

**To: TID Board Members**

**Date: January 9, 2003**

**Re: Director's Report**

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### **Current Projects**

#### **1. Liberty Interchange**

The study process is proceeding. Management of Resource International's consulting contract continues. The revised Year 2030 Certified Traffic was delivered by ODOT to Resource. The contract amendment to allow Resource International to subcontract the environmental analysis to the firm CH<sup>2</sup>M-Hill and the necessary aerial surveying to the firm Aerial Technologies, Inc. has been executed. A work group meeting is scheduled for January 24. Resource will provide an update to the schedule now that all necessary data has been received.

#### **2. Michael A. Fox Highway**

At the June TID Board meeting, a resolution to refund to ODOT a portion of the project administration charges for the Fox Highway in order to conclude the final agreement with ODOT for the outstanding financial closeout was tabled. Staff was directed to meet with ODOT regarding the funding. It was hoped that an agreement could be reached to allow the funds in question to be applied to the SR 747 widening project. As reported at the December meeting, ODOT Director Proctor has tentatively agreed to make \$1,628,000 available for the TID's SR 747 project. Details of this transfer are being worked out within ODOT.

The TID received the arbitrage calculation from Peck, Shaffer and Williams in the middle of December and noted that the amount due was very high. After correspondence with ODOT and lengthy discussions with both Peck, Shaffer Williams and US Bank (trust agent), several misclassifications were detailed in the transfers of debt service reserve interest. These were corrected and the amount was reduced. The payment due was \$515,492.63 with \$463,943.37 due by January 7, 2003. The money was available within the rebate trust account and forwarded to the IRS on January 3, 2003.

#### **3. SR 747 Widening, Phase III-A**

A portion of the SR 747 Widening Project (see Item #2 below) has become active due to development pressures at the SR 747/Princeton Road intersection. Based on TID Board action October 14, a contract has been executed with the selected consultant, LJB Inc. to conduct the necessary analysis to produce preliminary cross-section plans and preliminary right-of-way plans so that the parties involved can map a course of action. The consultant effort is underway and is to be completed by January 25, 2003.

### **Future Projects**

#### **1. Butler County Airport Access**

Discussions continue with Ron Davis, Airport Director, regarding the timeframe for the process of releasing the ex-airport acreage for development, which in turn will support the roadway construction. See also Item 3 below.

#### **2. SR 747 Widening, Phase III**

The application to OKI for the necessary federal STP funding for the SR747 Widening Project from Tylersville Road to Princeton Road was submitted. The request survived the first screening, and is being further evaluated by OKI's Priority Subcommittee. Selected projects will be presented to OKI's Executive Committee February 13, 2003.

#### **3. SR 4 Bypass Widening**

As with SR 747 above, the window for OKI funding applies to this project as well. The initial application covers the section from Symmes Road to Tylersville Road. It is believed that widening this Phase I segment will provide the necessary additional capacity to permit an access point for the Bobmeyer Road Extension/Butler County Airport Access. The Phase II segment will continue from Tylersville Road to the Michael A. Fox Highway. Both OKI applications

submitted and, as above, passed the first screening and are under further consideration.

#### **4. Fairfield-Hamilton Corridor Study**

At the December TID Board meeting, the Board authorized execution of the contract pending resolution of funding issues. It was agreed that Fairfield and Hamilton would each pay \$12,000, Butler County would be approached for \$12,000, and the TID itself would cover the remaining 25%. A commitment has been received from Fairfield, and responses from Hamilton and Butler County are anticipated shortly.

#### **5. Hamilton North/New Miami Study Project**

This project would extend existing Washington Boulevard eastward across the Great Miami River to a yet-to-determined roadway connection. Discussions continue regarding how this project might be accomplished. Initial concepts regarding the necessary economic development to support the roadway are evolving.

#### **6. North Bypass 4 Study Group**

The study group looking into development opportunities among the communities in the area of the northern section of Bypass 4 met for the second time November 22 and reviewed mapping and land use resources. Participants include representatives from Hamilton, Fairfield, Fairfield Township, St. Clair Township, New Miami, Butler County Planning, the Butler County Engineer's Office, the Airport, and me.