

MINUTES

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

Those Members Present Were:

Bruce Smith	Tim Gothard	Tom Junk	Kevin O'Neill
Elmer Beard	Sarah Wildman	Kent Sherry	Leo Shanayda
Kathy Estep	Marjorie Travis	Jim Campbell	Paul Wilson
Dave Hartley	John Detrick	Dave Hartley	Geoff Steele
Bill George	John Krabacher	Roger Tackett	Bob Warren

Also Present Were:

Joyce Davis	Don Lucas	Lamar Daniel	Eric Ottoson
Scott Schmid	Bill Carey	Thea Walsh	Rex Dickey
Glenn Massie	Bill	Jason Rose	Howard Kitko
	Cochensparger		
Bill Salyers			

Thea Walsh announced that Rex Dickey, District Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation is attending the TCC meeting.

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Motion by John Krabacher, seconded by Geoff Steele, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2007 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

EXPENDITURES

Motion by Elmer Beard, seconded by David Hartley, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$34,569.12.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

PRIOR APPROVAL

Motion by Bill George, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to approve an amount not to exceed \$850.00 for one staff member to attend the 2007 Midstates Highway Rail Safety Meeting and Training in Omaha, Nebraska on May 7 – 9, 2007.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Bill George, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to approve an amount not to exceed \$280.00 for one staff member to attend the Ohio Transit Conference in Columbus, OH on May 15 – 16, 2007.

Vote: Motion approve unanimously.

Motion by Bill George, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,380.00 for one staff member to attend the National Scenic Byways Conference and AASHOT Award Banquet in Baltimore, Maryland on May 20-23, 2007.

Vote: Motion approve unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE**Certification of the Planning Process, Resolution 2007 – C**

Thea Walsh stated that the County Commissioner signed a Biennial Agreement with ODOT for the designation of a Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Springfield, Ohio urbanized area. The continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive urban transportation planning process requires the maintenance of specific current documents and plans. Those listed are the Prospectus, Planning Work Program, Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion by Jim Campbell, seconded by Tim Gothard, to certifies that the TCC will adhere to the planning process for the next two years and Resolution 2007 – C.

Vote: Motion approve unanimously.

Traffic Safety and Electronic Billboards Recommendation, Resolution – D

Eric Ottoson stated Resolution – D recommends the City of Springfield strongly consider traffic safety upon making changes to “prohibited signs” specific to electronic billboards. Existing studies indicate that Electronic Bill Board (EBB) can increase the likelihood of vehicle crashes. EBB’s are currently considered a “Prohibited Sign” under the City of Springfield.

The TCC members asked their questions, voice their concern and would like to hear more information about the signs. Many members were confused by the contradictory wording of the resolution. Thea Walsh agreed to bring more information forward to a committee of the TCC should the resolution not pass.

Motion by Bill George, seconded by Geoff Steele for the approval of Resolution 2007 – D.

A roll call vote was made.

Beard – no, Campbell – no, Estep – yes, Gothard – no, Hartley – no, Junk – no, Shanayda – no, Sherry – no, Smith – no, Steele – no, Tackett – no, Travis – yes, Wildman – no, Wilson – no, George – abstain, O’Neill – abstain, Krabacher – abstain.

Vote: Motion not approved.

Thea Walsh announced that there 2 yea, 12 nea and 3 abstain.

Locally Developed Coordinated Public Transit Human Service Transportation Plan Update

Lamar Daniel presented survey statistics for the Coordinated Public Transit Plan to comply with new Federal Law in order to use three federal transit grants including the specialize transportation funds. There was 9,000 surveys distributed and 1,089 surveys returned. That was 12% response rate. Lamar’s presentation explained: who returned the surveys; zip codes they live in; their hourly wages; their current mode of transportation; and their primary use of transportation. He also presented survey respondents’ transit preferences. Preferences were addressed in relationship to the reason people don’t use public transit; car ownership; hours of service available; services desired and days and times are most beneficial to survey respondents.

Lamar summarized the findings. Survey distribution was representative of the 2000 census population by zip code. When people choose not to use transit service is primarily for no reason and hours of operation and secondary because of the destination of service. People prefer primarily door-to-door service and secondary fixed route service. People who have cars are not familiar with fixed route bus system works.

There will be a Transit Plan Update – Workshop held on Wednesday March 28, 2007 at the Heritage Center Discovery Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Some of the topics will be TCC planning staff review, public and provider survey, and county demographics.

Other

Scott Schmid announced that there will be other Public Open Houses. Department of Transportation – District 7 will have an Open House on April 3, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at District 7 office in Sidney, Ohio.

Springfield and Central Clark County will have an Open House on April 3, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Clark County Public Library – Gaier Room.

New Carlisle and Western Clark County will have an Open House on April 4, 2007 from 4:00 pm. to 6:00 p.m. at New Carlisle Smith Park Log Cabin.

South Charleston and Eastern Clark County will have an Open House from April 5, 2007 at 4:00 pm. to 6:00 p.m. at South Charleston Town Hall – Community Room.

Thea Walsh reminded the TCC members to have their nominations presented in to the TCC office by March 30, 2007.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE

A. Highways

Bruce Smith announced that that the county is under contract for a couple construction jobs. They are Gerlaugh Road, Dayton Road and Old Mill Road projects. In a month the contractor will be working on Wildman Road as well.

Leo Shanayda announced that the Sherman Avenue Bridge will be coming out for bid by the end of April 2007 and probably start construction by July 2007. Derr Road and S. R. 334 are in the process of acquiring right-of-way. Construction will start by the end of the year. Plum Street plans are being designed and construction will probably begin by the end of this year.

B. Transit

Glenn Massie reported that the fixed route Ridership for February 2007 is 27,550. SCAT is down about 5,000 from 2006. Paratransit Ridership was 388 trips and Dial-A-Ride had 290 trips.

C. Railroad

No report.

D. Trails

Jim Campbell reported that the trails will be used more pretty soon. There have been 50 signs stolen from the bike path. There are plans to build a spur to the new Water Park.

E. Officials and Other

Rex Dickey stated that there is not much that he can add to the meeting. ODOT will have to take a hard look at the TRAC funding reprioritization.

Roger Tackett stated that he went to Washington D.C. this week to talk to Senators and Congressman to ensure they knew about the situation in Clark County. Roger Tackett expressed concerns about funding for each of the I-70 and S. R. 794 projects.

Elmer Beard wanted to thank City of New Carlisle and the Clark County Engineer office in help with the snow removal in Enon.

Marjorie Travis introduced her alternate Jason Rose from the Village of Enon. He is the Water Treatment Plant Operator.

Adjournment

Motion by Bill George, seconded by Kathy Estep to adjourn the TCC meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

The TCC meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Sincerely,

Bruce Smith
Acting Chairman