

To: TID Board Members

Date: March 2, 2004

Re: Director's Report

Current Projects

1. Liberty Interchange

Staff met with the Liberty Township Trustees February 12 and presented the scope of engineering activity and cost for the completion of the Assessment of Feasible Alternatives/Preferred Alternative Verification (known as steps 6 and 7) and completion of contract plans for the initial Cox Road Extension (known as Phase A), the Hamilton-Mason Road Widening (known as Phase B), and the I-75/SR129 Interchange (known as Phase C). The Trustees approved expenditure of funds necessary to accomplish this remaining work.

The consultant is at work on the Interchange Justification Study and the other requirements of steps 6 and 7. Work is also underway on Phases A and B. One aspect of the interchange design is the impact on the existing Butler County Department of Environmental Services Liberty-Union Water Storage Tank, located in the vicinity of the Hamilton-Mason Road ramp to Southbound I-75. A meeting with BCDES and their consultant was held with TID staff and Resource International. We are still waiting for BCDES to identify a minimum clear distance needed from the existing tank, as standards are in a state of flux due to homeland security concerns. In the mean time, we are investigating alternative locations for the replacement tank if it is necessary, since BCDES needs a 30-month lead time, which would significantly impact scheduling for the interchange modification.

A meeting was held February 25 with representatives of Great Traditions Development Group, which is developing what was the Keefe property (both sides of I-75, on the south side of Hamilton-Mason Road). They have agreed to donate all necessary right-of-way to accommodate the Hamilton-Mason Road Widening. In addition, they are assisting in development of a parcel immediately south of theirs on the west side of I-75 currently owned by US Bank. They believe there is an ideal water tank relocation site on that parcel and have initiated contact with US Bank to investigate the potential.

In the development plans presented to West Chester Township by Great Traditions for the Keefe property west of I-75, the developer has incorporated the proposed southbound ramps connecting to the I-75 mainline, and located the proposed commercial activity far enough west to accommodate the necessary roadwork.

As a result of a meeting that was held January 7 with representatives of the City of Monroe concerning the north terminus for the Cox Road Extension, Monroe City Council passed a resolution February 10 to identify and preserve the Cox Road Extension corridor from development.

2. SR 747 Widening, Phase III

KZF has completed gathering field data, and has prepared a base map. A preliminary alignment has been identified along with a preliminary profile. The consultant has been meeting as necessary with individual property owners and questions of access have arisen. As soon as these issues are resolved we will begin preliminary contact with the affected utilities regarding relocation scheduling.

3. SR 747 Widening, Phase IV

LJB, Inc. is proceeding with the intersection redesign plans. A meeting was held February 17 at the BCEO to go over the LJB submission. As final plans are delivered at the end of February, contacts will be made with the affected utilities (CG&E for gas and electric, Cincinnati Bell, Adelphia Cable, Texas Gas, and BCDES).

Bayer Becker Engineers has completed an analysis of the potential for development at the northwest corner of 747/Princeton Road. The results of this work will continue to guide decisions concerning the viability of TID purchases and, along with other property acquisition issues will be discussed in executive session March 8.

4. SR 4 Bypass Widening / Butler County Airport Access

The consultant, M-E Companies, met with the project sponsors for a project kick-off February 17, to review the scope and set tasks for the near term. The consultant has prepared the Outline of Study Area, Draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP), and has requested crash data. Work has also been done to collect traffic data.

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.