

MINUTES

Bruce Smith called the Meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Those Members Present Were:

Dave Hartley	Tim Gothard	Tom Junk	Kevin O'Neill
Elmer Beard	Sarah Wildman	Kent Sherry	Matt Parrill
Kathy Estep	Marjorie Travis	Jim Campbell	Nancy Brown
Bob Bender	John Detrick	Roger Tackett	Leo Shanayda
Orphus Taylor			

Also Present Were:

Joyce Davis	Larry Himes	Diana Erwin	Eric Ottoson
Scott Schmid	Bill Carey	Thea Walsh	Shane Farnsworth
Howard Kitko	James Guerrieri	John Balzer	

MINUTES

Motion by Tom Junk, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2007 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

EXPENDITURES

Motion by Nancy Brown, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$44,705.99.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE

FY07 First Half Progress Report

Thea Walsh stated that the Progress Report for FY 07 was handed out at the TCC meeting. She reviewed work items completed in FY 07 and explained why some work items were moved into FY08.

John Detrick stated that he was concerned with S. R. 794. The County Commission is aware of an impending announcement of another 75 jobs at the base. Thea Walsh

replied to John's concern about S.R. 794 stating that she is working with the city, county and base to resolve the financial shortfall which has delayed early project developments.

Motion by Elmer Beard, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to accept the FY 07 Progress Report.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

FY08 – FY11 Draft Transportation Improvement Program

Scott Schmid stated attached to everyone agenda is FY08-FY11 draft Transportation Improvement Program. The TIP is the bi-annually planning document and federal funded and coordinated with highway, bicycle pedestrians, transit, rail these entire projects over a four year period. This is the first draft for this document.

Scott Schmid mentioned that the next steps continue public comments reviewed and incorporated into a document. The final document will be presented to TCC Board for approval on May 11, 2007 before it got to State and Federal Highway for federal approval.

Locally Developed Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan Update

Eric Ottoson presented the Transit Plan survey results. Eric discussed demographic results. Women are more likely to use the bus than men. Car ownership, SCAT services preference and the fact that most of the respondents work were some of the most prevalent results returned.

Eric Ottoson stated that TCC will continue work with JAM and other Transit Stakeholders for the development of the Coordinated Plan. There will be a meeting held on Monday February 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall 4th floor conference room.

National Road Design Guideline Handbook – AASHTO Award

Thea Walsh announced that TCC received an award by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Thea Walsh stated that the Ohio National Road Design Guidelines Handbook Project has been selected as an award winning project. The project was selected from 49 nominated projects throughout the United States. It is one of only eight projects to receive the award. This project was the only award winner in the planning category. It is the only project in the State of Ohio and the only National Road specific project to receive this award during this biennial completion period.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE**A. Triennial Nomination Period**

Thea Walsh stated that she would open the floor to questions about the nomination process concerning the letter that was enclosed in the meeting packet. The bylaws will go into effect April 1, 2007. Alternate attendance will not count until the April meeting to be fair to all members. The meetings before April should be used as a time to bring alternates like Bob Bender did today. Bob Bender announced that Howard Kitko, Service Director for New Carlisle is his alternate.

Elmer Beard asked if the alternate had to be an elected official. Thea Walsh replied that an alternate for an elected official does not have to have an elected official.

Kevin O'Neill asked a clarifying question concerning the City Commission appointments. He asked how Commissioners should appoint their alternates. Thea Walsh replied that appointments of alternates must be done by resolution. She further stated that the names of the alternates must be included in the resolution or letter for nomination.

John Detrick asked how the attendance policy will be verified and enforced. Thea Walsh stated every year it will be reviewed around March. If you have less than eight meetings that have been attended by you and your alternate combined, she will send a letter to you and your alternate letting you know that you have missed this amount of meetings and you can appoint somebody else in your place. The term of office will start April 1, 2007 and ends March 31, 2010 (3 years) same goes to the alternate.

Thea Walsh stated that the nomination Resolution is due to the TCC office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2007.

B. Highways

John Balzer reported that ODOT is working on I-70 west bound. U. S. 40 would be a better route to travel for now.

Matt Parrill announced that Rex Dickey is the new District Deputy Director for the Ohio Department of Transportation.

C. Transit

Glen Massie reported Fixed Route Ridership for January 2007 had 35,495 trips. Paratransit Ridership had 484 trips. Dial-A-Ride had 320 trips. SCAT does continue to get calls for county wide service. There has been no Air Pollution Advisory Days for 2007 so far.

D. Railroad

No Report.

E. Trails

Jim Campbell reported that the trails are being used by cross county skiers. There is an up dated trail plan and it is available on the TCC website. The Trail Task Force is working on developing trail for the future. Some of the trails need maintenance done on them, but we do not have the funding for that project. There are 34 ½ miles of trail none of them have been seal coated. Trails should be seal every 3 or 5 years.

F. Officials and Other

Roger Tackett reported that Springview project is moving along. The recycling center on Main Street is coming along. He is going to Washington D.C. to meet with Senator and Congressman soon. It would be a good opportunity for this body to get a message to Legislators. It would be the first week in March.

Kevin O'Neill stated that the National Trails is seeking a levy and the trails are a major part of that. It is important to have maintenance for trails and for parks.

Orphus Taylor stated that the city's biggest project is the hospital. There are a lot of things that are undecided about the hospital and the surgery hospital.

Thea Walsh announced that TCC has a new intern, James Guerrieri who attends Wittenberg Collage until this spring.

Thea Walsh stated Ohio Association Regional Councils (OARC) is planning a Legislative Day. It will be held on March 7. She invited members of the board to attend. She stated that she would like to take three or five members from TCC to attend the Legislative Day event. Interested parties should contact her. It starts at 1:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00p.m. on March 7, 2007.

Adjournment

Motion by Elmer Beard, seconded by John Detrick, to adjourn the TCC meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

The TCC meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Sincerely,

Bruce Smith
Acting Chairman