

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
AND SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT REPORTS

Regular Board Meeting
February 27, 2023

Vice Chair Brazina called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees to the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (HCTID) Board Meeting at 1:05 p.m. at the Todd Portune Center for County Government, BOCC Room 610, 138 E. Court Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Board Members Present: John Brazina, Eric Beck, Steve Sunderland

Board Members absent: William Seitz, Henry Frondorf, Christie Kuhns

Also in attendance: Charlene Vollhardt, Lisa Doerger– Hamilton County Engineers; Rusty Schuermann – Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter; Tom Arnold – ODOT; Camden Bentley – County Admin.; Tara Campbell – Fishbeck; Jay Hamilton – Mead & Hunt; Joe Mellman – LJB Engineering; Bill Shefcik – City of Cincinnati; John Wiley – Woolpert; David Wormald – AECOM; Nick Yeretizian – Kleingers Group; Brad Bowers – Tri State Trails; John Ravasio – SORTA; Brenda Wehmer - Dinsmore

Pledge of Allegiance...

Introduction of Steve Sunderland...

- Board Member Brazina introduced Steve Sunderland. The Hamilton County Commissioners appointed Mr. Sunderland to serve on the Transportation Improvement District Board for a two-year term.

Approval of Minutes...

- Board Member Beck entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented from January 23, 2023.
- ***Board Member Beck made the motion to approve the HCTID Board Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2023 as presented; seconded by Board Member Brazina and the motion carried with each Board 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 draft TRAC list of major new projects is available on the website at <https://transportation.ohio.gov/about-us/new/>. The final vote on these projects will be on March 29, 2023.

- Tom Arnold reported the annual update of the Multi-Year Work Plan. ODOT District 8 updates our 6-year capitol work plan and our operational activities for the following years.
- Tom Arnold reported on the Brent Spence Bridge. The request for proposals (RFP) was released and the announcement of the design build team will be in May. ODOT has a DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) networking event coming up on March 7, 2023 for this project and other contracts ODOT will be putting out, including an Owners Rep. Consultant Contract and a Construction Engineering and Inspection Contract.

Clermont County TID updates:

- No updates.

Butler, Warren County TID updates:

- No updates.

TID Corridors of Opportunity...

- Board Member Beck reported the County Engineer's Office is continuing to work with the City of Harrison and the Consultants on the Dry Fork Road interchange project.

Western Hills Viaduct update:

- Bill Shefcik reported proposals for the Construction Manager at Risk were issued in January and they are finalizing their selection.
- Bill Shefcik reported they have requested qualifications on the Cost Estimator. The proposals are due on March 6, 2023.
- Bill Shefcik reported the City awarded a contract to O'Rourke Wrecking Company for the demolition of property located at 2261 Spring Grove Avenue. This is where the Duke Sub-Station will be relocated.
- Bill Shefcik stated they will award the CMAR (Construction Manager at Risk) and then enter a negotiation period with the proposals for all 3 companies. Hopeful to enter a contract by May.

Cincinnati Transportation Update...

- Board Member Brazina reported the City of Cincinnati received a RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) grant for improvements on W. 8th Street and Lynn Street. The design services will be coming out in 3-4 weeks.
- Board Member Brazina reported the City has multiple award contracts used for Contingencies. The City is starting the process of getting new contracts in place before the existing contracts expire the end of January 2024.

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber update:

- No updates.

Redevelopment Authority Project update...

- No updates.

SORTA Update...

- John Ravasio reported the Transit Infrastructure Fund signing ceremony will be on March 8, 2023. They have allocated 39 million dollars to projects in this next annual round of Transit Infrastructure project funds.
- John Ravasio reported they have named Hamilton Ave. and Reading Road the next two BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) Corridors.
- John Ravasio stated they have engaged an outside Consultant to study their transition from fuel to zero emissions fleet and support facilities. This study should be complete in March.

OKI Update...

- No updates

Tri State Trails Update...

- Brad Bowers reported in detail on the Mill Creek Triangle study. They have made a couple of revisions to their scope for that study. Once they hear from Engineering firms based on the revised scope, they plan to approach communities in the area to help fund this study. Great Parks of Hamilton County has verbally committed the first \$30,000 of this study. They would like to ask the TID to participate in this funding. They will have a presentation for the TID Board in March.

HCTID Supplemental Project updates...

- Board Member Beck stated there are no updates.

Old Business...

- Rusty Schuermann commented on the ongoing legislative amendment in the State House regarding bonding authority relevant to the Western Hills Viaduct. There may be an action by the Board in March to retain Brenda Wehmer as bond counsel.

New Business...

- None

Next Meeting Dates...

- Monday, March 27, 2023 @ 1:00 pm – 138 E. Court Street, Cincinnati, Oh 45202
- Monday, April 24, 2023 @ 1:00 pm – 138 E. Court Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Adjournment of Meeting...

- ***Board Member Beck made the motion to adjourn the HCTID meeting at 1:24 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

