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The TID has been notified that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has awarded the Butler Regional Highway project the 401 water quality certification permit. This permit was awarded with limited calls for minor design changes to protect streams and waterways.

"Considering the 11 mile length of this project, the requested design changes are minimal and reasonable," said Darrell Barger, TID Executive Director. "This is one of the first, and one of the largest, projects to be reviewed under the new anti-degradation rules, and we want to commend the OEPA for accomplishing a difficult task. Overall, the OEPA exercised great fairness and caution for the benefit of Butler County-improving upon the project and protecting the environment."

The OEPA held its public hearing on Sept. 25 in Hamilton, and written comments were accepted until October 2.

The Butler Regional Highway project awaits only the 404 permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers before construction can begin. The TID plans to begin construction in the early Spring of 1998. The new Highway will be a limited access, four-lane, 10.3 mile facility linking link SR 4 in Hamilton, Ohio, with Interstate 75 in Liberty Township, Butler County.