

To: TID Board Members

Date: October 6, 2004

Re: Director's Report

Project Updates

1. Liberty Interchange

- Cox Road Extension Stage I plans have been reviewed by BCEO and are being revised by Resource International.
- Hamilton Mason Road Stage I plans are being submitted by Resource International to BCEO by Friday, October 8 for review.
- Anticipate approval of final ROW for Hamilton Mason and Cox to be approved by mid-November to allow for ROW acquisition process to begin by year-end.
- In discussions with Burgess & Niple to provide independent review of plans and construction estimate for the project.
- Approved 2004 Budget for project engineering is \$1,104,528; YTD expenses (through 9/30) are \$421,762. Reimbursements are current.

2. SR 747 Widening, Phase III

- Five firms submitted qualifications statements for ROW acquisition services. Staff is currently reviewing these. Anticipate negotiating price with most qualified firm to be ready for Board approval of contract at November 9 meeting.
- Final ROW drawings to be submitted by KZF to ODOT on November 1 with ODOT approval anticipated by December 1, 2004. ROW title research to begin by mid-December – approximately 50 parcels and easements need to be acquired.
- Utility relocations for the project include relocation of a 69KV electric transmission line along the entire length of the project. Cinergy will only allow relocation of transmission lines to occur during Spring and Fall, avoiding peak air conditioning and heating demands. ODOT and Cinergy have indicated that it is unlikely that ROW acquisition process will be complete in time for Fall 2005 relocation and are planning the switch-over in Spring 2006. ODOT and OKI have indicated that the schedule for construction funding has been postponed to begin construction in Summer 2006 (Q1 FY 2007). Project review is scheduled with ODOT and OKI on October 28th at ODOT District 8 offices.
- Approved 2004 Budget for project engineering is \$214,000; YTD expenses (through 9/30) are \$75,564. Reimbursements are current.

3. SR 747 Widening, Phase IV

- Pre-demolition asbestos surveys by HC Nutting are underway in the remaining three houses (survey was completed in Denny house at the time of the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment in May 2004).
- Two contractors have submitted proposals for the demolition of all four houses. Preliminary estimate for demolition, including environmental testing, is \$30,000. BCTID and Liberty Township are reviewing the proposals.
- The prior owners of 6591 SR 747 have occupancy of the house until November 1 per the purchase agreement. Demolition of the houses is anticipated by early December.
- Approved 2004 Budget for project engineering is \$101,000; YTD expenses (through 9/30) are \$98,655. Withholding final payment until project completion. Reimbursements are current.

4. SR 4 Bypass Widening / Butler County Airport Access

- Project engineer ME Company is conducting noise and environmental analysis along the SR 4 Bypass corridor. Notice has been given to all adjacent property owners.
- TRAC funding announcements are anticipated in November.
- Approved 2004 Budget for project engineering is \$157,600; YTD expenses (through 9/30) are \$105,061. Reimbursements are current.

5. Fairfield – Hamilton Corridor Study

6. Hamilton North / New Miami River Crossing Study

7. North SR 4 Bypass Extension

- No activity on these three projects.

Other Issues

1. TIFIA

- Discussions continue regarding the preparation of a TIFIA loan application.

2. Port Authority

- The first meeting of the Butler County Port Authority was held on 9/28. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 19th at 8AM on the 4th Floor.

Communication

Upcoming meetings scheduled with the following parties to discuss current projects, potential opportunities and develop relationships for BCTID:

- October 12 - OKI Intermodal Coordinating Committee.
- October 19 & 20 - Ohio Aviation Association, meeting with regional FAA officials
- October 19 - Butler County Port Authority
- October 28 - Meeting with ODOT and OKI to review SR747 Phase III
- November 9 - BCTID Board Meeting