

To: BCTID Board Members
Date: July 8, 2005
Re: Director's Report

Project Updates

1. Liberty Interchange

◆ Project Funding – Changes to legislation regarding TIF districts (including RIDs) were finalized in the state budget bill signed by Governor Taft on June 30th. Many communities across the state have indicated that the new language may be prohibitive to projects to be funded by existing TIF districts (or by districts anticipated to be created by the end of this year). Several key legislators have indicated a willingness to consider revisions to the legislation to correct problems through the anticipated budget corrections bill which is typically written and passed in the Fall. Staff will actively participate in this process to ensure that TID projects can proceed as anticipated.

2. SR 747 Widening, Phase III

◆ Field survey data provided by Cinergy regarding the location of the gas transmission mains on the west side of the corridor has been incorporated into the design drawings. The gas mains are very close to the current ROW and some areas will require relocation, redesign of the roadway berm or other revisions to accommodate the widened roadway. Staff has scheduled a meeting with Cinergy engineers and other stakeholders to consider alternatives.

◆ Title work has been completed and property appraisals have begun.

3. SR 747 Widening, Phase IV

◆ Demolition of the Morris house is complete. Staff has requested a proposal from LJB for a consolidation plat to provide a simplified legal description of the several parcels now owned by the BCTID. Preliminary discussions are underway with Liberty Township officials regarding the eventual sale or development of the property.

4. SR 4 Bypass Widening/ Butler County Airport Access

◆ The OKI Regional Council of Governments has published draft scores for the three TRAC projects in the region. SR 4 Bypass has scored the highest in the region based on the OKI scoring criteria. It is anticipated that the OKI Executive Committee will approve these rankings at their August meeting and forward these recommendations to TRAC for consideration.

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. Oxford Connector – Staff has met with representatives of Oxford and ODOT to discuss the project management and LPA agreements.
2. Miami Bikepath – Staff has met with representatives of the City of Hamilton and the Miami Conservancy District to discuss construction management services for the project.
3. Butler County Port Authority – The Port Authority has received grants and financial commitments totaling \$80 thousand for the installation of an electric lock on a rail spur serving three businesses served by CSX in southern Hamilton. Meetings with the benefited businesses are underway. This project is expected to be complete by the end of 2005.

Calendar and Communication

1. Upcoming meetings scheduled with the following parties to discuss current projects, potential opportunities and develop relationships for BCTID:
 - July 12th – OKI ICC meeting. Local ranking of 2005 TRAC applications will be considered.
 - July 19th – Butler County Port Authority Board meeting
 - August 8th – BCTID Board Meeting