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# Brewer still wants road upgrade

## Official says Miller shouldn't have to keep pushing project

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HAMILTON — Miller Brewing says it still wants the road improvements it was promised by the state back in 1979 for building its Trenton brewery, but doesn't think it's up to the company alone to champion the project.

At a Butler County Transportation Improvement District meeting Monday, TTD Trustee and Hamilton Councilman Ed Shelton criticized Miller for not being more active in pushing for the Ohio 63 extension project. Fellow trustee Don Dixon also asked for more clarity from the brewing company on whether the estimated \$70 million road project was still important.

"Miller's support for the project has not wavered," Miller spokeswoman Julie Kubasa said. "Those

road improvements were a big reason why we chose to move there and those promises were made a long time ago. As time has gone by, those improvements are needed more than ever."

Although Shelton said he believed local transportation officials were waiting for word from Miller about the importance of the project to help persuade the state to fund the roadway extension, Kubasa said Trenton brewery officials didn't know anyone was waiting on them.

She said brewery officials are eager to do what they can to help push for the project and will participate in meetings if they're invited. But, she said, managing Ohio's largest brewery, with more than 600 employees is quite a job in itself.

"It shouldn't be our responsibility to keep pushing for this project," Kubasa said.

The first leg of the project would extend Ohio 63 west from Ohio 4, across the Great Miami River to just north of the brewery on

Wayne-Madison Road in order to give brewery traffic better access to state highways and Interstate 75.

A second phase of the project would continue west to connect with U.S. 127 near Seven Mile. The entire project is estimated at about \$120 million.

Other than future revenue from tax districts in Trenton, no money has been earmarked for the project.

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