

FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 25, 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 August 25, 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); Bill Lozier (TransCon Ohio/TID Consultant); Tony Vogel (Fairfield County Utilities); Terry Dunlap (Violet Township); Frank Aransky (American Structurepoint); and Ron Thomas. Attending virtually were several members of the public.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mitch Noland made a motion to approve the July 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Greg Butcher 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 \$202,947.96. A check was written to TransCon Ohio for \$2,000.00 leaving an ending balance of \$200,947.96.

Mitch Noland made a motion to approve the financial report. Rick Szabrak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Consultant Project Update Report

Far East Freeway: Bill spoke with Tom Hibbard of American Structurepoint regarding this project. Tom agreed to let Bill review the scope of work as things progress with ODOT.

Refugee Road Corridor: Bill and Jeremiah spoke with Michele May, ODOT Safety Program Manager, about the possibility of a stand-alone safety project to fund the pathways. We could request up to \$2M. Jeremiah, Bill, and Eric McCrady to meet after this meeting to prepare an RFP to determine how many lanes are needed, update traffic counts, and determine the new growth projections. We will continue to take this project in phases.

US33/I70 Connector: Bill met with Senator Hottinger and Representative Schafer to discuss moving this project forward. Bill presented a map designed by MORPC which is being used by ODOT to discuss transportation planning within a 20 minute ring of Intel.

East Side Industrial Connector: Frank Aransky of American Structurepoint gave a brief update on this project and discussed the stakeholder priorities. The goal of this project is to mitigate downtown traffic, gain economic development, increase access to the industrial park, and gain quicker access to the hospital.

US33 Corridor CAP Project: Bill recapped the highlights of this project and the fact that we received the \$3M earmark we requested for the lane widening project from the transportation committee. However, this still must go through another approval process by Congress. This is scheduled for late September prior to the election, but Senator Brown stated that most likely that date will be postponed until after the election. There is a possibility that this "community project program" could be eliminated. There is still a chance of ODOT's TRAC project getting funded. This is where ODOT submitted an application for the design of the entire interchange projects, including our additional lane widenings. Bill feels funding for the TRAC application is pretty good. Greg discussed the fact that there have been three more fatalities on US33 since our last meeting.

Basil-Western Road Realignment: Rick discussed the financial aspect of working with the developers and how this funding would assist the TID with construction. We need to be sure that there is not just a couple of developers funding the entire project.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Jeremiah stated that he will not be available for the September 22nd and October 27th meetings. Jeremiah made a motion to cancel the September meeting and reschedule the October meeting for Monday, October 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Mitch Noland seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion took place to change meeting dates next year to the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. This will start in January of 2023.

A meeting was held yesterday with One Columbus. Commissioner Fix spoke with Representative Jeff LaRe. The Governor's Office was highly impressed with the collaboration between Fairfield County and Licking County. They also stated that there are three other sites (one bigger than Intel) that are possibly coming our way.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Rick Szabrak made a motion to adjourn. Mitch Noland seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved by:



Jeremiah D. Upp
Chairperson & Secretary/Treasurer