

MINUTES

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

THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:

John Detrick	Tom Junk	Leo Shanayda	Jim Campbell
Kent Sherry	Richard Zsambok	Bob Bender	Jim Mann
Herb Greer	David Hartley	Kevin O'Neill	Alan Thompson
Paul Wilson	Orphus Taylor	Bill George	Brad Lightle
Marjorie Travis			

THOSE ALTERNATES PRESENT WERE:

David Phares	Glen Massie	Bill Carey	Pat Sullivan
Jason Rose	John Montgomery	Michelle Noble	Paul DeButy

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Joyce Davis	Eric Ottoson	Thea Walsh	Scott Schmid
Lamar Daniel	Bill Salyers	Brian Mercer	Zach Balassone
John Balzer	Josh Rice		

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Motion by Richard Zsambok, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2008 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Then and Now Resolution

Motion by Jim Campbell, seconded by David Phares, to authorize the County Auditor to issue a warrant in the amount of \$296.98 to Springfield City Area Transit under voucher #4493 for APAD advertising.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Budget Status & Cash on Hand Report

Motion by Orphus Taylor, seconded by Richard Zsambok, to approve the Budget Status and Cash on Hand Report.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Summary of Expense

Motion by Richard Zsambok, seconded by Tom Junk, to approve the expenditures in the amount \$61,503.98.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Blanket Certificates Approval

Supplies, Equipment & Other	\$5,000	(74200 – 74904)
Printing and Advertising	\$12,000	(74230)

Motion by Richard Zsambok, seconded by Kent Sherry, to approve the Blanket Certificates in the amounts requested.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Travel & Training Prior Approval

Leo Shanayda shared his concerns because the travel and training requests included out of state travel. The City of Springfield has minimized out of state travel and training opportunities. Brad Lightle was asked to comment. He explained that the state is not allowing out of state trips for most employees.

Thea Walsh replied that the MPO's do not operate under the City's or the County's travel policies. They operate first under the local policy (Clark County) then under the federal travel policy. The few out of state travel and training opportunities that TCC staff participates in all fall within the guidance of the local and federal policy. She explained that she was trained on this guidance during the state audit in the fall of 2007.

Motion by Jim Campbell, seconded by Alan Thompson, to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,500 for one staff member to attend the USEPA Air Quality Conference in Portland, OR; an amount not to exceed \$500 for one staff member to attend the GIS Training Session in Cincinnati, OH and; approve an amount not to exceed 500 for one staff member to attend the National Road Alliance Meeting in Effingham, IL.

Vote: 21 yeas, 1 nay (Leo Shanayda). Motion approved.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE

2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Financial Forecast

Scott Schmid explained that the financial forecast for the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan was attached to the agenda. It is a financial forecast from 2009 to 2030. The financial forecast estimates and projected funding from MPO. It also estimates and projected funding for the Federal and State. He reviewed the information with the board.

Scott Schmid announced that there will be public involvement meetings on the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan. The days and times are: Monday March 31, 2008 at Clark County Public Library in the Gaier Room at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday March 31, 2008 at Clark County Township Association Quarterly Meeting at the Locust Hills Golf Course in the Dining Room at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday April 1, 2008 at Springfield Government Center in the Planning Conference Room at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday April 2, 2008 at New Carlisle Smith Park in the shelter house at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Safety Conscious Planning Update

Scott Schmid stated that he wanted to give a quick update on the Safety Conscious Planning. There were several corridor studies that were a part of the State Safety Task Force order through ODOT and through the Governor Highway Safety office funding that the City of Springfield received. The projects S.R. 4 in Springfield from Lagonda Avenue and a little piece of Belmont Street from Avondale Avenue northeast to Mitchell Avenue. U. S. 40 both North Street and Columbia Street from West Main Street to Old Columbus Road. S.R. 72 from I-70 north to Villa Road and Eagle City Road those are all complete. The County side the Dayton-Springfield Road that is completed is from west side of Enon. There are safety applications due in to the ODOT on April 30, 2008. TCC hopes that the projects from S. R. 4 and U.S. 40 and S.R 72 as well as Dayton –Springfield Road will qualified for Safety funding based upon the study. Existing projects that TCC was able to get funded though Safety Funding from the State are progressing. The City of Springfield has equipment that is ready to be installed. TCC has the 2007 crash data at the TCC office.

US68/US40/SR4/Upper Valley Pike Study Update

Thea Walsh stated that she has had a great deal of questions about the status of the study. Thea stated that she would do a small update for the TCC members today. There will still be more information that will be coming over a couple of months.

New crash statistics information for the intersection was shared. There has been some increase but overall the crash rate of the intersection has maintained the same level.

This is a high level of crashes at the intersection. Currently the intersection is number 128 of the top 400 on a statewide list of the highest ranking non-freeway intersections / segments to have a high crash rate. Each district office is required to study and address high crash and congested locations. ODOT urges the TCC to continue the study.

Thea Walsh stated that the first stage will be talking to the stakeholders again about the crash study and seeing if they still have the same opinions given the additional data. If we come to the same conclusion we need to do a new study. She has been contacting the stakeholders of the study. TCC has to make sure that there are no changes in the stakeholders views. Then she can justify getting another study done.

Several TCC members voice their concerns and statements in regards to US68/US40/SR4/Upper Valley Pike Study. This included comments and questions from Kevin O'Neill and Bill George about the City of Springfield and the Hospital's role in stakeholder discussions. Further statements were presented by Brad Lightle giving ODOT's perspective on the importance of addressing safety issues and the limitations of funding opportunities in general.

Other

FY2008-FY2011 Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution 2008 - C

Scott Schmid stated that the City of Springfield has requested a modification to the funding for U.S. 40 which is a relocation of North Street with the construction sale date in FY 2010. The project is eligible to use Federal transportation funding for Preliminary Engineering. It will cost \$400,000. The federal transportation funding for Construction will be modified to an amount of \$6,230,000.

Motion by Bill George, seconded by Kevin O'Neil to amend the FY 2008 – FY 2011 Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution 2008 – C.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Sate Route 794 Project Update

Thea Walsh stated that there was a question about S. R. 794 project last TCC meeting. There is about \$1 million federal DOT earmark coming to this project that can be match up with funds of \$300,000 to do preliminary engineering. Preliminary engineering and design is the next step. TCC staff is still seeking construction funding for this project.

Job Ready Sites Program

Zach Balassone stated that the Job Ready Sites has a round of funding available. Applications will be due in May. The state is combining two rounds so there will not

be a program next year. Communities interested in the program may contact TCC Staff (Zach Balassone or Lamar Daniel).

Thea Walsh announced that the TCC has a new staff member Brian Mercer. He is the new Accounting Technician.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE

Highway

John Balzer reported that ODOT is receiving salt today. S.R. 4 and Enon Road is closed. Enon Road is on schedule with roadwork. We are getting ready for spring.

Brad Lightle stated that ODOT got the go ahead to sell the I-70 project the concrete section. Would like to move it forward so one phase could get finished before the winter. Got approval from central office that the project is slated to sell in May 2008.

Paul Wilson stated on the St. Paris Pike Bridge over Mad River the closure should occur this coming Monday. It should be a 75 day closure. There is a countywide guardrail project that the bids should be in by April 18, 2008.

Leo Shanayda stated that the City is getting ready to starting working on Belmont Avenue between Lagonda Avenue and Home Road.

Transit

Glenn Massie reported that there were 35,710 trips for a 22% increase over February 2007. SCAT provided 451 Paratransit trips for a 14% increase. There were 372 for Dial-A-Ride a 22% increase.

Railroad

Larry Himes announced yesterday meeting with the Rail Commission the Port Authority was awarded \$250,000 grant and up to \$400,000 in low interest loans that to go toward replacing a bridge in Fayette County. The bids for this project were opened on Monday, March 17, 2008.

Trail

Jim Campbell reported that he and others have been working over the past few months with MRVPC and other groups within a four county area to update trail maps and thanks to support from TCC the NTRPD was able to get several thousand trail maps. They are available at TCC office and through NTPRD office. Trail counters will be put out pretty soon on the bike paths.

Officials and Others

John Detrick stated that International Harvester is back in production prior to the strike and there will be about 500 to 600 more jobs available. Probably in August or September 2008. I would like to commend the City, County, Chamber and CIC. They are working together better now than ever.

Orphus Taylor stated that the City is having foreclosures of houses the worst in 13 years. The City hopes that there will be better news in the future.

Kevin O'Neill stated that demolition will begin on the North Street Project and Hospital Project. Demolition is schedule the first week in April 2008.

Jim Mann stated that City of Springfield has not been able to get salt. The crews did a great job on the snow removal. The City still has a small amount of salt.

Bob Bender stated that the City of New Carlisle was lucky with the salt this year. They will be starting on storm sewer inspection, cleaning, and repairing program and also getting ready for pot holes repairs.

Pat Sullivan stated that he appreciated the one load of grit that the County Engineer Office gave them.

John Detrick announced that everyone is invited to South Vienna for a Ritchie Brother's auction on March 20, 2008 and Young Jersey Dairy will be serving lunch.

Pat Sullivan stated that the sale is about the same as the last. The next one is in June 2008 and will be the largest one that they have ever had. It will last for two days.

Herb Greer stated that our road crew did a great job this winter. Springfield Township has salt and just received \$11,000 of salt two days before the snow.

Adjournment

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Kent Sherry, to adjourn the TCC meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

The TCC meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Sincerely,

Bob Warren
Chairman