

MINUTES

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

THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:

Toni Keller	Kathy Estep	John Burr	Nancy Brown
John Detrick	Kevin O'Neill	Leo Shanayda	Roger Tackett
Brad Lightle	Doug Nist	Kent Sherry	Tom Junk
Marjorie Travis	Bill George	Jim Mann	Geoff Steele
Herb Greer	Paul Wilson	Orphus Taylor	Clifford Vernon

THOSE ALTERNATES PRESENT WERE:

Bill Carey	Megan Lokai	Don Lucas	Michelle Taber
David Zak			

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Thea Walsh	Stephen Thompson	Brian Mercer	Lamar Daniel
Zachary Balassone	Joyce Davis	Glen Massie	Scott Schmid
John Balzer	Bill Salyer	Jim Campbell	Kathy Streng
Eric Ottoson	Ross McGregor		

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Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Geoff Steele, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2009 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Budget Status & Cash on Hand Report

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

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Summary of Expenses

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Kevin O'Neill, to approve the expenditures in the amount \$48,159.84.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

FY09 PWP Budget Amendment – Resolution 2009 – C

Thea Walsh explained that if staff alters a Planning Work Program element budget greater than 10% it must be approved by the Policy Board.

Brian Mercer stated that there is a need to transfer \$7,000 in Direct Labor into Indirect Costs from the Long Range Plan to TIP Planning and another transfer of \$3,000 in Direct Labor into Indirect Costs from the Signal Study to Paratransit Planning.

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Nancy Brown, to approve the amendment #3 for the FY 2009 Planning Work Program and for Resolution 2009 – C.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE**FY08-FY11 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment Resolution 2009 – D
Amendment in Lieu of FY10 – FY13 TIP**

Scott Schmid stated that Resolution 2009 – D is amending the current TIP. This amendment is a list of prioritized local projects that are eligible for funding and all required local match funding has been guaranteed by project sponsors. It also includes ODOT projects that were program with District Seven funding, federal funding, Air Quality, Rideshare Projects and TCC programs. These projects retain the fiscal constraint of the TIP. They are all consistent with the 2030 Transportation Plan. The Technical Advisory Committee approved the projects.

Thea Walsh stated that this same list has been brought forward several times for Policy Board review in October and January.

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by John Burr, to amend the FY2008-FY2011 Transportation Improvement Program, amend Resolution 2009 – D and amend in lieu of FY10 – FY 13 TIP.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

**FY08-FY11 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment Resolution 2009 – E
Conditional Approval for Economic Stimulus Projects**

Scott Schmid stated that Resolution 2009 – E is also an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program. This is for the Economic Stimulus projects. TCC does not know what project will be chose for the Stimulus money. TCC will hopefully know by Tuesday March 17, 2009 which projects will be funded. Attached to the agenda is TCC's top ten projects for the use of stimulus funding as prioritized by the TAC. TCC could get up to \$5,000,000.00 for stimulus projects that TCC staff feels would have a good shot of getting funded. The resolution is set up that if passed TCC will hold on the TIP amendment until TCC staff knows which projects have been selected by the State. Once the state selects projects, those projects not selected by the state will be automatically be deleted from the TIP as this is a conditional request for amendment based on Economic Stimulus funding.

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to amend the FY2008—FY2001 Transportation Improvement Program, amend Resolution 2009 – E and the approval for Economic Stimulus Project.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

**FY08-FY11 Transportation Improvement Program
Authorizing Resolution 2009 – F
Emergency Amendment Process**

Thea Walsh stated that if TCC should find out within this month what the stimulus projects are and if some of them are not on the list that the TCC member approved then the TCC would reconvene at the TAC level and add those projects to the TIP. At that point the State would have selected the projects. TCC would advertise the TAC meeting a week before the meeting. The projects would be displayed on our website for a week. All TCC members would be invited to the TAC meeting.

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by John Burr, CCSTCC authorize the Technical Advisory Committee FY2008 – FY2011 Transportation Improvement Program under emergency conditions and authorize Resolution 2009 – F.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Other

Glen Massie reported that he wanted to give an update on the TIP amendment of last month. The Economic Stimulus was talked about and was applied for to help transit in

Springfield. March 5, 2009 Senator Sherrod Brown announced Economic Stimulus funding approval in the amount of \$1,619,240 to be allocated to Springfield City Area Transit. The breaks down for the allocation are: \$815,000 replacement vehicles, \$183,714 fleet preventive maintenance, \$150,000 SCAT facility repairs, \$300,000 Market Square bus Center modifications and \$170,526 purchase of replacement vehicles.

Thea Walsh stated that there was a handout at the TCC meeting. The Ohio Association of Regional Councils asked that TCC show letters of support for the HB2 bill where it would affect us biennial budget, primary seatbelt law, Amtrak start up service and transportation innovation areas. A lot of MPO have sent letters of support during the conference period to the House and the Senate. She encouraged the board to discuss the items in the bill.

Roger Tackett stated that rails are a big topic right now. There are a lot of Commissioners around the state that are interest in the 3C project Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Springfield connected.

Ross McGregor stated that the legislature does have an open mind in regards to the passenger rail service to Ohio. There are a lot of questions and if not for the stimulus money this would be impossible. The Director of Transportation came before the committee, she told us that any rail service will require an on going subsidy by the State of Ohio. Passenger rail service does not pay for itself. Given the state of our economy and our finances in Ohio I think it is only responsible personally for a legislature as a body that we know what the on going subsidy is going to be as part of our consideration. ODOT and rail are unable to give us that information, because of the study that they have requested will not be completed until August 2009. Part of the HB2 after they left the house that study has to be completed and brought back and shared with the legislature prior to the spending of any money on passenger rail service. I think what will happen in the Senate unless they through the bill out that is the legislature will have to come back in some sort of deliberation to actually authorize the expenditure of this money based on the information that we get from the study. It is too much money not to have a legislature input as far as it takes. It is debated in the Senate now. The bill will have to be signed by the Governor by April 1, 2009.

Bob Warren stated when there was a presentation several months ago Kevin O'Neill brought up that it would affect the City. The City will have to maintain the station. It will be an on going cost to the City.

Kevin O'Neill stated he was concerned after hearing from Ross McGregor this morning about the state subsidy. There would be a serious problem. The City would be further in debt regards to the facility and the lack of Ridership. How do you pay for railroad system after it has been built?

Thea Walsh stated that is why I am asking the TCC Board Members if they would want to support the HB2 Bill or not. If so she would write a letter of support for the Bill.

As it was apparent that the board could not come to a consensus on HB2 Ross McGregor and Bob Warren requested that members individually contact their state legislators with their individual support or concerns.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE

Highway

Brad Lightle stated that he had a conference call with the MPO Director's last week. The meeting was for the stimulus and the Director was interested how the MPO's were going to deliver their projects.

John Balzer reported that the ODOT project the lane on I-70 is funded and it is going forward. They will resume work by the end of this month. It is almost April and you will see barrels come back out again.

John Burr reported that they have a couple of projects. Gerlaugh Road working on underground utilities should be closing out in the next 30 days to 60 weeks. Grant Road will be closed for a bridge on March 23, 2009 for about four weeks.

Leo Shanayda stated that Lagonda Avenue the contractor will be out there next month. Plum Street relocation, Derr Road and S. R. 334 contractor will be out there next month.

Transit

Michelle Taber reported that the Ridership, Paratransit and Dial-A-Ride are doing well. She also mentioned that they have their fare boxes in the buses and SCAT is offering transfers and everything is up and working.

Railroad

Thea Walsh stated that next week there will be another WESTCO Board Meeting and Zach has been work with me for that. We are planning a High Rail Trip for the Board Members to get out and see the line so WESTCO would know where some of the construction dollars should go in the future. WESTCO has requested economic stimulus money and they are also waiting for March 17, 2009 to find out what is happening. Zach Balassone created a website for WESTCO. It is not part of TCC website any longer.

Trails

Doug Nist stated that Scott held a Public Meeting on trails at the City Forum had a good turn out over 70 people attended the meeting. A lot of good comments were made about the Little Miami Scenic Trail downtown to I-70.

Officials and Others

Roger Tackett announced that the County Commissioners are going to have a Public Hearing on April 7 and 14, 2009 in reference to the ½% sale tax. I just go back from Washington D.C. during this past week and I was there at the National Association of Counties. There was well over a 1,000 counties there. There is a County Commissioner from Athens County in Ohio who is running for second vice-president of the National Association of Counties. If he becomes elected it would give us a much stronger voice in Congress. There are only two representatives from the National Association County and I am one. There will be an extra funding from the Community Development Block Grant funds. It will be helpful to villages, townships and the City if the money come through.

Nancy Brown stated that we will be opening bids for the Fire Station end of this month. It will be located at Gerlaugh Road and Lake Road. There were 87 contractors that showed up for the pre-bid meeting.

David Zak reported on different events that are going to happen in Springfield. The Chamber is very busy with Economic Development. There are companies looking to locate in Springfield. Mike Morris is leaving the Turner Foundation and accepting a position as Director in Economic Development for Champaign County.

Lamar Daniel stated that he attended a meeting yesterday and they require more traffic counts this year. So if anybody has any locations that they need to be counted give them to me by the end of the month so I can get a list together for the City and County. The next three years TCC will have to have 350 traffic counts.

Adjournment

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Nancy Brown, to adjourn the TCC meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

The TCC meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Warren
Chairman