

To: BCTID Board Members
Date: November 14, 2005
Re: Director's Report

Project Updates

1. Liberty Interchange

- ◆ Project Funding – Staff is currently working with Liberty Township to prepare intergovernmental agreements committing RID and JEDD funding for project. Anticipate having completed agreements for consideration at the December meeting. Liberty Township has completed negotiations of JEDD agreements with Cities of Mason and Middletown. The first public hearing will be scheduled for mid-December in accordance with statutory approval schedule.
- ◆ Project Design – Request Board approval of resolutions approving an amendment to the engineering contract with Resource International and corresponding intergovernmental agreement with Liberty Township for addition of water and sanitary sewer utilities to Cox Road design, design of access drive on the west side of Cox Road to serve properties adjacent to I-75 and revisions to the Hamilton –Mason Road design to salvage the existing pavement versus total pavement replacement.
- ◆ Right of Way Acquisition – to be discussed in executive session.

2. SR 747 Widening, Phase III

- ◆ Design – Request Board approval of resolutions approving an amendment to the engineering contract with KZF and corresponding intergovernmental agreements with Liberty Township and West Chester Township for addition of storm water improvements required by ODOT, grading changes required to eliminate impact to the gas transmission main and grading changes to minimize impact and tree loss for properties on the east side of SR 747 north of the Cornerstone UM Church.
- ◆ Right of Way Acquisition – Project real estate consultant, DLZ is proceeding on schedule. Details of project status to be discussed in executive session.
- ◆ LPA Agreement – Will request Board approval of resolution authorizing Director to execute the project LPA agreement with ODOT at December meeting. Staff is negotiating construction-phase agreements with Liberty and West Chester Townships which are also anticipated for consideration at the December meeting.

3. SR 747 Widening, Phase IV

◆ Construction, under management of the BCEO, is underway. Staff has submitted a consolidation plat to the Butler County Planning Commission for review.

4. SR 4 Bypass Widening / Butler County Airport Access

◆ Project Funding – A project stakeholders meeting was held on October 26th. ME Companies is completing a traffic analysis of the south terminus to determine the preferred alternative for this end of the project. Agreements for the next phase of the project, will be discussed after the TRAC funding and safety program funding are announced in December or early January.

5. NW Butler County Transportation Project -

- Oxford Connector – During the project scoping meeting in Oxford on November 3rd, ODOT District 8 officials announced that they will be internally managing the consultant selection and study project for the Oxford Connector project.
- SR73 / SR177 Intersection – The BCTID may still retain management of the planned improvements to the SR73 / SR177 intersection east of Oxford. The City of Oxford was successful in obtaining two federal appropriations totaling approximately \$18 million for these two projects.

6. Butler County Port Authority Update - The BCPA has scheduled a stakeholders meeting for Monday November 21st to launch a freight rail study. The BCPA received approval of \$100,000 funding for the study from the OKI Regional Council of Governments and is securing a required match of \$25,000 from local sources.

Other Issues

Miami Bikepath – Staff has received construction drawings from the Miami Conservancy District and is preparing the agreement for construction management services for the project.

Calendar and Communication

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

- November 21st – Butler County Port Authority Board initial stakeholders meeting for the Butler County Freight Rail study.
- December 12th – BCTID Board Meeting