

FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 28, 2022

FAIRFIELD COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

3026 WEST FAIR AVENUE; LANCASTER, OHIO 43130

and

VIRTUAL

Jeremiah Upp, TID Chair & Secretary/Treasurer, called the meeting to order just after 9:00 a.m. on April 28, 2022 at the Fairfield County Engineer's Office. The following persons were present: Jeremiah Upp (TID Board Chair & Secretary/Treasurer); Mitch Noland (TID Board Vice Chair); Greg Butcher (TID Board Member); Rick Szabrak (TID Board Member); Sonja Simpson (TID Board Member); Bill Lozier (TransCon Ohio/TID Consultant); Terry Dunlap (Violet Township); Ed Drobina (Violet Township); Scott Baker (Richland Township); James Mako (Fairfield County Regional Planning); Ralph Hendrick (Amanda Township); Paul Denny (Woolpert); Conner Brintlinger (American Structurepoint); Commissioner Jeff Fix (Fairfield County). Attending virtually was Steve Mary

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Greg Butcher made a motion to approve the March 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Mitch Noland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

3. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES:

a. Financial Report

Jeremiah reviewed the financial report. There was a beginning balance of \$209,947.96. A check was written to TransCon Ohio for \$1,000.00 leaving an ending balance of \$208,947.96.

Mitch Noland made a motion to approve the financial report. Sonja Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Meeting Dates

Jeremiah stated that Commissioner Fix would like to attend the TID meetings; however, he has scheduling conflicts on Thursdays. Jeremiah asked the Board to think about possibly changing the dates next year. This topic will be revisited at the end of the year.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2022-02

Rick Szabrak made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-02 to add the Far East Freeway, US33/I70 Connector, & US33 Corridor to the FCTID Project Program List. Mitch Noland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Consultant Project Update Report

Far East Freeway: This project is to be listed on the ODOT procurement for consultant services in May.

Refugee Road Corridor: Bill spoke with Nick Gill of MORPC regarding this project. Nick is confused between the on-going project and the ultimate project. The ultimate project is in the state of refinement. Bill and Jeremiah are taking a closer look at the traffic studies as there is a possibility to make a three-lane road, add roundabouts at minor intersections, and make it more of a complete street type of design to accommodate pedestrians and the five schools in the corridor. Bill reviewed the previously submitted financial plan developed when this Board first began discussing the five-lane road. Discussion took place regarding a five-lane road and a three-lane road project. Bill asked for guidance on what to submit to MORPC as the design concept. Jeremiah asked those in that area to provide input on this topic. Bill suggested we should take our traffic data and supplement it and model this area. Bill reviewed MORPC's schedule for attributable funds. This Board will have until July to figure out the scope of work for this project, which means the study/traffic counts would need done between now and July. Bill stated a consultant could use information from the previous traffic study and compare traffic progression between three and five lanes.

US33/I70 Connector: Bill shared a presentation he presented to MORPC for Licking County. It referenced road improvements in Licking County due to Intel.

Ewing Street Connector/Commerce Street Extension: The consultant should be finishing up with the stakeholder's meetings and evaluating the traffic streetlight data. The next step will be presenting the information to the advisory committees.

US33 Corridor CAP Project: ODOT District 6 is on board with making this lane widening a stand-alone project. ODOT stated that if we receive federal money, they will place this project on their STIP. Jeremiah and Bill received 16 letters of support from various agencies to submit to Senator Brown and Congressman Carey. Congressional earmarks became available. This is an 80/20 match. We estimated the fee to be \$4M and we applied for \$3M.

Basil-Western Road Realignment: Bill reviewed the Basil-Western Road realignment estimate with the Board. Rick stated that one of the property owners would be willing to offer right-of-way for this project (it is unknown as to whether they would donate it though). There is interest in development along this road. Bill stated we need to negotiate with the developer that their contributions need to be bundled with the sales tax exemption and tell them we would like for them to donate the right-of-way and provide the design. Jeremiah asked if this project was enough of an advantage that we would want to move forward ourselves and wait on the developer, or do we wait on the developer to do the whole concept. Jeremiah stated he was not willing to propose that we spend the \$300K on design. The developer is the one that is going to benefit from this project, and therefore, the developer should pay for the design. Violet Township and Rick to discuss this with the developers.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

None at this time.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Greg Butcher made a motion to adjourn. Mitch Noland seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved by:


Jeremiah D. Upp
Chairperson & Secretary/Treasurer