

To: BCTID Board Members
Date: September 9, 2005
Re: Director's Report

Project Updates

1. Liberty Interchange

◆ Real Estate Acquisition - Camp Timberhill - All deeds and other documentation have been provided to the National Park Service for review and approval. All actions required by Butler County MetroParks are complete. Request authorization to enter into an agreement with the County Commissioners regarding the funding of the purchase of the property. Exchange with MetroParks will close immediately following closing on Camp Timberhill. Other real estate acquisition matters to be discussed in Executive Session.

◆ Project Funding - Staff, stakeholders and consultants continue to review state budget legislation to determine its impact on the RID funding for the project. Current emphasis by Liberty Township is to determine requirements for a "developer agreement" exemption and to estimate the financial impact on the project resulting from the sale of many residential properties by the original developers to individual home owners. Liberty Township is also near completion of review and negotiations of JEDD agreements with Cities of Mason and Middletown.

Executive Director, with BCEO Greg Wilkens and Financial Advisor, Andy Brossart, met with officials from TIFIA to discuss the potential for using this federal loan program in order to qualify the project for "federal funding" and therefore be able to use the RID funds. The interchange portion of the project is too small (less than \$ 50 Million) to qualify for TIFIA on its own but may be bundled with SR4 Bypass and perhaps SR747 Phase III in order to qualify for TIFIA financing. Staff will prepare and submit a letter of interest to TIFIA to begin the qualification process.

◆ Project Design - Final roadway plans for the Cox Road extension are nearly complete. Rii is beginning design of water and sanitary sewer extensions to serve the properties in the northeast quadrant of Hamilton Mason and SR 129. The utility costs will be included in the anticipated assessment of properties served by the Cox Road extension. Stage III plans for Hamilton Mason Road will be submitted to BCEO office within 10 days for review.

2. SR 747 Widening, Phase III

- ◆ Design – Steeper slopes beyond the project ditch line, on properties south of Hamilton-Mason Road have achieved reduce right-of-way acquisition and are believed to eliminate the disturbance of the high-pressure main on the west side of the corridor.
- ◆ Right of Way Acquisition - Title work has been completed and property appraisals are approximately 50% complete. DLZ, project real estate consultant, has begun meeting with affected property owners to review appraisal materials.

3. SR 747 Widening, Phase IV

- ◆ Construction, under management of the BCEO, is underway. Staff is reviewing a consolidation plat of the parcels purchased by the BCTID on behalf of Liberty Township.

4. SR 4 Bypass Widening / Butler County Airport Access

- ◆ Staff presents the project to the Ohio TRAC Board and ODOT officials on Thursday September 22nd in Dayton. The project is currently ranked 11th highest in the state on the Tier I priority list and is anticipated to receive funding approval.
- ◆ ME Companies is preparing an application for ODOT highway safety funding with the intent of receiving assistance for safety upgrades at the intersections of SR4 Bypass at the Tylersville Road and Symmes Road intersections. If approved, this funding will apply to the local share (non-TRAC) funding for the project.

5. NW Butler County Transportation Project - BCTID anticipates a letter of intent from the City of Oxford regarding the BCTID providing project management services for the advancement of the project.

6. Butler County Port Authority Update - On Thursday, September 8th, the OKI Executive Committee approved \$100,000 funding for the BCPA to conduct a study of rail freight activities and opportunities in Butler County. It is anticipated that the study, enabled by this award and the required \$25,000 local match, will provide leverage opportunities with the Ohio Rail Development Commission and other funding sources. The Port Authority board will conduct a strategic planning retreat following their next regularly scheduled meeting on September 20th.

Other Issues

- 1.** Miami Bikepath – Staff awaits final construction drawings from the Miami Conservancy District to discuss construction management services for the project.

Calendar and Communication

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

- September 20th – Butler County Port Authority Board meeting and strategic planning session.
- September 22nd – Ohio TRAC Board meeting in Dayton, OH for review of 2005 project applicants from SW Ohio.
- October 10th – BCTID Board Meeting