

**To: BCTID Board Members**  
**Date: April 11, 2005**  
**Re: Director's Report**

## **Project Updates**

### **1. Liberty Interchange**

◆ ROW acquisition – The contract with the Great Rivers Girl Scout Council for the purchase of Camp Timberhill was executed on March 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning the due diligence period for the contract. Work has begun on the property survey and phase I environmental audit for the property.

The contract with Butler County MetroParks for the swap of Camp Timberhill for the park property on Hamilton Mason Road is being prepared by Kegler Brown. Request Board approval of a resolution authorizing Director to enter into an agreement with Butler County MetroParks for the swap contingent upon appropriate due diligence and analysis.

As with the contract to purchase Camp Timberhill, further approval by the Board will be required to close on the property upon the completion of the due diligence. It is anticipated that the purchase of Camp Timberhill and the swap with MetroParks will close simultaneously upon the satisfactory completion of investigations and analysis.

◆ Project Funding – BCTID staff continues to meet with county staff and representatives from Liberty and West Chester Townships regarding the sources and allocations of funding for this project. The county and the townships must agree upon the financing strategy for the project and pledge revenues from the various sources prior to BCTID board approval of the ROW acquisition described above.

◆ Design, Utility Relocation and Schedule – See the attached project update report by Resource International dated April 4, 2005. The project schedules referenced in this report refer only to the readiness of the design. ROW acquisition, utility relocation and project financing strategies remain as the primary factors affecting the project schedule.

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

◆ Cinergy is reviewing the project plans for impacts to the electric lines and gas mains in the project corridor. They have scheduled field investigations (40 to 50 test pits) to determine the exact location of the 12 inch high pressure gas main on the west side of the corridor. This investigation is necessary to determine if design modifications and/or relocation of the main in the corridor is required. Staff anticipates meeting with officials from Cinergy in four to six weeks upon the completion of the field investigations.

◆ The proposed project LPA agreement with ODOT was received on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Staff will be working with Liberty and West Chester Township officials to verify the

availability of local project funding and determine the appropriate cost sharing ratio between the two townships prior to execution of the LPA agreement. Board will be asked at the May board meeting to authorize the Director to execute the LPA agreement.

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

- ◆ Due diligence investigations of the property to be acquired identified that a minor heating oil spill had previously occurred while the tank was being refilled for the current owner. HC Nutting has conducted an investigation of the extent of the spill and its impact to the property. The final report on this investigation is due on April 25th. Upon completion of the analysis staff will determine the cost of remediating the spill and intends to deduct this amount from the purchase price of the property.
- ◆ The property owners have executed the temporary and permanent easements required for the construction of improvements to SR 747.

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

- ◆ The status of the currently authorized work by ME Companies is described in their April Project Status report which is attached.
- ◆ Staff is currently working with ME Companies to prepare a revised application for TRAC funding due May 6<sup>th</sup> to the OKI Regional Council of Governments. The revised application shows widening the road to six lanes between Symmes Road and Tylersville Road with an estimated total project cost of \$32,760,000 with a 50% local contribution to the project. The application will also identify the intent to construct the project in phases with the first phase, the southern portion of the project (south of Tylersville Road) being paid for using primarily local funds and the northern portion of the project being paid primarily with TRAC funds.
- ◆ ODOT officials have indicated that the local legislation regarding project funding is sufficient for the application and need not be redone.
- ◆ Request approval of a motion authorizing the Director to execute the completed TRAC application for the widening of SR 4 Bypass.
- ◆ We are nearing completion of Step 3 in the ODOT Project Development Process (PDP) and the authorized scope of services under contract with ME Companies. The next phase of project development is PDP Step 4 – Prepare the Environmental clearance documents and develop the Stage I design. Proceeding with the next phase of the project will strengthen the TRAC application by demonstrating an additional local financial commitment and expressing the urgency of the project.
- ◆ ME has submitted a fee proposal totaling \$1,333,352 for this work which includes \$141,510 of “If Authorized” expenses for additional environmental field studies. Request Board approval to enter into an agreement with ME for these services subject to

funding and approval by the local project sponsors: the Butler County Commissioners, the cities of Hamilton and Fairfield, and Fairfield Township.

**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. The BCTID has again secured \$500,000 in Roadwork Development in the state transportation budget for fiscal years 2006-2007 (the "FY 06-07 Budget"). See attached memo for details.

**Calendar and Communication**

1. Upcoming meetings scheduled with the following parties to discuss current projects, potential opportunities and develop relationships for BCTID:
  - April 12th – OKI Intermodal Coordinating Committee Meeting
  - April 12<sup>th</sup> – Butler County MetroParks Board regarding VOA property
  - April 19th – Butler County Port Authority Board meeting.
  - April 26<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 7 PM, Public Meeting for SR 4 Bypass at City of Fairfield Public Works Facility.
  - May 6<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for submittal TRAC funding applications to OKI.