

**Licking County Transportation Improvement District
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Licking County Transportation Improvement District (LCTID) was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chairman Flowers on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at the Offices of Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority, 851 Irving Wick Drive West, Heath, Ohio 43056.

Board Members Present

Jared Knerr, Duane Flowers, Mark VanBuren, Andy Walther, Rick Platt

Others Present

Representative Mark Frazier

William Lozier, TransCon

Rusty Schuermann, Kegler Brown

Josh Conley, ADR

Michael Salvadore, Structure Pointe

Scott Haines, Verdantus

Kent Mallett, The Advocate

Mark Johns, City of Heath

Paul Denny, Woolpert

Rob Platte, Jersey Township

Representative Scott Ryan

Jason Carr, Wilson Shannon & Snow

Haley Feightner, Grow Licking County

Frank Aransky, Sturcture Pointe

Jim Roberts, Verdantus

Jennifer Shuey, DLZ

Jon Wiley, Woolpert

Charlie Patterson, ADR

Jared Lane, City of Heath

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and all members present were seated.

Approval of April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. VanBuren made a motion approve the April 13, 2022 meeting minute dated, seconded by Mr. Knerr. A voice vote was called and the motion passed.

Financial Report

Mr. Carr reviewed with the Board the financial report for March 2022.

Motion by Mr. Platt, seconded by Mr. Knerr to approve the March 2022 Financial Reports and upon roll call vote, carried with each member present individually voting "yes".

LCTID Program of Projects Update – Bill Lozier

Thornwood Drive Corridor

- a. Thornwood Crossing Bridge - Final TRAC approval was made, and the project received Tier 1 (construction) funding in the amount of \$8.5M. The project is fully funded.
- b. River Road to Faye Drive - An application for 250K for PE was made to the ODOT Office Jobs and Commerce TID grant program. Additionally, a grant application was made to the

Congressional Community Project Funding program by the City of Newark to both Congressman Balderson and Senator Brown's office.

- c. Faye Drive to Railroad Crossing – It was learned that the project may be reinitiated with a possible role for the TID.
- a. Railroad to Hallie Ln/Central Parkway - At this time there is no additional TID involvement expected.
- b. Hallie Lane/ Central PW to Lees Road – At this time there is no additional TID involvement expected.
- c. Thornwood Dr/Beaver Run Rd Intersection Improvement - ADR has begun preliminary layouts. The requirement from the City of Heath for a 50 mph design speed may increase project footprint and create significant right of way impacts.

Etna Parkway Extension

This project should have another detailed look in light of the new traffic impacts expected to result from Intel. Somewhat related, Jared and Bill have received a fee proposal from MS to perform a traffic study on SR 310 at the Refugee Rd and SR 40 intersections.

Pike Street Improvements

Bill and Trustee Rozland Mckee met with MORPC to discuss means to put Pike St back on the federal aid system so that it is eligible for federal funds and the township subsequently made the request. It is the intention to apply for MORPC Attributable Funds next month if we can make it a federal aid route. The screening submissions are projected to be due in July. Bill presented the project to the Trustees at their April 19 Board meeting to discuss requirements should federal aid be awarded. MORPC indicated that a 10 ft pathway or some other bicycle accommodation would need to be included if federal funds are used. This would be appropriate since the 10 ft pathway from the TID's SR 310 widening project ends at Pike St. Bill has asked the consultant to prepare the exhibits with the alternatives for follow up meeting at the May 17 meeting.

Newark-Heath Pathway Connector

The Evans Foundation is doing some internal work on the project so further TID involvement is on hold.

Refugee Rd/Mink St Rd Improvements

Design continues. The roundabouts will be designed with WB-67 truck turning radius (semis.) Ongoing discussion with southwest licking water and sewer district to include their r/w acquisition with this project to avoid approaching property owners twice.

Johnstown Mobility Hub

No new progress.

SR 310 South

The necessary rezoning for the project was denied so the roadway project is on hold indefinitely.

Intel

The Intel TIS information was used to support a \$500K TID request that the Board agreed to at the March meeting. The request was originally intended for design only, however after reconsideration it was decided to also use the funds for the MS traffic impact study since that would be eligible for reimbursement under the PE category in the TID funding application. The TID Board approved Jared up to \$20,000 at the April meeting for the TIS from TID funds, however the traffic study fee proposal now stands at \$39,400 (see attachment.) The reason for the increase is because we have included St Albans township, and also a more precise capacity analysis was agreed upon. Since the traffic study would be paid for by the TID grant, the request for design would be reduced by an equal amount, with the new request being \$460,400 for design.

Bill made a PowerPoint presentation to the TID selection committee on May 4 and they confirmed the modification for the PE request was OK. After the presentation Bill learned that the chances of obtaining the grant appear to be favorable, however announcements won't be made until early June.

Additionally, a \$3.7M request for construction funding has been made for the Community Projects program to Congressman Balderson's office and one will be made to Senator Brown's. We initially had proposed \$4.7 M but learned that we will have to provide a 20% local match. The source of this should be discussed, but could potentially be from OPWC, ODOT J&C, 629, County general funds. Duane Flowers indicated that in a recent trip to DC that both the Thornwood Dr Hill and Intel road projects were made priorities by Congressman Balderson's office. Bill spoke with Joe Gilligan from Senator Brown's office several times and received favorable feedback. It was indicated Senator Brown is very interested in the project. The recommendations should have been made to the House transportation committee; their schedule is unknown at this time.

Johnstown Traffic Study Presentation – Matt Hill, LCATS

Public Comments

Matt Hill, LCATS, is working with MORPC on a \$4.9 million project for a centralized location to get passengers from one county to another.

Next Meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment


Mr. Knerr moved to adjourn. Mr. VanBuren seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:34 am.


Respectfully submitted,

Kim Christian

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Approved at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Licking County Transportation Improvement District, Licking County, Ohio, on this 8th day of June, 2022.


Presiding Trustee


Sec.-Tre.

Motion to Approve: VanBuren
Seconded by: Kneer