

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
AND SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT REPORTS

Regular Board Meeting
March 27, 2023

Chairman Frondorf called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees to the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (HCTID) Board Meeting at 1:01 p.m. at the Todd Portune Center for County Government, BOCC Room 610, 138 E. Court Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Board Members Present: Henry Frondorf, John Brazina, Eric Beck, Christie Kuhns, Steve Sunderland, William Seitz

Board Members absent:

Also in attendance: Lisa Doerger– Hamilton County Engineers; Rusty Schuermann – Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter; Tom Arnold – ODOT; Camden Bentley – County Admin.; Andy Brossart – Bradley Payne; Jay Hamilton – Mead & Hunt; Wade Johnston – Tri State Trails; Steve Mary – Terracon; Ursula Miller – City of Cincinnati; Anne Rahall – TEC Engineering; Bill Shefcik – City of Cincinnati; Jeff Wallace- CT Consultants; John Ravasio – SORTA; David Wormald – AECOM; Greg Wollenhaupt – DLZ; Rob Franz – Stidel; Brenda Wehmer – Dinsmore

Pledge of Allegiance...

- ***Chairman Frondorf asked for a roll call attendance; Henry Frondorf – present, John Brazina – present, Eric Beck – present.***

* Christie Kuhns, Steve Sunderland and William Seitz were delayed and arrived after the roll call.

Approval of Minutes...

- Chairman Frondorf entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented from February 27, 2023.
- ***Board Member Beck made the motion to approve the HCTID Board Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2023 as presented; seconded by Board Member Brazina and the motion carried with each Board Member present voting “yes”.***

Resolution 2023-01 to authorize and adopt the Hamilton County Improvement District Budget for FY 2023-2024...

- Eric Beck introduced the resolution and Rusty Schuermann discussed with the Board aspects of the Resolution to authorize and adopt the Hamilton County Improvement District Budget for FY 2023-2024.
- ***Board Member Beck made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 to authorize and adopt the Hamilton County Improvement District Budget for FY 2023-2024 as presented; seconded by Board Member Brazina and the motion carried by roll call vote; Henry Frondorf – yes, John Brazina – yes, Eric Beck – yes, Christie Kuhns – yes, Steve Sunderland – yes.***

Resolution 2023-02 by the Hamilton County Transportation District to retain Brenda Wehmer with Dinsmore and Bond Counsel and Andy Brossart as Financial Advisor for the Western Hills Viaduct...

- Eric Beck introduced the resolution and Rusty Schuermann discussed with the Board the purpose of Resolution 2023-02 in which to engage professional services relevant to TID project financing and related actions to retain Dinsmore as Bond Counsel and Bradley Payne as Municipal Advisor, regarding a potential TID bond issue for the Western Hills Viaduct project.
- ***Board Member Kuhns made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-02 authorizing Hamilton County Improvement District engagement of professional services relative to TID project financing and related actions as presented; seconded by Board Member Beck and the motion carried by roll call vote; Henry Frondorf – yes, John Brazina – yes, Eric Beck – yes, Christie Kuhns – yes, Steve Sunderland – 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 they are continuing work on the selection process of construction firms for the Brent Spence Bridge. ODOT will be taking pre-bid questions and the proposals are due April 7, 2023. Best value announcement is scheduled for May 1, 2023.
- Tom Arnold stated they have completed several outreach efforts through Projects for Opportunities related to DBE and Work Force Development. They have another related virtual training event on April 26, 2023. ODOT is also participating in the Career Fair on May 1-3, 2023.

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 Harrison Township on the Dry Fork Road interchange project. They are in the preliminary engineering stages at this point.

Western Hills Viaduct update:

- Bill Shefcik reported the City has finalized the selection for the Contractor at Risk.

- Bill Shefcik reported the demolition of property located at 2261 Spring Grove Avenue is moving forward.
- Board Member Beck thanked Representative William Seitz for his hard work in getting changes made in the Transportation Budget to help the TID work with the Western Hills Viaduct funding.
- Representative Seitz reported the change request for the budget is in the House and Senate version and allows the TID to be the issuer of the bonds for the Viaduct as well as other projects that go through the SORTA Transportation Infrastructure Fund process and through the Integrating Committee for approval and recommendations from the SORTA Board.

Cincinnati Transportation Update...

- Board Member Brazina reported the City of Cincinnati has been working closely with ODOT to review plans and alternatives for the Brent Spence project. The City has a presentation scheduled with the Climate and Environmental Infrastructure Committee to discuss the collaboration with ODOT.

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber update...

- No updates.

Redevelopment Authority Project update...

- No updates.

SORTA Update...

- John Ravasio reported the On Demand Service will launch this spring in Springdale and Mt. Healthy.
- John Ravasio reported the Fixed Route Ridership has exceeded more than one million rides in January and February since the pandemic. The Paratransit service is up 23% since January and February also.

OKI Update...

- No updates

Tri State Trails Update...

- Wade Johnson reported on the Mill Creek Triangle Trail Feasibility study. Tri State Trails is a non-profit organization working to connect and expand the active transportation trail and bikeway network around Greater Cincinnati. Tri State Trails strategy is helping and encouraging multi-jurisdiction collaboration to build safe infrastructure for bike riders.
- Wade Johnston reported the Mill Creek Triangle Trail project is a vision for a trail network to link several regional green spaces in 13 different communities. This project was started in 2015 by the Connecting Active Community Coalition. Tri State Trails has reached the feasibility fund raising phase of this project. They are asking

communities and organizations to contribute to the study. Great Parks of Hamilton County contributed \$30,000 and the City of Wyoming contributed \$7,500. They are asking Hamilton County TID to contribute \$30,000.

HCTID Supplemental Project updates...

- Board Member Beck stated Eastern Corridor projects continue to move along.

Old Business...

- None

New Business...

- None

Next Meeting Dates...

- Monday, April 24, 2023 @ 1:00 pm – 138 E. Court Street, Cincinnati, Oh 45202
- Monday, May 22, 2023 @ 1:00 pm – 138 E. Court Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Adjournment of Meeting...

- ***Board Member Brazina made the motion to adjourn the HCTID meeting at 1:28 p.m.; seconded by Board Member Kuhns and the motion carried unanimously...***

Respectfully submitted,

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