

**Clermont County
Transportation Improvement District
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Friday, July 20, 2007

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID) Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:07 AM, Friday, July 20, 2007, at the Clermont County Engineers Office, 2381 Clermont Center Drive, Batavia, Ohio 45103.

Attendees:

Board Members: David L. Spinney, Chair
 Pat Manger, Vice-Chair
 Steve Wharton, Secretary/Treasurer
 Dave Duckworth, Member
 Doug Walker, Member
 Joseph Uecker, State Representative
 Tom Niehaus, State Senator

Other Guests: Scot Lahrmer, Assistant County Administrator
 Craig Stephenson, County Engineer's Office
 Karen Swartz, Commissioner's Office
 Jon Brunot, Burgess & Niple
 Andy Fluegemann, Ohio Department of Transportation
 Paul Gruner, GS&P
 Deb Osborne, Entran
 Rex Parsons, Batavia Township Administrator
 Mike Kinne, FTCH
 Steve Bergman, HDR
 Tim Thoroughman, KZF
 Jeff Proctor, TranSystems
 Diana Martin, Transcend
 Wayne Bastin, Bastin & Company
 Cindy Minter, HNTB
 Erin Peterson, ME Companies
 Steve Johnson, Resource International
 Rusty Schuermann, CCTID Legal Counsel
 Sam Khorshidi, Resource International
 Erich Switzer, CDS Associates
 Tim Hershner, Planning
 Pam Holbrook, City of Milford
 Chuck Tilbury, County Auditor
 Chris Mehlman, County Auditor
 Joe Murdock
 Lisa Lyonmars
 Matt VanSant, Chamber of Commerce

B. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Manger, seconded by Mr. Duckworth, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2007, Regular Meeting and the June 12, 2007 Work Session of the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District as submitted, upon roll call vote, carried with members present voting aye.

C. Transportation Improvement Projects Progress Updates

1. Eastern Corridor Implementation Partners Update

Eastern Corridor – Mr. Wharton reported that a meeting at the City of Cincinnati with Eastern Corridor implementation partners was held and the parties discussed challenges due to lack of funding for Tier II TRAC projects. The City of Cincinnati and the other partners have expressed interest in advancing the Part B work using local funding. The group has discussed private/public partnerships as an implementation strategy. Next meeting is in August. Senator Niehaus questioned what issues were caused by the freeze on Tier II TRAC Projects. Mr. Wharton explained that while the CCTID projects and many others across the state have been put on hold, there is a good opportunity to develop alternative funding approaches, including public-private partnerships.

2. Eastgate Area Improvements Update

IR 275/SR 32 Interchange – Mr. Fluegemann reported that ODOT is completing Value Engineering for the project that will be incorporated into the phasing construction plan. ODOT has scheduled Environmental to be completed next year and Right of Way will start in 2009. Construction is programmed to start in 2011.

Segment IVa Scope of Services – Andy Fluegemann stated that with the freeze on TRAC Tier 2 funding no further development of Tier 2 projects is underway. He reported that Director Beasley is working on language for legislation in two years to address issues with funding for Tier I & II. Senator Niehaus commented that changes can be done in the Budget Corrections bill in early 2009.

3. Program Management Update

Accelerated Construction Strategy – Mr. Wharton reported the TranSystems contract is on hold due to the delay in finalizing the ODOT phasing plan for the Interchange and the TRAC Tier II freeze.

Implementation Proposal – Mr. Wharton reported the draft has been circulated to the Board members for comment.

Group 1 Request for Letter of Interest – Initial consultant selection is complete and information is posted on the TID website. The Old SR 74 Widening project has been deferred due to an error in the posting regarding bridge level 1 prequalification and will be included in Group 2 project announcement. Mr. Wharton thanked selection team members who contributed time in the review and rating of consultant LOIs. Mr. Wharton discussed that the TID followed the same process as ODOT in their review.

Federal FY08 Appropriation Request -- Mr. Wharton reported that the CCTID funding request for FY08 federal appropriations appears to be moving through the Congress. The amount is \$250,000.

ODOD Roadwork Development Fund – Mr. Wharton reported that he has forwarded information to ODOD to support the TID funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 for FY08-FY09.

D. Financial Items

1. Financial Report

Monthly Report – Mr. Wharton provided the Board with a report of expenses and account balances.

Accounting Manual – The Finance Committee needs to meet to finalize the Accounting Manual.

Annual Financial Audit – Mr. Wharton and Mr. Bastin recommended the Board authorize an independent audit and will prepare the letter of request to the Auditor of State for action at the next meeting.

Determination of TID as component unit – Mr. Wharton reviewed communications from Bond Counsel and legal Counsel regarding the determination that CCTID is a component unit of Clermont County. This determination should have no negative impact on the ability of Clermont County, the CCTID or its local project sponsors to issue debt. Mr. Walker asked that Bond Counsel provide a letter of opinion in that regard.

TID Public Offering – Bond Counsel is finalizing the official statement for the issuance.

E. New Business

State Route 131 Corridor Improvements – Mr. Duckworth recommended that this corridor and related projects be added to the RTIP. He reported that City of Milford is supportive of the request as well.

A motion by Mr. Duckworth, seconded by Mr. Manger, to adopt Resolution 2007-06, determining that the SR 131 Corridor is hereby designated as a transportation improvement project of the CCTID and incorporated into the Regional transportation improvement Program, upon roll call vote, carried with all members present voting aye thereon.

Consulting Agreement with Property Advisors – Mr. Wharton reviewed the proposal. Mr. Spinney commented that the project fits well within the County's economic development strategy.

A motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Duckworth, to adopt Resolution 2007-07, authorizing retention of real estate valuation and financial analysis services and to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer in consultation with legal counsel to execute an agreement with Property Advisors, upon roll call vote, carried with all members present voting aye thereon.

Consulting Agreement with University of Cincinnati – Mr. Wharton reviewed the proposal and commented that this agreement will provide recommendations and guidance relating to economic development and transportation investment and funding strategies and will be valuable in advancing the RTIP Projects.

A motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Duckworth, to adopt Resolution 2007-08, authorizing retention of services regarding transportation network investment and related analysis and econometric modeling, and to further authorize the Secretary-Treasurer of the CCTID in consultation with legal counsel to execute an agreement with the Economic Center of Education & Research, University of Cincinnati, upon roll call vote, carried with all members present voting aye thereon.

REMI Secondary License Agreement – Mr. Wharton informed the Board that this agreement was to obtain a secondary user license for the REMI Model utilized by the University of Cincinnati in the performance of their consulting agreement.

A motion by Mr. Duckworth, seconded by Mr. Walker, to adopt Resolution 2007-09, authorizing obtaining a REMI Secondary User License and to further authorize the

Secretary-Treasurer in consultation with legal counsel to execute the agreement with REMI, upon roll call vote, carried with all members present voting aye thereon.

F. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District will be August 10, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. located at the Miami Township Civic Center, 6101 Meijer Drive, Miami Township, Ohio 45150.

Adjournment

A motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Duckworth to adjourn the meeting of the Clermont County TID, upon roll call vote, carried with all members present voting aye thereon.

Approved at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District, Clermont County, Ohio, this 10th day of August, 2007.


Clermont County Transportation Improvement District
Chairman

Attest:


Clermont County Transportation Improvement District
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion to Pass Resolution: Mr. Manger

Seconded by: Mr. Duckworth