the board accepting Alternate 2A. He was specifically concerned with the general motoring public moving to the hospital. He requested that the committee consider an alternate that would give greater access downtown Springfield.

Matt Parrill, from Ohio Department of Transportation stated that ODOT has spent \$800,000 in design toward this project. ODOT has been at all the TAC meeting for this project. From some of the TAC meeting modifications to 2A were discussed and sent for review by ODOT Central Office. ODOT has determined that Alternate 2A is the best alternate from this study for improving the safety.

Tim Gothard replied that he did not understand ODOT position here. He explained that Alternate 2A cause more cars to pass through the intersection which is the highest accident area of the study area.

Herb Greer stated that he was involved in most of the early TAC meeting for this planning study. He stated that the ramps were never an area of concern during the meetings. He explained that there are multiple aspects for improving safety that need to be done that are part of Alternate 2A.

Matt Parrill reminded the committee that this project was not initiated by ODOT. The project was locally initiated through the TCC.

Jeff Johnson, Vice President of Economic Development of the Chamber of Commerce expressed concern about the study only focusing on one alternate. Matt Parrill replied that there were nine different alternate during the course of this planning study. Thea Walsh added that this is just the preferred alternative. We have nine different alternates approve or disapprove.

Herb Greer inquired about the need to make a decision at this meeting. Thea Walsh replied that this has planning study has been table for about 60 day at this point. I was not brought up at the Annual Meeting and prior to that it had been table. Matt Parrill further stated that he needed an answer from this meeting.

Thea Walsh introduced Larry Creed, from EMH&T the consultant who worked on this planning study. Larry Creed presented to the committee and addressed specific points that make Alternate 2A the best option for safety. He answered some clarifying questions asked by those present.

Naomi Caldwell and Tim Gothard both expressed concerns that the hospital development downtown was not on a consideration when the planning study began. They inquired if EMH&T had incorporated the proposed development into the planning study. Larry Creed replied at the beginning of the study the hospital was not taken into account.

Matt Parrill stated that the traffic on the ramp would be 110 in the peak hour, with the hospital it would be 160 in the peak hour. Kevin O'Neill stated that would be about 30% to 40% increase. Matt Parrill replied that the percentage is still low when compared to big picture of this intersection.

Elmer Beard, Kevin O'Neill and Tim Gothard further expressed concern over increased traffic and the design of specific components of Alternate 2A.

Lamar Daniel explained that this planning study followed ODOT's Project Development Process. The process requires that an alternate in the study come from citizen comment. The preferred Alternate 2A takes into account months of working with all of the stakeholders on this project as it was derived from this process.

Kevin O'Neill stated there are too many questions unanswered about this preferred alternate and he suggested that the approval of the planning study be tabled for 30 days.

Herb Greer stated that he would like to call a question. The question is to defer the discussion back to the Technical Advisory Committee. Herb stated that there is a valid issue with closing the eastbound ramp on the west side.

Thea Walsh stated that TCC need a roll call.

Motion by Geoff Steele, second by Kevin O'Neill asked to table alternate 2A until next TCC meeting.

A roll call vote was made.

Beard – yes, Brown – yes, Campbell – no, Detrick – no, Gothard – yes, Greer – yes, Junk – no, O'Neill – yes, Parrill – no, Sessler – yes, Shanayda – yes, Weber – no, Steele – yes, Tackett – yes, Taylor – yes, Travis – no, Warren – yes, and Wildman – no.

Vote: Motion approved.

Thea Walsh announced that there 11 yea and 7 nea.

### **Environmental Justice Report**

Scott Schmid described the Environmental Justice map that was included in the agenda packets. The Environmental Justice protected populations were defined by four demographics: minority, poverty, elderly and disabled populations. Scott stated that the Environmental Justice report issues guidance that all projects in the TIP and Transportation Plan must identify and positive or negative impacts to protected populations and document what the project sponsor will do to enhance positive impacts and minimize negative impacts. Scott stated that the full Environmental Justice report is available for download on the TCC website.

### **FY08 – FY11 TIP Development Update**

Scott Schmid stated that the TCC staff received eight applications for funding through the FY2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program. A map was displayed showing the eight projects that were submitted for funding. Of the projects, two were roadway projects, five were bicycle and pedestrian projects, and one was a railroad

grade crossings upgrades project. Scott stated that the staff would be scoring the projects and presenting recommendations to the Technical Advisory Committee on September 20, 2006.

## **TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE**

### **A. Highway**

John Balzer reported that the project on I-70 from U.S. 40 to S.R. 54 should begin within two weeks. John stated that they are continuing our summer projects and getting ready for the snow and ice season.

Ned Weber reported that Upper Valley Pike OPWC project is currently active. They are widening Fox Hollow Road intersection and brim widening ditch relocation Fox Hollow Road and Baker Road, and a bridge replacement Baker Road and St. Paris Pike. There is a box culvert replacement on Fox Hollow Road. There will be an overnight closure and it will be on Friday night September 15, 2006 to Saturday morning. The bridge structure just south of St. Paris Pike is schedule for 45 days closure and the work will start on September 18, 2006. A contractor will start paving on Old Springfield Road on September 25, 2006. Wildman Road project will not be completed until June 15, 2007. Contract paving this year is pretty much wrap up.

### **B. Transit**

Glen Massie reported that the Fixed Route Ridership for August 2006 was 36,204 passengers with a 6.0% increase. Paratransit Ridership ADA had 658 trips with 104 cancellations. Dial-A-Ride had 196 trips with 31 different passengers. There was seven Air Pollution Advisory days for the year. There were 31 bikes on the bus racks in August 2006.

### **C. Railroad**

No Report.

### **D. Trails**

Jim Campbell stated that this is not trail oriented but I do want to thank ODOT for there continues support on mowing grass around the S. R. 369 and S. R. 4 area. That helps us a lot when we have big events like the Fair at New Boston.

### **E. Officials and Others**

Roger Tackett reported that introduction of the PODS at the jail have allowed relieved some of the stress at the County Jail. This allows more space to house inmates. Ritchie Brothers project is moving ahead. They are busy in South Vienna area. The Springview project is moving along. By late spring the people who work in Garfield

Building should be move into Springview. The Administrative area of the Sheriff Department might be moving out to Springview.

Orphus Taylor stated that at the recent City Commission meetings the rezoning of 24.459 acres on the east side of North Bechtle has been a prominent area of discussion. A developer would like to change it from a CO1 to a CC-2A that would be a shopping center.

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

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Jim Campbell, seconded by Tim Gothard, to adjourn the TCC meeting

The TCC meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Sincerely,

John Sessler  
Chairman