

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
AND SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT REPORTS

Regular Board Meeting
April 25, 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, Christie Kuhns (arrived at 1:03 pm)

Board Members absent: William Seitz

Also in attendance: Charlene Vollhardt, Lisa Doerger, Todd Gadbury – Hamilton County Engineers; Rusty Schuermann – Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter; Bill Shefcik-City of Cincinnati; Tom Arnold – ODOT; Jay Hamilton – Mead & Hunt, Chris Meyer – Cincinnati Port; John Brigman – Woolpert; Caroline Duffy – 143 Engineer; Joe Vogel – WSP USA; Jon Wiley – Woolpert; Ben Stoller, Steve Kraft – OR Colan; Tara Campbell – Fishbeck; Camden Bentley – Hamilton County Administration

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence...

Approval of Minutes...

- Chairman Frondorf entertained a motion to approve the minutes from March 28, 2022...
- ***Board Member Beck made the motion to approve the HCTID Board Meeting Minutes from March 28, 2022; seconded by Board Member Brazina and the motion carried with each Member present voting 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 stated the Brent Spence Bridge project will be the only project moving forward with the discretionary funding applications being submitted, which are MEGA and INFRA.
- Tom Arnold reported ODOT intends to award a Design Build contract on November 1, 2023.
- Board Member Beck suggested the TID write a letter in support of the ODOT application for funding for the Brent Spence Bridge.

Clermont County TID updates:

- No updates.

Butler, Warren County TID updates:

- Dan Corey reported two major projects are advancing in Butler County: Milliken Interchange at I-75 and the North Hamilton Crossing. The North Hamilton Crossing project is to replace a hundred-year-old bridge in the Hamilton area. There will be a stakeholder meeting on May 4, 2022. They hope to have a preferred alternative by next year.
- Dan Cory reported in Warren County they are teaming with Hamilton County on the Fields Ertel Road project. The Warren County TID continues to advance over a dozen different projects throughout the County. Another significant project is State Route 63. This project is being done with ODOT and will be a 20-million-dollar improvement. They would like to start construction in 2023.

TID Corridors of Opportunity...

- Board Member Beck reported that an application was submitted by the HCTID for the Dry Fork Road TID Grant. He received an email from Jobs and Commerce requesting a virtual meeting to discuss.

Western Hills Viaduct update:

- Bill Shefcik reported they are continuing design for the Western Hills Viaduct. They will be putting out a solicitation to hire a Construction Manager at Risk. There is a specific page for the Construction Manager on their website at www.Cincinnati-oh.gov/WHV
- Bill Shefcik reported they are applying for the INFRA grants. Those applications are due May 23, 2022 and request a letter of support from the TID.
- Chairman Frondorf entertained a motion to write a letter of support for the Western Hills Viaduct.
- ***Board Member Beck made the motion to write the letter of support for the Western Hills Viaduct; seconded by Board Member Pflum and the motion carried with each Member presenting voting yes.***

Cincinnati Transportation Update...

- Board Member Brazina reported the City of Cincinnati submitted a RAISE (Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) Grant for a project called the West End on Lynn Street from Court Street to Central Avenue. Part of this application is to also reconnect the west end into Downtown via 8th Street.
- Board Member Pflum asked if the City of Cincinnati was considering curb side electric vehicle charging stations.

- John Brazina stated they are investigating the matter of curb side electric charging stations.

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber update:

- Pete Metz reported no updates.

Redevelopment Authority Project update...

- Chris Meyer reported the Port had a portion of Elm Street closed for the Millennium Project demolition. This has been re-opened early in coordination with the OTE Staff in time for the Red's Parade. It is anticipated to be fully open, with the sidewalk completed around the Convention Center on May 27, 2022.

SORTA Update...

- Darryl Haley reported that May is Bike month. On May 20, 2022 it is bike to work day. He stated they have removed the mask mandate on the buses but still recommends wearing them while riding.
- Darryl Haley stated the second round of the Infrastructure Sales Tax money applications from government agencies are due the end of June.
- Darryl Haley announced the hiring of Larry Pinkleton as the new CFO of SORTA.

OKI Update...

- No updates.

Tri State Trails Update...

- No updates.

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

- Board Member Beck reported no updates.
- Board Member Pflum commented that the Federal Government is suggesting strongly that each State appoint an Infrastructure Coordinator or Czar.
- Tommy Arnold requested the TID Board pass a Resolution to provide a support letter for the Brent Spence Bridge project.
- ***Board Member Beck made the motion for the Board to approve and compose a letter of support for the Brent Spence Bridge project; seconded by Board Member Brazina and the motion carried with each Member presenting voting yes.***

HCTID Supplemental Project updates...

- Board Member Brazina reported on the Eastern Corridor Oasis Rail stating that the City of Cincinnati, Great Parks and SORTA are diligently working on an agreement with the railroad to take control of the northern line.
- Board Member Pflum asked if H.B. 62 and H.B. 74 Grant Fundings have been settled.
 - Rusty Schuermann commented there is one grant in process with the City of Montgomery (Pfeiffer Road Roundabout) that was extended due to construction

delays and there is a pending application under HB 74 on Dry Fork Road Project.

Old Business...

- None to report

New Business...

- *Next Meeting Dates...*

➤ Monday, May 23, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m. – cancelled

- ***Board Member Beck moved to cancel the meeting on May 23, 2022 and reconvene on June 27, 2022; seconded by Board Member Brazina and the motion carried with each Member presenting voting yes.***

➤ Monday, June 27, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment of Meeting...

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

Respectfully submitted,

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