

To: BCTID Board of Directors  
From: John Fonner, Executive Director  
Date: June 12, 2006  
Re: Director's Report

## Project Updates

### 1. Liberty Interchange

- Interchange Ramps – ODOT plans to widen I-75 between Cin- Day Road and SR122 in Middletown. This project will add a fourth lane in each direction and will repave the entire section of I-75. ODOT District 8 officials have tentatively agreed to add the Liberty Interchange ramp improvements to their project rather than requiring the projects to be built separately. We are accelerating the design of the interchange in order to meet this schedule. It is anticipated that the entire project will be awarded in late 2007. This change will require that ROW acquisition for the interchange ramps and the limited Access portion of Hamilton Mason Road be complete by the end of 2006. Construction funds must be available in late Summer 2007.
- Project Funding - Discussions continue with the project funding partners regarding the structure of the total project financing package and the financial impact of constructing the interchange ramps as part of the I75 widening project.
- Cox Road Extension – Cox Road design drawings are complete pending review and approval by BCEO and BCDES. Property owners associated with Cox Road have agreed to file an assessment petition to provide funding for Cox. A meeting was held on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> with the Cox Road property owners and other key stakeholders to describe the implications of linking the interchange project with the ODOT widening project and to encourage cooperation regarding the acquisition of right of way for the project.
- Stakeholders' Meeting – A general stakeholders' meeting will be held Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Weatherington Club House to update stakeholders and other interested parties on the status of the design of the project and the strategies for funding and construction.

### 2. SR 747 Widening, Phase III

- Right of Way Acquisition – Right of way acquisition work is nearly complete. Final notices are being sent to 2 property owners that we are filing appropriation actions because we have been unable to reach negotiated settlements.
- Construction – In order to reduce construction costs, BCDES plans to self-construct the mater main improvements required in the project. This work is anticipated to begin in July or August. Duke Energy anticipates start of relocation of overhead electric transmission lines in July with final cut-over in September. Qualification statements from interested construction management firms are due on June 16. Staff intends to interview firms and make a final selection recommendation for Board approval at the July meeting.

- Final Cost Estimate – The final project cost estimate is complete. The final estimated cost for construction of the project is \$5,859,085. The BCTID has requested an additional \$313,880 from OKI (letter attached) which is 10% above the funding originally approved for the project. If approved, the Liberty Township share (24%) of the additional costs is estimated to be \$ 82,849.20. The additional West Chester Township share is estimated to be \$262,355.80.

### 3. SR 4 Bypass Widening / Butler County Airport Access

- Project Funding – Discussions are still underway with partner communities to provide the 50% share of engineering costs. Approval of the intergovernmental agreements for engineering funding by Hamilton and Fairfield Township is anticipated by the end of June. The City of Fairfield has not provided comments regarding their agreement although they were anticipated on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Fairfield has indicated that the city will not agree to provide funding until Fairfield Township agrees to create a JEDD with Fairfield.
- Project Design – Field survey work and associated mapping work authorized by the BCTID at the March meeting is complete. Work cannot proceed without authorization of additional funding.

### 4. SR 63 Extension

- Board of Zoning Appeals – Despite objections from the BCTID, BCEO and the City of Trenton, the Board of Zoning Appeals approved a variance to allow a property owner on Kennel Road to construct an additional single family house on their property despite the existing M-2 Light Industrial Zone designation. The property is directly in the preferred alignment for the SR63 Extension.

### Calendar and Communication

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

- June 20 – Butler County Port Authority Board meeting
- June 27 – Liberty Interchange Stakeholders' Meeting