

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

Project Updates

1. Liberty Interchange

- Design and Utility Relocation - Plans for Hamilton-Mason Road East and Cox Road will be complete by Q3-2005 and plans for Hamilton-Mason Road West will be complete by Q1-2006. Resource International has submitted preliminary plans to Cinergy for review. Cinergy has indicated that their full review and design of its relocated pole line is expected to begin in approximately 3 months.

- ROW acquisition - Negotiations are underway with Butler County MetroParks regarding ROW acquisition for Hamilton Mason Road east of I-75. This is also subject to federal approval since the land was formerly part of the Voice of America facility. Federal regulations require that MetroParks swap the land needed for ROW and excess land (totaling approximately 12 acres) on the opposite sides of Cox and Hamilton-Mason Roads for other park lands of equal value.

Director has negotiated with the Great Rivers Girl Scout Council to purchase the 57 acre Timberhill Girl Scout Camp on SR 4 in Fairfield Township to swap with MetroParks for its property on Hamilton-Mason Road. Request Board approval to of a resolution authorizing Director to execute a purchase contract with the Great Rivers Girl Scout Council.

- Project Funding - BCTID staff met with officials of the State Infrastructure Bank on March 3rd to discuss use of the SIB for ROW acquisition and construction financing. Staff will submit a loan application to the SIB based on input from the meeting. Staff is also working with Liberty Township, West Chester Township and the Commissioners' office to refine projected development scenarios related to the TIF financing options.

- Schedule - ROW acquisition, utility relocation and project financing strategies are the primary factors affecting the project schedule.

2. SR 747 Widening, Phase III

- Final ROW plans have been submitted to ODOT for approval. We anticipate approval to begin utility and ROW title and appraisal activities by the end of March.

- The Phase II evaluation of the historic structures on the west side of the corridor is underway. This process is expected to be complete by July. It does not appear that this will have any significant effect on the project schedule.

- The Drees Company has submitted plans for rezoning the property on the southwest corner of SR747 and Hamilton Mason Road for a major residential subdivision. Discussions are underway to coordinate the rezoning and subdivision plans with the ROW plans for SR747.

3. SR 747 Widening, Phase IV

- Due diligence is complete regarding the purchase of an additional property on the west side of SR747 within the project limits. All results are favorable. Closing will be scheduled within two weeks.

4. SR 4 Bypass Widening/ Butler County Airport Access

- Director is proceeding with the strategy of splitting the project into two phases. This would allow the first portion of the project to proceed using 100% local funding and using TRAC funding for the later phase of the project. The approval process for this approach will begin with a revised TRAC application in May 2005. Meetings will be scheduled with officials from Fairfield, Fairfield Township, Hamilton and the County to discuss the updated financial commitments and other factors of this strategy in support of a revised TRAC application.

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. Staff is developing a proposal for the Wendell Judd Memorial to be located at the Symmes Road Bridge.

Calendar and Communication

1. Upcoming meetings scheduled with the following parties to discuss current projects, potential opportunities and develop relationships for BCTID:
 - April 11th - BCTID Board Meeting
 - April 19th - Butler County Port Authority Board meeting.