

MINUTES

Bob Warren called the Meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Those Members Present

Kent Sherry	Bob Bender	Toni Keller	John Detrick
Elmer Beard	Kevin O'Neill	Geoff Steele	Roger Tackett
Sarah Wildman	Nancy Brown	Jim Campbell	Paul Wilson
Herb Greer	Tom Junk	David Hartley	
Kathy Estep	John Sessler	Alan Thompson	

THOSE ALTERNATES PRESENT WERE:

Nancy Pence	Chris Moore	David Zak	Paul DeButy
Glen Massie	Richard Zsombok	Dave Phares	Jim Bodenmiller

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Joyce Davis	Bill Salyers	Thea Walsh	Eric Ottoson
Scott Schmid	Zachary Balassone	Larry Himes	Lamar Daniel
Shane Farnsworth	John Balzer	Stu Sonenberg	Kendra Floyd
Zack Bitzer	Rick Holbrook	Elizabeth Smith	Walter Szczesny
Jim Agle	Barb Asberry	Joyce Dressler	Dwain Bartley
Dixie Gergal	Steve Metzger	Stu Soneberg	Stu Nicholson
Patricia Richards	Steve Voytko	Doug Smith	Tim King
Ron Vincent	Libby Rushley		

Thea Walsh announced that the Annual TCC Meeting was held at Springfield Township Hall. Thea asked everyone to announce their name and title.

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Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by David Hartley, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2007 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

EXPENDITURES

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Elmer Beard, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$42,256.61.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

BUDGET STATUS & CASH ON HAND REPORT

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Dave Hartley, to approve the Budget Status and Cash On Hand Report.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

PRIOR APPROVAL

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Nancy Brown, to approve an amount not to exceed \$420.00 for one staff member to attend the NARC Executive Directors Conference in Dayton, Ohio

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Nancy Brown, to approve an amount not to exceed \$300.00 for one staff member to attend the OGRIP GIS Conference in Columbus, Ohio

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Nancy Brown, to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,400.00 for three staff members to attend the Ohio Conference on Freight – Toledo, Ohio.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE**FY07 CC-STCC Year in Review Completion Report**

Thea Walsh stated that we usually discuss the FY07 Completion Report in September, but since this is our annual meeting, TCC decided to give a review of the Completion Report so people would know what TCC has accomplish in FY07. Thea Walsh mentioned what projects were completed in 2007: 2007 Clark County Multi-Use Trail Plan, 2006 Rail Develop Plan, SR4/US40/US68/Upper Valley Pike Study, OHNR Design Guidelines Handbook, FY 08 – FY11 TIP, SAFETEA-LU Gap

Analysis (LRTP Amendment), Clark County Orthophotography Project, 2006 Local Safety Hot Spots Report, Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Plan, OPWC & ODOT Program Administration, WESTCO Administration, ONRA Administration and Public Participation Plan. The delayed items were: 2007 Rail Development Plan, Railroad Crossings Safety Plan, Lower Valley Pike Scenic Byway Historic Preservation Project and Freight Inventory. The TCC members will be voting on the Completion Work Program at the next TCC meeting.

CY07 Local Safety Hot Spots for Clark County

Scott Schmid mentioned that a handbook called The Local Safety Hot Spots for Clark County was handed out to the TCC members during the meeting. The handbook shows that in FY2006 and FY2007, there were more accidents in the rural area than in the urban area. Last year was the first year for the Local Safety Hot Spots for Clark County. TCC will produce this report every two years. Hot Spot information will help with GIS data, crash data and crash sites will help with our data. Attached to your agenda are two maps. The handbook provided different maps detailing the urban and rural Hot Spots for 2004-2006. Scott Schmid discussed the Hot Spots of the two maps and where the crashes were located. Scott Schmid talked about the FY07 Local Safety Hot Spots for Clark County. Some crashes have decreased over the last few years. The Safety Conscious Planning Workshop will be held on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall.

Ohio Hub Passenger Rail System Planning Update Presenting by: Ohio Rail Development Commission Staff

Stu Nicholson spoke on the Ohio Hub Passenger Rail System Planning update. He gave out Ohio Rail Maps to the TCC members. He explained that the plan started about five years ago. The maps show the different locations of the railroad lines. Ohio is the center of the railroad line. People wanted a line from Petersburg to Chicago and Columbus to Chicago and Columbus to Fort Wayne. Ohio is being the hub of all the rail lines. There are 46 rail stations, 1,244 miles of track, in 4 states. There are 22,000 people that use the train. In France, a passenger/freight train travels at 257 miles per hour. The trains would be useful for transporting passengers and freight. Trucks use a amount of gas and trains would save gas due to their superior gas efficiency. The amount of passengers will increase due to the increased speed of the train from 79 miles per hour which will cause revenue to also increase. The Ohio Rail Development Commission Staff is hoping that the TCC will work with them. Due to Springfield's location between Dayton and Columbus, Springfield will have serve as a hub with their own train station. A question was asked how trucks would equal a hopper car train. It would take three trucks to equal a hopper car train. Using trains would help decrease the dependency on gas.

Other

Thea Walsh announced Zachary Balassone as the new TCC intern. He should be with the TCC into the spring.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE**A. Highways**

John Balzer stated that the New Carlisle - East Lake project is going on schedule. The U.S. 40 part of the project in Springfield will begin August 20, 2007. S.R. 72 has a railroad bridge project off of Fostoria Avenue. Enon Bridge will sell this month and will not start until March 3, 2008.

Bruce Smith stated that their resurfacing projects are nearly complete. Maintenance crews have just recently completed and the dry seal project is nearly completed.

Chris Moore stated that the Sherman Avenue Bridge project is underway. They should be starting a resurfacing project on North Fountain Street as well.

B. Transit

Glen Massie reported that the fixed route Ridership was 33,255 for July 2007. It was an 11% increase for July. Paratransit Ridership trips were 756. Dial-A-Ride had 148 trips with 26 passengers. There were 9 Air Pollution Advisory Days. There are now bike racks on every bus and there have been bikes on the racks.

C. Railroad

Larry Himes spoke about the Port Authority bridge projects. One of the bridges is under Buck Creek at International Harvester and was opened for traffic on July 31, 2007. Larry also reported that they have another bridge in Fayette County that will be open by Tuesday, August 14th, 2007 and the bridge in Urbana under construction will be open by the following week. Plans are almost finished for West Liberty Bridge.

D. Trails

Jim Campbell reported that there was great cooperation with the people that were working on the railroad bridge close to International Harvester. Trail user, had no problem getting through. Sherman Avenue Bridge will impact the Buck Creek State Park for some time, but there are signs that should help the people with the trail. The Perry Grass Trail out at South Charleston and Southwest Landmark is another project that is going to have an impact on the trail, because they are working on the rail bed close to the bike route.

E. Officials and Other

Roger Tackett stated in a couple of months the Board of Election will be out at Springview. On August 21, 2007, Ritchie Brothers will have their second auction in Clark County. It should bring in a \$100,000 in revenue for the county. On August 14 and 21, 2007, the Clark County Commission will have two public hearings to discuss a .5% sale tax increase. It was also reported that the Technical Park is underway.

John Detrick reported that they are at a juncture with International Harvester. A plant from General Motors that has 800 jobs has probably been bought by International Harvester. If this is true, we will hear about it in the next 30 days. If that happens, we are one of seven plants that are hoping to get that plant and the 800 people, with a possible 1,500 to 2,000 sub jobs that would be in smaller business. We have three or four weeks to convenience them to have their plant in Springfield, Ohio. If they do not come here, the 1,000-plus jobs will probably be gone by three years. John urged everyone to let people know about this and speak out for these jobs due to the need for jobs in Springfield.

Kevin O'Neill also expressed his belief that the hospital is working hard to make it happen. The surgeons and the Parks and Recreation have properties to work with.

Bob Warren wanted to thank Herb Greer and the Springfield Township for letting us use their facility.

Adjournment

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Jim Campbell, to adjourn the TCC meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

The TCC meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Sincerely,

Bob Warren
Chairman