



# BUTLER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## TID HISTORY

\* The organization was formed in 1993 through special legislation enacted by the State of Ohio and also Butler County.

\* The TID serves the areas of West Chester, Liberty and Fairfield Townships and the Cities of Fairfield and Hamilton.

\*The TID has completed the following construction of road widening projects:

- Michael A. Fox Highway
- Union Centre Interchange
- Union Centre Boulevard
- Muhlhauser Road (SR747 to Union Centre)
- Union Centre Boulevard Extension
- State Route 747 (Port Union to Smith Rd)
- West Chester Road
- Lakota West Drive
- State Route 4 Bypass at Princeton Road
- State Route 4 Bypass at Route 4 (north)
- State Route 747 and Tylersville Road

To date the TID has expended over \$250 million related to these projects.

## TID BOARD

The TID Board consists of members appointed from the participating local governments, including representatives from Butler County and non-voting members presenting the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) and area State Legislators.

## OFFICE LOCATION

The TID operates from the Butler County Government Services Center in Hamilton and can be reached by calling (513) 785-5800.

315 High Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011

## TID PRIORITY PROJECTS

### *Liberty Interchange*

The TID, working with Liberty Township, Butler County, and the Ohio Department of Transportation, is engaged in extending the current terminus of the Michael A. Fox Highway with a collector-distributor road from the Highway to Hamilton-Mason Road. The project also includes the extension of Cox Road north to State Route 63 and widening of Hamilton-Mason Road.

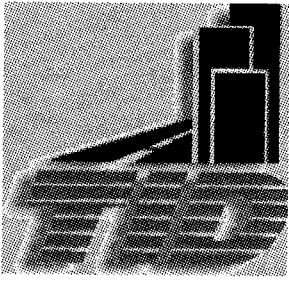
The TID decided to implement the project in three phases: 1. Cox Road Extension, 2. Improvements to Hamilton-Mason Road and 3. The new interchange at Interstate 75.

### *State Route 4 Bypass Widening with Bobmeyer Road Extension*

The TID, with the Cities of Fairfield and Hamilton, Fairfield Township, Butler County and Ohio Department of Transportation, is working to widen the Bypass between terminus points on State Route 4. The TID has proceeded with environmental work that is necessary for the road to be widened. The TID is seeking funding for the project through the State's Transportation Regional Advisory Council process, as well as OKI funding.

### *State Route 747 Phase III*

The TID has funding for the third phase of the State Route 747 widening process from Tylersville Road to the Michael A. Fox Highway. The TID is working on engineering for the widening with the project funds becoming available in 2006.



# Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio

## What is a TID?

As the name implies, a TID is a "district," a geographic area organized for the purpose of improving the existing road system. TID does not represent a single city or township, nor is it a large government agency.

In fostering cooperation among local governments, the TID increases the impact and effectiveness of local transportation planning and funding. The cooperative structure of the TID allows Butler County communities to accomplish more together than they would if they acted alone.

## What has the TID done so far?

Have you ever gotten on Union Centre Boulevard from Interstate 75? Have you driven from West Chester or Liberty Townships to Hamilton? Do you take Muhlhauser Road to go over to Tri-County Mall?

Well, if you have then you have been on a TID road project. The TID started in 1994 and has had a remarkable run of projects that span across southeastern Butler County.

The TID started massive project construction in 1996 when Union Centre Interchange was started. The TID worked with the Ohio Department of Transportation as part of a regional network of roads that saw the opening of the Union Centre Interchange at the end of 1997 totaling \$23 million in costs.

1999 proved very successful for the TID as the Michael A. Fox Highway, 10.7 mile highway from Hamilton to Interstate 75, opened after thirty-five years in planning. A mere seven months later the Muhlhauser Road connection opened from State Route 747 to Union Centre Interchange.

To date, the TID has done over \$255 million in construction projects within southeastern Butler County.

## So What's Next for the TID

The TID recently hired a new Executive Director who will continue to work on the TID's top priority projects for the County.

### **Priority: Liberty Interchange**

The TID is currently working on an interchange modification study that would convert the current terminus of the Michael A. Fox Highway at Interstate 75 into a Collector/Distributor full interchange in connection with Hamilton-Mason Road, allowing eastward movement from the Highway. This project also calls for the extension of Cox Road from the current terminus at Hamilton-Mason Road to State Route 63. The TID, Liberty Township and Butler County are working on this project, with ODOT's approval, through all local financing. The total project is estimated to cost \$42 million.

### **Priority: State Route 747 Widening**

The TID and Butler County are working on various widening projects for the remaining portions of State Route 747. The TID has undertaken engineering on the section from Tylersville Road to the Michael A. Fox Highway, and has secured OKI funding for construction dollars that should be available during 2006. The TID is also working with the County Engineer's Office on the Princeton Road/747 intersection, including widening of State Route 747 the Michael A. Fox Highway to just north of Princeton Road.

### **Priority: State Route Bypass 4 with Airport**

The TID, along with the local governments, has proceeded with environmental to initiate the widening of the Bypass. The County views the Butler County Regional Airport as a major economic tool that is being under utilized and with the congestion the Bypass faces daily - widening the road would not only improve traffic movement for the County, but also open up an economic vehicle with the Airport. Construction funding is not yet in place but efforts will continue to secure it.