

**To: TID Board Members**

**Date: February 2, 2004**

**Re: Director's Report**

**Current Projects**

**1. Liberty Interchange**

At the January TID Board meeting, a course of action was agreed to that would separate the project into three immediate phases – the Cox Road Extension northward to the Green Crest Golf Course (Phase A) – the v Hamilton-Mason Road from Cincinnati-Dayton Road to Butler-Warren Road (excluding the portion within the interchange) (Phase B) – and the Collector-Distributor Interchange including the portion of Hamilton-Mason Road within its limited access area (Phase C). Phase C would be administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation while Phases A and B would be locally administered. This could permit the beginning of Phase A construction within CY 2004. In order to maintain this accelerated pace, resolutions are being prepared for presentation to the TID Board at the February 9 meeting, authorizing the necessary engineering work to be performed by Resource International establishing the cost reimbursement for this work from Liberty Township.

A meeting was held January 7 with representatives of the City of Monroe concerning the northern terminus for the Cox Road Extension. It was agreed that the Monroe City Council would be asked to identify and preserve the Cox Road Extension corridor from development. A letter from the TID to the City was sent in support of that action.

Staff attended the West Chester Township Zoning Commission meeting January 26 to request that for three proposed zone change applications on Hamilton-Mason Road adequate right-of-way for the widening be donated by the applicants.

Meetings were held January 20 and 27 with the owner/developer representatives for property to be opened up by the Cox Road Extension. The parties have agreed to work together to identify their recommendation for roadway alignment so that the TID's engineer can proceed with the necessary design work.

ODOT's consultant, Burgess and Niple, has completed and forwarded the certified traffic volumes for the project, which are a necessary input to the design process.

Discussions continue with the Butler County Department of Environmental Services concerning the Liberty-Union Water Storage Tank that is likely to be affected by the ramp connections at Hamilton-Mason Road.

Coordination will be required to integrate the interchange work with ODOT's project to widen I-75 which is scheduled to be let to construction in early 2008. In connection with the ODOT project, overpass reconstruction will be required at several crossings, including Bethany Road. At the TID's request, a meeting was held January 14 to discuss the potential for creating a multi-lane replacement structure to accommodate future improvements to Bethany Road. ODOT responded with several alternatives that are currently being evaluated by the Butler County Engineer.

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

KZF is nearing completion on gathering field data. As part of their contract, early identification of utility relocation issues was stressed. As soon as the TID is in receipt of that information, meetings with the affected utilities will be scheduled.

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

The Butler County Engineer has assumed management of this project. The TID continues to manage the engineering contract. LJB, Inc. is proceeding with the intersection redesign plans. Stage II plans were forwarded to the TID, the County Engineer, and ODOT for review and comment. A meeting was held January 29 at the BCEO to go over the submission. A number of items were discussed, including a potential vertical curve adjustment that may reduce right-of-way needs for the northern leg. Also, design revisions were suggested that would eliminate any conflict with the Texas Gas transmission line crossing SR 747.

The TID has engaged Bayer Becker Engineers to do an analysis of the potential for development at the northwest corner of SR 747/Princeton Road. The results of this work are due February 5. Results will guide decisions concerning the viability of TID property purchases and, along with other property acquisition issues will be discussed in executive

session February 9.

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

Agreements with the various funding sources were approved by the TID Board January 12 and are awaiting action by the respective entities. As soon as the agreements are finalized the consultant, M-E Companies, will be authorized to begin work. A meeting with M-E project management has been scheduled for February 17 in anticipation of agreements.

**5. Fairfield-Hamilton Corridor Study**

No recent activity has taken place on this proposal.

**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.