

MINUTES

John Sessler called the Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Those Members Present Were:

Dave Hartley	Tim Gothard	Tom Junk	Bill George
Elmer Beard	Sarah Wildman	Kent Sherry	Bob Warren
Bob Bender	Marjorie Travis	Herb Greer	Nancy Brown
Kathy Estep	John Krabacher	Matt Parrill	Leo Shanayda
Bruce Smith	Kevin O'Neill	Alan Thompson	

Also Present Were:

Joyce Davis	Larry Himes	Lamar Daniel	Eric Ottoson
Scott Schmid	Bill Carey	Thea Walsh	Shane Farnsworth
Don Lucas	Diane Erwin	John Balzer	Bill Salyers

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Motion by Nancy Brown, seconded by Tim Gothard, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2006 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tom Junk, seconded by Bill George, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$44,041.84.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE

FY06 –FY09 TIP Amendment, Resolution 2007 - A

Eric Ottoson stated that the City of Springfield wishes to amend its Transit Operating and Capital Budget for 2007 because of unexpected fiscal constraints. The amendment includes the deletion of the purchase of five (5) medium sized heavy duty buses, an electronic ticket system and five (5) bus stop shelters.

Motion by John Krabacher, seconded by Tim Gothard, to amend the FY 2006 – 2009 Transportation Improvement Program and Resolution 2007 – A.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Coordinated Transit Plan Funding Application 2007 – B

Lamar Daniels requested that the policy board support the development of the Locally Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan.

The TCC staff plans to write a grant proposal to fund expenditures of producing the plan. The grant eligibility plan is limited to small urban metropolitan planning organizations and rural areas only.

The TCC staff will assume the lead role, have input and assist on the development of the coordinated plan. The staff will work with representatives of the public, private, and nonprofit as well as transportation and human services providers.

Applications for this program must be postmarked before February 2, 2007. The award date for the grant is March 16, 2007.

Motion by Bill George, seconded by Elmer Beard, to support the Locally Developed Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan and Resolution 2007 – B.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Public Participation Plan

Scott Schmid presented Public Participation Plan (PPP). He stated that the purpose and need of the PPP is to update the 2002 Public Involvement Plan and to include all provisions of SAFETEA-LU. The PPP is designed to provide the public with detailed information on transportation planning services and project development in a timely manner.

The changes from the 2002 Plan address differences between the previous Federal transportation bill (TEA – 21) and the current one (SAFETEA-LU). An additional section has been added to specify public participation guidelines for each planning study, plan, and program.

Changes from the draft plan were instituted based upon recommendations from ODOT Central Office in direct relation to SAFETEA-LU compliance.

Scott Schmid stated the full report, including all appendices, can be found on the TCC website Reports library page at <http://www.clarktcc.com/reportslibrary.htm>. Printed

copies of the full report can also be requested by contacting the TCC office at (937) 324-7689 or by e-mail at sschmid@ci.springfield.oh.us.

Motion by Bill George, seconded by Matt Parrill, to approve the Public Participation Plan.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

2007 Clark County Multi-Use Trail Plan

Scott Schmid presented the 2007 Clark County Multi-Use Trail Plan. The primary purpose was to update the 2005 Clark County Multi-Use Trail Plan. He explained that primary objective of the plan is develop a trail system that provides access to all residents of Clark County, to enhance the safety and security of non-motorized transportation facilities and to enhance the quality of life for Clark County residents.

He noted changes from the 2005 Plan. The Simon Kenton Trail is completed. There area new planned trails, priorities and vision trails. Maps are attached to the document.

The full report, including maps can be found on the TCC website Bike Trails page at <http://www.clarktcc.com/biketrails.htm>. Printed copies of the full report can also be requested by contacting the TCC office at (937) 324-7689 or by e-mail at sschmid@ci.springfield.oh.us.

WESTCO 2006 Year in Review

Larry Himes presented the WESTCO 2006 Year in Review. He stated that 7,196 railcars were served on WESTCO lines by the Indiana and Ohio Railway Company (IORY) in 2006 compared to 7,108 carloads in 2005. WESTCO and the IORY entered into a new short line railroad agreement retro-active to May 1, 2005.

In November 2006 RailAmerican Inc. the parent corporation of the IORY, announced that it entered into a definitive merger agreement with an affiliate of Fortress Investment Group LLC. Upon completion of the transaction in the first quarter of 2007, RailAmerica will become a privately held company.

Larry Himes stated that there was a handout that gave a brief description of the construction and maintenance program for FY 2006. He reported that the 2006 Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Program was approved.

The 2006 Rail Development Plan was published. Copies are available on-line at <http://clarktcc.com/westco.htm> or by request.

Larry Himes stated that WESTCO Board of Directors met nine times in 2006. Dr. Richard Henry was appointed by the Board of Clark County Commissioners to fulfill the unexpired term of Ed Everhart and to a new four year term. Betty Mowrey was re-appointed by the Commissioners for four year term. Gordon Conn (Fayette County) and Alan Thompson (Clark County) were elected Chairman and Vice Chairman. The WESTCO Board has approved the budget for 2007.

Other

Thea Walsh announced that staff will meet to continue work with JAM and other Transit Stakeholders for the development of the Coordinated Plan. The meeting will be held on January 22, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall on the 4th floor conference room.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE

A. Prospectus & Bylaws Subcommittee Report

Thea Walsh mentioned that the Prospectus and Bylaws have been given out to all the TCC members. She presented the document. The Prospectus provides MPO organizational structure, describes work of the MPO, documents interagency agreements, and describes the MPO roles and their responsibilities. The Prospectus requires policy board approval and ODOT approval. The Bylaws requires board approval only.

Thea Walsh stated at the last TCC meeting a draft version of the Prospectus and Bylaws was distributed. There were some changes made since then. The draft was given to the board members and stakeholders to give them a chance to make comments. TCC took the comments and incorporate them into the draft version of the Prospectus and Bylaws. The TCC Director met with the Prospectus and Bylaws Committee and those changes were taken into consideration. The policy board members were sent the final document in the mail with their January meeting packet.

Thea Walsh reviewed revisions made to the final document since the distribution of the draft document. References to the Gap Analysis were re-termed Transportation Plan Amendment. The Gap Analysis will be done as a Transportation Plan Amendment to address the “gap” between the existing Plan and the new SAFETEA-LU requirements. She stated that the TCC staff is not an actual voting member of the TAC, rather the staff serves in an advisory role. These revisions were requested by ODOT.

Other revisions to the Prospectus included the addition of references to the Public Participation Plan, the TIP Project Selection/Policy and Primary Agreements for the TCC were added as appendices.

Thea Walsh explained that changes to the draft version of the Bylaws were made in the Membership section. She stated the new text verbatim:

“Membership shall consist of a flexible number, not to exceed thirty (30) seats, of interested and participating members for best representation of all Clark County Transportation Stakeholders. The membership size will be determined during the triennial nomination period and annual review of membership participation. The body of the voting membership must be made up of at least 51% elected officials. Membership and Member Alternates are determined by a triennial nomination period.

Each member’s designating authority may designate an alternate during the triennial nomination period. The designated alternate may only vote in the event that their corresponding member is not present.

The policy Board and the Executive Committee both have the privilege of naming non-voting honorarium memberships to past members and non-members who have given extraordinary service to the TCC.”

She explained that Appendix A was added and it is a policy board seating chart. This is a propose seating chart for 28 members. The seating chart represents the same seats exist on the policy board to date.

Thea Walsh welcomed comments and questions about the proposed bylaws changes. Some members expressed concerns about the new attendance policy.

Thea Walsh stated that attendance would be review during both the annual review and triennial nomination periods. The analysis would review how many meetings members or their alternates had attended over the previous year. The triennial nomination period would be every three years and annual review would be handled by the Executive Committee yearly.

To further address the concerns, Thea Walsh displayed Appendix A, the policy board seating chart which also explained appointing authority for each seat. After the bylaws are approved she explained that a letter would be sent out to all the appointing authorities and all the members of the policy board. The letter will request nominations for policy board seats. For Elected Officials, Local Officials and Chamber of Commerce Representatives nominations should be made in the form of a resolution approved by their governing board. Nominations must include the name of the nominee and the alternate. Alternates for Elected Officials do not have to be an Elected Official themselves. The new attendance requirement states that either the member or alternate will have to attend 8 TCC meetings annually.

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Tom Junk approved the Prospectus and Bylaws that was discussed at the TCC meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

B. Highways

John Balzer stated that since the weather had been mild the ODOT Clark County Garage had been working on some of the spring work. He stated that ODOT is ready when the snow storm arrives.

Matt Parrill stated that Bill Harrison is no longer the Director of ODOT District Seven. Randy Chevalley is Acting- Director of ODOT District Seven. Keith Swearingen, P.E., P.S. is the Acting- Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation.

C. Transit

Bill George reported on the status of SCAT Transit Services for the Month of December. He stated that fixed route ridership was up 4%. Paratransit ridership had 274 trips. Personal Care Attendants were included on 4 of those trips. The total number of ADA Certified individuals is 92. There were 16 no shows, 101 cancellations and 52 active participants in the Paratransit Program last month. Dial-A-Ride had 216 trips and 34 passengers. SCAT has had 7 Air Pollution Advisory Days.

D. Railroad

No Report.

E. Trails

No Report.

F. Officials and Other

No Report.

Thea Walsh announced that the next TCC meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m., at the Heritage Center and there will be no lunch provided.

Adjournment

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to adjourn the TCC meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

The TCC meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

John Sessler
Chairman