

MINUTES

Bob Warren called the Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:

Geoff Steele	Nancy Brown	Alan Thompson	John Detrick
Kent Sherry	Richard Zsambok	Bob Bender	Brad Lightle
Marjorie Travis	Jim Mann	Roger Tackett	Tom Junk
Sarah Wildman	Leo Shanayda	Kevin O'Neill	Bruce Smith
Tim Gothard	Kathy Estep	David Locke	

THOSE ALTERNATES PRESENT WERE:

Matt Parrill	Glen Massie	Bill Carey	Don Lucas
Karen Duncan	Tim Smith		

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Joyce Davis	Eric Ottoson	Thea Walsh	Scott Schmid
Lamar Daniel	Bill Salyers	Larry Himes	Shane Farnsworth
John Balzer	Rex Dickey	Doug Nist	Zach Balassone

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Motion by David Locke, seconded by Nancy Brown, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2007 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Budget Status & Cash on Hand Report

Motion by Kent Sherry, seconded by Tim Gothard, to approve the Budget Status and Cash on Hand Report.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Summary of Expense

Motion by Tom Junk, seconded by Bruce Smith, to approve the expenditures in the amount \$38,531.47.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE**NAAQS 2.5 PM Recommendation, Resolution 2008 – A**

Lamar Daniel reported on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) compliance. This year there will be new technical Air Quality issues. The Resolution 2008 – A is to support a proposal for maintaining acceptable air quality in the region.

Lamar gave some background information on Air Quality before making a recommendation to approve Resolution 2008-A. PM stands for particulate matter that suspended in the air. PM followed by a number 10 or 2.5 refers to a certain maximum size in aerodynamic diameter that a particle may be. These particle may be in the air in the form of liquids or other gaseous fluids. PM10 is the size of 0.0004 inches or smaller than one single hair follicle and PM 2.5 has the diameter of 2.5 micrometer which is “fine particle” fraction. PM 2.5 is 1/7th of a size of a grain of salt.

Direct sources of PM are smokestacks or atmospheric mixing such as sun, hot days, vehicle emission, dirty roads and construction sites. PM 2.5 becomes more readily lodged deep inside the lungs and possibly into the bloodstream.

In December 17, 2004 the USEPA designated Dayton/Springfield as a non attainment area for PM 2.5. The Annual Standard is based on FY2002, FY2003, and FY2004. It is a 3 year average which should not exceed 15 parts per billion over the 3 year average. In FY2002 readings from the three of the four sites indicated the region was above the standard. Thus the Dayton/Springfield (Montgomery, Clark and Greene) area was designated non attainment for PM 2.5.

The base year of FY 2005 for the 2.5 State Implementation Plan (SIP) utilizes inputs from point area and mobile source models and meteorological data to develop a base year of inventory. The model has determined that the region will show steady decline in emissions controls.

Minimum strategies indicated in the PM 2.5 State Implementation Plan (SIP) layout requirements for new and old industry a review on emission to see how much emission will be admitting over a year. Should there be an increase in PM 2.5 readings before FY 2009 due to economic growth in the region, that would undo the PM 2.5 emissions analysis then a “Maintenance or Contingency Plan” must be developed to counteract the emission growth for the next 10 years to show no adverse impact in emission increase for PM 2.5.

Kent Sherry inquired about the location of the air quality monitors. Lamar replied explaining there are four monitors. One of them is the fire station downtown. The other three are in Montgomery County. Location is selected based on wind flow patterns.

Roger Tackett inquired about how new emission standards on new cars affect the PM 2.5 standard proposal. Lamar Daniel stated that new emission control technologies are considered when the proposals was developed.

Karen Duncan and Leo Shaynada were both concerned with the monitor on the downtown fire station. Lamar Daniel replied that the monitor is not at street level and it is monitored by Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) in Dayton.

Kevin O'Neill stated that TCC should be advised on the regional air quality status at least every six months. Lamar Daniel stated that he could give a report every six months.

Motion by David Locke, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to approve Resolution 2008- by the CCSTCC and forwarded to OEPA to be included in documentation for the approval of the Dayton/Springfield Region attainment status of PM 2.5.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

2008 – 2009 ODOT Business Plan Presentation

Thea Walsh stated that all the MPO Directors were invited last month to a briefing on to the ODOT Business Plan for CY08 & CY09. Thea attended the meeting and came back with information on the Plan for the CY08 and CY09 Biennium.

Thea Walsh stated ODOT's mission as it relates to the TCC is to link Clark County to Ohio's highways, railways, transit, aviation and port facilities, by promoting a world-class, integrated multi-modal transportation system that is efficient, cost-effective and reliable for all of the state's citizens, business and travelers.

She reviewed how ODOT's 7 strategic initiatives with an emphasis on how the financial plan will affect the MPO. The plan was built on the assumption of a slow growth, the state 0% and federal 1%, the compound inflation that ODOT is looking basically in the mid range for fiscal year 2008 to 2015. The future of transportation planning will include limited resources and more selective criteria in setting priorities for funding.

Rex Dickey, Director of District Seven concurred with Thea Walsh on the Financial Plan. He added that ODOT Business Plan is projecting no increase in State gas tax revenue over the next seven years. He further stated that over the last four there has been a 10% increase in construction cost per year. Thea Walsh added that the plan is

based on operative assumption of a \$3.5 billion deficit by 2015. After 2009 revenues will go down and program uses will go decline as well.

Thea Walsh expressed that ODOT plans prepare for the next biennium and beyond by forming a taskforce with its partners to determine future priorities, the fairest ways to fund future priorities, identify new tools for state and federal governments to partner with the private sector, and work with partners to speak to the Ohio Congressional delegation with "One Voice".

WESTCO 2007 – Year in Review

Larry Himes reviewed the background of the Port Authority before reviewing 2007. He then he described the economies served on the Port Authority lines. He further reported for 2007 the Port Authority had 5,833 carloads served that compared 7,615 in 2006 so there was decline in grains, road salt and pulp.

Larry Himes review the various projects the Port Authority was involved in, in 2007. They include maintenance projects, safety projects and assistance to local entities with economic development projects.

He announced that the Port Authority Board is developing a planning working group in 2008. Alan Thompson and Director Rich Henry both from Clark County will be serving on the planning group. The group will be looking at maintenance needs, funding and economic development.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE

Highway

John Balzer reported that ODOT is putting salt on the interstate today. ODOT is doing some clearing and grubbing work on U.S. 40 by Snyder Park. ODOT is working on S.R. 72 and I-70 area trying to get ready for the Gateway to Springfield Project. There is going to be a preconstruction meeting coming up in February for the Enon Road project. It will be the Enon Road Bridge over S. R. 4.

Bruce Smith stated that the Engineer Department is trying to clear a right-of-way on Gerlaugh Road so they can put pressure on the utilities company to start a project out there. There will be a sale for a replacement bridge on Black Pike and Marquart in Pike Township coming up something next month.

Leo Shanayda stated that the City has plans to repave Burt Street starting in March. Contractors are setting the beams today on the Sherman Avenue Bridge and it will probably take a month be done. They will get back out there at the end of February 2008 hope to have the project done by the end of July 2008.

Transit

Glen Massie reported the SCAT Ridership numbers for December 2007. There were 43,274 trips for a 6% increase over December 2006. SCAT provided 448 Paratransit trips and 273 Dial-A-Ride trips. Our FY 2007 numbers compared to FY 2006 provided 436,890 compared to 398,165 for FY 2006 and had an 8.9% increase. Paratransit Ridership SCAT provided 7,791 trips compared 6,107 of FY 2006 and 21.6% increase and Dial-A-Ride Ridership for FY 2007 3,712 trips for an increase of 12.3%. There was 10 air pollution days for FY 2007.

Railroad

No Report.

Trail

Tim Smith announced that he will be retiring at the end of April 2008. Tim introduced Doug Nist and explained that he will become CEO of the National Trails Park and Recreation District.

Officials and Others

Roger Tackett stated that the cost of materials and the revenues are not keeping up with the county government needs. The County Commissioner will adopt their budget January 22, 2008. There is still some cutting back to be done. You would think with the 1.5% sale tax increase that it would solve the problem but, it has not solved the problem only for the short run. It will allow the county to maintain the law enforcement levels and basic county services. The levy is only for 18 month.

Roger Tackett stated that there was a Ritchie Brothers auction that was recently put on. There is good news with International Harvester. They will be able to stay here and keep the jobs hopefully in the future they also hope to expand to 700 more jobs.

Kevin O'Neill stated at the last City Commission meeting the City Commission authorizes that the Clark County Board of Election to put on a 2 mill operating levy for the Springfield City parks. The parks need maintenance and the National Trails had a levy last year that did not pass. The levy money is to do maintenance that we can not do now. The City is experiencing financial problems similar to those of the County.

Lamar Daniels stated that if the County, City, Townships or Villages need 2008 traffic count information at a certain intersection they should call the TCC office before April to let him know. He will schedule all requested traffic counts over the spring and summer.

Adjournment

Motion by David Locke, seconded by Bruce Smith, to adjourn the TCC meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

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

Sincerely,

Bob Warren
Chairman