

**To: TID Board Members**

**Date: September 2, 2003**

**Re: Director's Report**

**Current Projects**

**1. Liberty Interchange**

A review meeting was held at ODOT's District 8 office August 8 to provide comments back to the project consultant Resource International, on recent submissions. Representatives from ODOT Central Office directed the consultant to resubmit the material regarding the alternative selection process. While the actions by the Stakeholders on July regarding the elimination of the signalized alternatives was appropriate and acceptable, the narrative description of the remaining procedure leading to a preferred alternative was incomplete and needed to be revised to demonstrate how the various criteria were being applied. The consultant met with ODOT Central Office staff during the week of August 11 to further clarify the necessary revisions. Final concurrence on the methodology is expected shortly, at which time the narrative will be resubmitted, ODOT will formally review it, and the Stakeholders meeting, originally called for August 14, can be rescheduled. At that meeting the Stakeholders will select the final recommended alternative presentation to the general public shortly thereafter. Presuming public concurrence, the final report on the five-planning process including the recommended alternative will be submitted to ODOT and FHWA.

ODOT's I-75 Corridor Technical Coordinating Group continues activity to ensure that travel demand projections arise from each of the I-75 interchanges under study or design are consistent. Although the proposal for an interchange at Greentree Road is dormant, proposed modifications to the SR 129, SR63 and SR122 interchanges have inter-related effects that need to be accommodated. Resource International is working with ODOT's consultant, Burgess & Nip to resolve demand forecasting methodology at the I-75/Tylersville Road Interchange, the last coordination item remaining.

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

At the TID Board meeting August 11, the Board selected the firm KZF and authorized execution of a contract for engineering for this project. The contract was developed and has been reviewed and approved by the TID's legal counsel. It is being forwarded to KZF for their approval. Following execution, KZF will have 24 months to complete environmental and final design work. OKI funding for right-of-way acquisition becomes available in FY 2005 and construction funding in FY 2006.

**3. SR 747 Widening, Phase IV**

With the TID Board's August 11 approval of the agreement between the TID and the Butler County Commissioner acting on behalf of the BCDES, all necessary funding is now in place to allow the TID to proceed with a contract amendment with LJB, Inc. to conclude the design for the SR 747/Princeton Road intersection. Discussions continue with the Butler County Engineer regarding potential partnering with the TID so that the Engineer could be engineer-of-record for certification purposes as well as utility relocation issues. LJB, Inc. is proceeding with the intersection redesign plans, which are anticipated to be available at the end of the year. Discussions continue with Liberty Township regarding the acquisition of the necessary right-of-way, and with Butler County on construction funding mechanisms using the Township's TIF revenue stream.

**4. SR 4 Bypass Widening / Butler County Airport Access**

The Scope of Services for Environmental Analysis was posted on the TID's website. This work will include environmental analysis for the Bobmeyer Road Extension, and will also provide the necessary documentation to seek permission from ODOT to link the Extension to SR4 Bypass. Prospective respondents have until noon September 5, 2003 to submit cost proposals. The SR4 Bypass Work Group is scheduled to meet at 9:00 am September 10 at the Butler County Engineer's Office to review the proposals. Based on the resulting cost, agreements will be developed with the funding partners, and a recommendation will be made to the TID Board at the October 13 meeting.

**5. Fairfield-Hamilton Corridor Study**

The Balke American report "Environmental Inventory and Preliminary Transportation Options – Fairfield Area

Priority Transportation Improvements" was distributed with the mailout for the August 11 meeting. Mr. Rick Record of Balke American will make a presentation at the September 8 meeting of the Board. Copies of the report are being forwarded to Fairfield Township, Ross Township, and St. Clair Township along with an invitation to attend the September 8 meeting and participate in the resulting discussion.

### **Future Projects**

1. **Hamilton North/New Miami Study Project**

No recent activity has taken place on this proposal.

2. **North Bypass 4 Study Group**

No recent activity has taken place with this group.