

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
AND SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT REPORTS
Regular Board Meeting
By Electronic Participation (Teleconference)
In Accordance with HB 404
June 28, 2021

Chair Pflum called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees to the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (HCTID) Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Henry Frondorf, Jack Pflum, Eric Beck, John Brazina, Christie Kuhns

Board Member absent: William Seitz

Also in attendance: Charlene Vollhardt, Todd Gadbury – Hamilton County; Chris Meyer – Redevelopment Authority; Rusty Schuermann – Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter; Bill Shefcik; Dan Springer; Robert Koehler; Tom Arnold; Jay Hamilton; Frank Aransky; Pete Metz; Kathy Wyenandt; Anne Rahall; Brian Uhl; Vanessa Nghiem; Darryl Haley; Duane Phelps; Kathy Kugler; Rachel Culley; Jeff Heimann; Scott Lingren

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence...

Approval of Minutes...

- Chairman Pflum stated he would like to amend the minutes to reflect the names of projects (Western Hills Viaduct and Pfeiffer Road) referenced in the approved Resolution for HB 74 2022 ODOT TID grant funding applications.
- Chairman Pflum entertained a motion to approve the amended minutes from April 26, 2021...
- ***Board Member Beck made the motion to approve the amended HCTID Board Meeting Minutes from April 26, 2021, to reflect the project names Western Hills Viaduct and Pfeiffer Road; seconded by Board Member Frondorf and the motion carried upon roll call vote: Chairman Pflum – yes, Board Member Brazina – yes, Board Member Frondorf – yes, Board Member Beck – yes, Christie Kuhns – yes.***

Transportation issues...

Regional Partner Reports

ODOT update:

- Tom Arnold with ODOT discussed the “Update of ODOT Major Projects in the Downtown Cincinnati Area” report. A copy of the “Update of ODOT Major Projects in the Downtown Cincinnati Area” handout was distributed, which is attached hereto and made a part of.
- Tom Arnold reported that ODOT has created an interactive website called the Multiyear Work Plan that shows all ODOT capital projects for the next six years. The link to the website is <https://gis3.dot.state.oh.us/d08/MultiYearWorkPlan/>

- Tom Arnold reported on the Safety Program and ODOT's effort to get Ohio to zero deaths. Traffic fatalities have been on the rise 6 of the last 7 years. In June, ODOT Director Marchbanks and others provided testimony before the House Committee on Distracted Drivers Bill.
- Board Member Beck asked if the fatality rate is up, are the accident rates up also.
 - Tom Arnold stated serious injuries and crashes are down significantly, so it is more the fatality number being up.

Clermont County TID updates:

- Board Member Beck reported that Jeremy Evans was unable to attend the meeting, but the 32 projects are moving forward.

Butler, Warren County TID updates:

- Board Member Beck reported there was an open house meeting with property owners for Fields Ertel Road project in Warren County.

TID Corridors of Opportunity...

- Board Member Beck reported that the City of Harrison and Harrison Township have submitted for funding the I-74 / Dry Fork Road project.
- Board Member Beck reported the Western Hills Viaduct TRAC results will be coming out July 14th. We understand that the initial recommendation is that the Western Hills Viaduct will not get funded but there is opportunity to get excess funds moving forward.

Western Hills Viaduct update:

- Bill Shefcik reported on the funding applications that were submitted to ODOT for the TID funding the end of May. There is a follow-up presentation to the ODOT TID review Board for both Western Hills Viaduct and Pfeiffer Road projects on July 14th.
- Bill Shefcik reported the funding application for the Viaduct for the OKI SGTB funds were submitted the beginning of June. The INFRA grant was submitted in March but still waiting to hear from them. They are currently working on a Transit Infrastructure grant application to be submitted to SORTA due June 30, 2021.

Cincinnati Transportation Update...

- John Brazina elaborated on the topic of fatalities and accidents involving pedestrians. The City of Cincinnati has been tracking their numbers for the last few years and some progress has been made in pedestrian accidents, but the numbers are still high. They are seeing more speeding on the streets because of lack of congestion.

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber update:

- Pete Metz reported they have been watching a group called Next Gen which is a program designed for merging leaders under 40 who want to get engaged in the connective region work. Anyone interested in joining the Next Gen can apply online at www.theconnectedregion.com.

Redevelopment Authority Project update...

- Chris Meyer reported no updates.

SORTA Update...

- Darryl Haley reported Phase I of Reinventing Metro has started. There are 7 routes now that are running 24 hours a day. There are more Saturday and Sunday service offered on 6 routes. They are working with Kroger and the Communities to get people vaccinated on July 16-18 and August 6-8. This service funded by ODOT and free to riders.
- Darryl Haley reported the applications for the Infrastructure fund is due June 30, 2021, at 2:00 pm.

OKI Update...

- Bob Koehler reported they received 42 applications requesting 70 million dollars and they have about 52 million to distribute. The applicants will be notified in September.

Tri State Trails Update...

- Rachel Culley discussed status of the Tristate Trails developments. In partnership with the Wasson Way Group and Ohio River Way, they coordinated a private fund-raising effort for the CROWN vision. They have raised 6 million dollars of their 8-million-dollar goal.

HCTID Supplemental Project updates...

- Chairman Pflum commented on the Cincinnati to Chicago High Speed Rail and inquired as to status.
- Board Member Beck stated there has not be any movement on the High-Speed rail in years that he is aware of.
- Pete Metz stated he had conversations with Amtrak about what they propose in their 2035-year plan that is not yet funded. It is predicated the investments will be on the Federal level and cover 100% of the operating cost for new rail.

Old Business...

- None

New Business...

- Chairman Pflum stated the legislative exception for public bodies to conduct virtual meetings expires on July 1, 2021. Our next meeting on July 26, 2021, will be in person.

- *Next Meeting Dates...*
- Monday, July 26, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 23, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment of Meeting...

- ***Board Member Beck made the motion to adjourn the HCTID meeting at 1:35 p.m.; seconded by Board Member Brazina and the motion carried upon roll call vote: Chairman Pflum – yes, Board Member Brazina – yes, Board Member Frondorf – yes, Board Member Beck – yes, Christie Kuhns – yes.***

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer for HCTID