

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
AND SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT REPORTS

Regular Board Meeting
July 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. at the Springfield Township Arts Center, 9158 Winton Road, Cincinnati Ohio 45231.

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

Board Members absent: William Seitz

Also in attendance: Charlene Vollhardt, Lisa Doerger, – Hamilton County Engineers; Rusty Schuermann – Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter; Bill Shefcik-City of Cincinnati; Tom Arnold – ODOT; Pete Metz – Cincinnati Regional Chamber; Alex Kramer – Choice One Eng.; Jen Kunz – Geotechnology; Shawn Mason – Prime Engineering; Craig Litmer – American Structurepoint; Steve Mary – Terracon; Vanessa Nghiem – AECOM; Jennifer Shuey – DLZ; Jeff Wallace – CT Consultants; Tara Campbell – Fishbeck; Camden Bentley – County Administration

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence...

Approval of Minutes...

- Chairman Frondorf entertained a motion to approve the minutes from June 27, 2022...
- ***Board Member Beck made the motion to approve the HCTID Board Meeting Minutes from June 27, 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 reported on the Brent Spence Bridge project. He reported on the new website and suggested to sign up for the newsletter. The Brent Spence Bridge is headlined on the website.
- Tom Arnold reported they are waiting to hear back on the MEGA application that was submitted in May. They are still working on a major Bridge application in early August.
- Tom Arnold reported they are working on the revaluation of their Environmental Document. The original document was approved in 2012. There have been two updates

since then and are working on the third update now. There will be a public meeting in January of 2023 as part of these efforts.

Clermont County TID updates:

- No updates.

Butler, Warren County TID updates:

- No updates.

TID Corridors of Opportunity...

- Board Member Beck reported we received the TID grant for the Dry Fork Road project and are working with TEC, JMA and the City of Harrison on the agreements and will be proceeding on preliminary planning design.

Western Hills Viaduct update:

- Bill Shefcik reported they are working on a project application for a grant with the USDOT Bridge Investment Program due early August.

Cincinnati Transportation Update...

- Board Member Brazina reported on some of the Federal applicants that will be submitted soon. They are waiting to hear back from the RAISE grant in the fall. They are also planning to submit two other applications: One – Safe Streets for all and Two – Reconnecting Communities grant.

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber update:

- Pete Metz reported on the report done with HDR showing the 25% increase in federal funds in the Infrastructure bill. They are soliciting projects from local communities who would like them and the consulting team to help develop strategy for grants. These will be solicited between now and August 15, 2022. The application is on the website at www.theconnectiveregion.com and will follow with an email to the Board with the solicitation list.

Redevelopment Authority Project update...

- No updates.

SORTA Update...

- Darryl Haley reported they are running free fare weekends for the rest of the summer.
- Darryl Haley reported our BRT study has begun with WSP. They are studying 4 corridors – Glenway, Reading, Hamilton, and Montgomery. At the end of the study, they will pick two of these corridors and start to build BRT.
- Board Member Pflum asked how SORTA was involving local communities or jurisdictions in the BRT corridor process.

- Darryl Haley stated they have started two groups One is local leadership to talk about the BRT and what it will bring to our region, to understand the economic development, and what land will be needed for the bus lanes. The second group will be with the local communities to discuss what BRT will do for the community and how they can use it. They plan to have a meeting next month with the first group consisting of the Mayors and County.
- Darryl Haley reported the applications for TIF closed the end of June. They received more applications this round than last. There was 75 million dollars in total projects.
- Board Member Beck stated he heard SORTA was getting all electric buses.
- Darryl Haley stated they plan on going zero emissions. They have a study to be completed in November/December that will provide direction and considerations on zero emissions. It has not been said that it will be electric vehicles although electric is one option being studied. They have bought three electric vehicles for the Para Transit Division that should be received in September. They have installed the charging ports in their Access facilities.

OKI Update...

- No updates

Tri State Trails Update...

- No updates.

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

- Removed from the agenda.

HCTID Supplemental Project updates...

- No updates.

Old Business...

- None to report

New Business...

- Board Member Pflum wanted to introduce and get opinions from the Board regarding electric vehicles charging stations and considerations such as cost, where they will be installed, who will install them and who would maintain them. The City of Cincinnati is developing some criteria of where these stations will be in Cincinnati. Our Committee is well positioned to provide leadership with jurisdictions in Hamilton County and stimulate conversation and action regarding these stations.
- Board Member Beck stated at the County Commissioners meeting, they discussed forming a Committee to investigate charging stations.
- Pete Metz suggested this could be an interest of OKI that would have the benefit of incorporating County Commissioners, Local Government as well as partners in Northern Kentucky and Suburban Indiana.
- Darryl Haley reported they have installed credit card electric charging stations for cars

at their Park and Rides. They have partnered with Electrada who have installed the stations and SORTA will receive revenue once the stations are paid for.

- Board Member Beck stated he will follow up on this matter and report back next month. The County Commissioners stated they wanted the Engineer's office to look at electric vehicles for our fleet. He stated there are unintended consequences of serving the vehicles, charging the vehicles, and less capacity in the winter then there would be in the summer.
- *Next Meeting Dates...*
 - Monday, August 22, 2022 @ 1:00 pm – Springfield Township Arts Center
 - Monday, September 26, 2022 @ 1:00 pm – Springfield Township Arts Center

Adjournment of Meeting...

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

Respectfully submitted,

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