

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
AND SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT REPORTS

Regular Board Meeting

March 28, 2022

Chair Frondorf 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, John Brazina, Eric Beck

Board Members absent: Christie Kuhns, Jack Pflum

Also in attendance: Charlene Vollhardt, Lisa Doerger – Hamilton County Engineers; Rusty Schuermann – Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter; Bill Shefcik-City of Cincinnati; Tom Arnold – ODOT; Jay Hamilton – Mead & Hunt, Nathan Alley; Anne Rahall - TEC Engineering; Pete Metz – USA Regional Chamber; Chris Meyer – Cincinnati Port; Alex Kraemer – Choice One Engineering; Shawn Mason – Prime Engineering; Ursula Miller – City of Cincinnati; Jennifer Shuey-DLZ; Jason Sweet – Metro Consultants; Jeff Wallace – CT Consultants; David Wormald – AECOM; Jake Stremmel, Patrick Anater – HDR Engineering; Kelsey Dempsey – WSP; Steve Kraft, Ben Stoller – OR Colan

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence...

Approval of Minutes...

- Chairman Frondorf entertained a motion to approve the minutes from February 28, 2022...
- ***Board Member Beck made the motion to approve the HCTID Board Meeting Minutes from February 28, 2022; seconded by Board Member Brazina and the motion carried with each Member presenting voting yes.***

Resolution to authorize and adopt the Budget of the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District for FY 2022/2023...

- Board Member Beck reported the Resolution presented is reviewed annually to update our Budget.
- Lisa Doerger – Budget and Finance Director for Hamilton County Engineers reported in detail on the Budget which will be effective July 1, 2022, until June 31, 2023.
- ***Board Member Beck made the motion to approve the Resolution to authorize and adopt the Budget of the Hamilton County Transportation District for FY 2022/2023; seconded by Board Member Brazina and the motion carried by roll call vote; Henry Frondorf – yes, John Brazina – yes, Eric Beck – yes.***

Transportation issues...

Regional Partner Reports

ODOT update:

- Tom Arnold reported in detail on 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 on a Public Involvement meeting for the I-75 in the Lockland split area project. They are asking for final comments through the project website to be submitted by April 1, 2022.

Clermont County TID updates:

- No updates.

Butler, Warren County TID updates:

- No updates.

TID Corridors of Opportunity...

- Board Member Beck reported on working with Harrison Township and the City of Harrison on an application for TID funding for the Dry Fork Road project. They are also working on an application for TID funding with Green Township on the North Bend and Westwood Northern Boulevard project, that was previously presented before the HCTID Board. . They are looking to apply by Wednesday, March 30, 2022, for this TID funding.

Western Hills Viaduct update:

- Bill Shefcik reported on the Notice of Funding Opportunities. There are two funding programs that the WHV would be eligible for: the MEGA and the INFRA . There is just one application that would cover both programs, due in May.

Cincinnati Transportation Update...

- Board Member Brazina reported the City of Cincinnati will be applying for a RAISE grant on April 14, 2022, for Linn Street and improvements to W. 8th Street.
- Board Member Beck commented that he has submitted a letter of support for the City of Cincinnati to submit with their application.
- Tom Arnold commented that ODOT has been contacted as well regarding a letter of support for the City of Cincinnati. He asked that others needing letters of support give them a couple weeks for them to review and return.

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber update:

- Pete Metz reported no updates.

Redevelopment Authority Project update...

- Chris Meyer reported no updates.

SORTA Update...

- Darryl Haley reported that during the time of COVID, they decided not to lay anyone off and keep running 100% of their service to make sure our community could connect to all the places they needed to connect to. They received an additional \$62.3 million in funding from the ARP Stimulus money for operating. They were also awarded 10.1 million dollars from the FTA for buses which will include zero emissions fleet. They also received notice that they were awarded 3.3 million to update all the bus stops.
- Darryl Haley reported that they will be doing a call for projects for the next round of Infrastructure funding and project applications will be due the end of June. Since the sales tax is coming in higher than expected, they are anticipating more than \$22 million available for projects submitted for the Infrastructure funding.

OKI Update...

- No updates.

Tri State Trails Update...

- No updates.

Status Review of the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act...

- Board Member Beck reported no updates.

HCTID Supplemental Project updates...

- Board Member Beck reported no updates.

Old Business...

- None to report

New Business...

- Nathan Alley with the Sierra Club commented that he is excited about SORTA no emission buses. He asked if a transit infrastructure lane was still included on the Western Hills Viaduct project. Bill Shefcik stated that infrastructure lane is still part of the plan.
- *Next Meeting Dates...*
 - Monday, April 25, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.
 - Monday, May 23, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment of Meeting...

- ***Board Member Beck made the motion to adjourn the HCTID meeting at 1:25 p.m.; seconded by Board Member Brazina and the motion carried unanimously...***

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Beck, P.E.-P.S.
Secretary/Treasurer for HCTID