

**To: BCTID Board Members**  
**Date: October 10, 2005**  
**Re: Director's Report**

## **Project Updates**

### **1. Liberty Interchange**

- ◆ Real Estate Acquisition - Camp Timberhill – Closing on Camp Timberhill and the exchange with MetroParks is scheduled for Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Project Funding – Staff, stakeholders and consultants continue to review state budget legislation to determine its impact on the RID funding for the project. Liberty Township is also near completion of review and negotiations of JEDD agreements with Cities of Mason and Middletown.
- ◆ Project Design – Staff has met with property owners affected by the Cox Road extension regarding an assessment petition to fund that portion of the interchange project. The owners of the Green Crest Golf Course have indicated that they do not want to be a part of the project. The project design will be reviewed to ensure that participating land owners are satisfied with the design and scope of the project.

Property owners have agreed to the preferred alignment of the sanitary sewers and water mains to serve the area. Rii is preparing plans for this portion of the project.

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

- ◆ Design – Cinergy has confirmed that the revised slopes on the west side of the property have eliminated the need to relocate the high pressure gas main adjacent to the project. ODOT has indicated that the project must meet newly required storm water design requirements. Staff, stakeholders and the design engineer, KZF, met with ODOT officials to discuss these changes which will have limited impact on the project. KZF is making the required design changes.
- ◆ Right of Way Acquisition – Project real estate consultant, DLZ is proceeding on schedule.
- ◆ LPA Agreement – Request Board approval of resolution authorizing Director to execute the project LPA agreement with ODOT.

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

- ◆ 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**

- ◆ Staff presented the project to the Ohio TRAC Board and ODOT officials on Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Dayton. The project is currently ranked 11<sup>th</sup> highest in the state on the Tier I priority list and is anticipated to receive funding approval.

◆ Staff has submitted applications 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** - The BCPA has received grants from the Ohio Rail Development Commission and the Cinergy Foundation totaling \$60,000. These funds are for the installation of an electric lock on the sidetrack serving the three businesses in the Symmes Industrial Park in Hamilton. The electric lock will enable better service to these businesses and will cost \$80,000.

The cost of the lock will be repaid by CSX over five years based on a “per-car refund.” Request Board approval of a resolution loan to fund the remaining \$20,000 for the project. The agreement, an amendment to the previously approved agreement with the Butler County Commissioners regarding the BCPA, will loan the \$20,000 for the project to the Commissioners and will be repaid through the advance and refund agreement between the BCPA and CSX.

## **Other Issues**

Miami Bikepath – Staff awaits final construction drawings from the Miami Conservancy District to discuss 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:

- October 18th – Butler County Port Authority Board meeting.
- October 26<sup>th</sup> – Stakeholders project status meeting for SR Bypass 4 project.
- November 14th – BCTID Board Meeting